

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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Parish Newsletter and website notices - Please note newsletter editorial email skibrathisnews@gmail.com Notices for insertion should be concise (about 30 words) and may contain information about non-commercial matters. Written notices may be sent to the Parish Office not later than Wednesday evening for inclusion in the following week's newsletter. Please see the Parishes website for full guidelines: www.skibbereenandrath.ie

Covid 19 restrictions now apply and public Masses are discontinued for the present. Live streaming of Masses from Sacred Heart Church, Rath available at www.skibbereenandrath.ie

Saturday 9th Jan 2021 – After Epiphany

7.30pm – Rath - Sean Cahalane

Cathedral – Bridie Goggin, Mallovonea

Sunday, 10th Jan - The Baptism of the Lord

10.15am - Rath - Josie Leonard, Rath

Mary Burke, Ballyoughtra - Months Mind

Cathedral – John O'Mahony, 98 Street

Nealie McCarthy, Riverdale

Monday 11th Jan - 1st Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am - Rath - Special Intention

Cathedral – Ina Herlihy, Leap

Tuesday 12th Jan - 1st Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am - Rath - Special Intention

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Wednesday 13th Jan - St Hilary

10.15am -Rath – Special Intention

Cathedral - O'Sullivan Family, Lisheenroe,

Thursday 14th Jan - 1st Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am - Rath - Special Intention

Cathedral - James O'Shea, Ballydehob

Friday 15th Jan - St Ita

10.15am – Rath- Special Intention

Cathedral - Denis Crowley, The Moorings

Saturday 16th Jan - St Fursa

7.30pm - Rath – John & Hanna Sheehy, Creagh

Cathedral – Francis Murray

Sunday 17th Jan- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.15am -Rath – Kathleen Conway, Months Mind

Cathedral - Eileen Collins, Lake Marsh

Sean Connolly, Oldcourt

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions that were booked in the Cathedral prior to the lockdown will be offered during the Daily Live Streamed Masses from Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

An Act of Spiritual Communion - My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Feasts This Week

10th: The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.

13th: St Hilary, c. 315-c. 367, was elected (c. 353) bishop of Poitiers and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-59) by order of Emperor Constantius, he used his time to write. His major works include *De Trinitate*, a study of the Trinity.

15th: St Ita was born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland'. She died in 570.

16th: St Fursa was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left Foillan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died about 650 at Mezerolles and was buried in Peronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

St Ita, called the "Brigid of Munster", was born in 480 in the present County Waterford. Her father was Cennfoelad or Conphaola and her mother was Necta. Cennfoelad was descended from Felim the lawgiver, King of Tara. An account of her life in the *Codex Kilkenniensis*, follows the example of Brigit in describing the opposition Íte meets in pursuit of her vocation. Genealogies of the saints go so far as to make Íte's mother, Necht, a daughter of Dallbrónach, and therefore a sister of Brigit's mother.

She was baptised as Deirdre and grew up in Drum, County Waterford. Ita was said to embody the six virtues of Irish womanhood – wisdom, purity, beauty, musical ability, gentle speech and needle skills. She is also reported to have rejected a prestigious marriage for a life as a consecrated woman religious. At the age of sixteen she moved to Cluain Credhail, a place-name that has ever since been known as Killeedy – meaning "Church of St. Ita" – in County Limerick, where she founded a small community of nuns and resided for the remainder of her life, in community with other consecrated women. Bishop Declan of Ardmore conferred the veil on her.

Legend has it that Ita was led to Killeedy by three heavenly lights. The first was at the top of the Galtee mountains, the second on the Mullaghareirk mountains and the third at Cluain Creadhail, which is nowadays Killeedy. Her sister Fiona also went to Killeedy with her and became a member of the community.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=818

Marriages: At least 3 months' notice; Please contact one of the priests or the office for further information

Baptisms by appointment: each Saturday at 4.00pm (Cathedral) or on Sunday in Rath following 10.15am Mass;

Forms available in Office (Skibbereen) & Sacristy. (Rath) Office: 028 22828

Rosary: each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm at the Grotto, Cork Rd.

Priest on Duty this week: Fr Michael
Emergency only
086-7852262.

<p>Daily Live streaming of Masses from Sacred Heart Church, Rath available at www.skibbereenandrath.ie Sunday to Friday -10.15am each morning Saturday Vigil - 7.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Name of Jesus During the month of January, we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church calls on us often to reflect upon the power of this name; the holiness of this name and who it is we invoke when we call about this name – God Himself. Let us with confidence call upon the name of Jesus often but let us also be conscious never to use this name in a derogatory manner for the name of God is Holy and deserves the greatest respect and reverence we can show to it.</p>
<p>Hear Mass via the Radio, TV and Internet Radio Maria: Mass is broadcast daily at 10.00 am and on Sunday at 10.00 am and 11.00 am. Listen on Saorview ch 210, or on the “Radio Maria Ireland” App, or on Internet https://www.radiomaria.ie/ and on Facebook “Listen Live Radio” RTE News Now TV broadcasts Mass every weekday at 10.30am. (Try Sky channel 521) Church Services website guides you to a multitude of available Masses both here and in Europe: www.churchservices.tv/timetable</p>	<p>Prayer to St Roch Patron of the Sick O Blessed St Roch, Patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is no less. Offer to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us the physical and spiritual health we seek: This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. St Roch: Pray for us, that we may be relieved from all diseases of body and soul. (Repeat 3 times) Lord Jesus, may thy will be done. Say: Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be..... St Roch, Pray for Us ...</p>
<p>Recently Deceased Helen O’Brien, St Fachtna’s Terrace Thomas Nagle, St Fachtna’s Terrace Rosaleen Dwyer, Cope Cork Road</p> <p><i>God of loving kindness, listen favourably to our prayer: strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead and our hope that your servant will also rise again</i></p>	<p>What a speech Pope Franc gave on New Year’s Day, in a homily. Worth a read . *You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful, and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say, "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say, "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ...? That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter, a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show. * Pope Francis. Happy new year!</p>
<p>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY 2021 From 18-25 January, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held. The texts for the Masses for Christian Unity are given in the Missal, pp. 1 176-81. These can be used on days which allow a choice throughout the Week of Prayer. The Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs, form I (The Church on the Path of Unity), may be used each day. The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 'Abide in My Love... You Shall Bear Much Fruit'. It was discerned by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origins in the Gospel of John (cf. Jn 15:5-9):</p>	<p>St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — DAILY MEETINGS IN SKIBBEREEN. FOR INFORMATION TEL; 087 6114946 Prevention Helpline 1800 742 745: a free phone help-line open daily from 6.00pm — 10.00pm for people who are feeling suicidal or equally for a family member or friend who is concerned about someone. Living Links –supporting the relatives and other survivors of suicide: Tom Corcoran 085 2445575, tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie West Cork Women against Violence Helpline: 1800203136 Bingo in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Abbeystrewry Church Hall every Monday at 8.30pm. West Cork Carers Support Group: The Round Tower, Main Street, Bantry, Tel; 02753848. Are you looking after a dependant family member, neighbour or friend? Check for support, courses and advice. Crisis or Unplanned Pregnancy Support and Counselling; CURA – 1850622626; www.cura.ie Legion of Mary Meetings: Monday evenings at 7.00pm in St Vincent de Paul Rooms, Market Street. South Doc: 1850 335 999</p>