

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

Parishes website – [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

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**Notifications of anniversaries:** Please place these in the Sacristy letter box.

**Child Safeguarding:** Contact Telephone: (00353) 0 28 22828 (Parish Office)

**Skibbereen** - Jacinta Crowley, Theresa Hickey, Eileen Ryan; **Rath** - Maura Collins, Dee Griffiths, Siobhan O'Brien.

**Parish Pastoral Assemblies:** Contact Telephone: 028 22828 (Parish Office)

Skibbereen: - Chair; Anita Henderson; Vice Chairperson: Dolores Ruane; Secretary –Clare Gallagher.

Rath and the Islands: - Chair – Maeve Devlin; Secretary – Annette Cadogan.

**Parish Newsletter and website notices** - Please note newsletter editorial email [skibrathisnews@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Covid 19 restrictions** now apply and public Masses are discontinued for the present. Live streaming of daily Masses from Sacred Heart Church, Rath is available at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February - After Ash Wednesday**

**7.30pm - Rath** – Margaret & Jerome Minihane, Creagh

Skibbereen - Detta Carey, Derrylugga

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February - First Sunday of Lent**

**10.15am - Rath**- Clare Connolly, Lough Hyne

Skibbereen- Frank McCarthy, Coronea

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Chair of St Peter, Apostle**

**10.15am - Rath** – Paddy Crogan, Dublin

Skibbereen - Pat Burchill, Cork Rd

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February St Polycarp bishop and martyr**

**10.15am - Rath**- Special Intention

Skibbereen, - Mary Elizabeth Humphries, Derrygool

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent**

**10.15am - Rath**- Special Intention

Skibbereen– John White, Gortnaclohy

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent**

**10.15am - Rath** -Donal O'Donovan, Bunlick, Months

Mind & Sarah O'Donovan, Limerick

Skibbereen - Geraldine Hurley, Poundlick

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent**

**10.15am** – Rath - George Devlin

Skibbereen -Deceased Members of the Spillane Family

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent**

**7.30pm Rath** –Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballymacrown

Skibbereen – Mary Crowley Mill Rd & Archbishop Denis

Hurley, Durban

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Second Sunday of Lent**

**10.15am - Rath** – Edward Costello, Norwich

Skibbereen - Liam Calnan, Coolnagarrane

Leo Werner, Poundlick

### Feasts this week

**22<sup>nd</sup>: The Chair of St Peter.** This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

**23<sup>rd</sup>: St Polycarp** was bishop of Smyrna or Izmir in modern Turkey. Born around the year 69, he was a disciple of St John the Apostle. He was martyred in 155.

### Online Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions booked in Skibbereen will be offered during the Rath Daily Mass

We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer, or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters.

***Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, 104***

### FORMS OF FRIDAY PENANCE

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

*From the statement on Friday Penance issued by the Bishops' Conference*

**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

**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.

## Papal States



*The Italian peninsula in 1796. The Papal States in central Italy are coloured purple.*

Popes gradually came to have a secular role as governors of regions near Rome. They ruled the Papal States, which covered a large portion of the Italian peninsula, for more than a thousand years until the mid-19th century, when all the territory belonging to the papacy was seized by the newly created Kingdom of Italy.

For most of this time the popes did not live at the Vatican. The Lateran Palace, on the opposite side of Rome, was their habitual residence for about a thousand years. From 1309 to 1377, they lived at Avignon in France. On their return to Rome they chose to live at the Vatican. They moved to the Quirinal Palace in 1583, after work on it was completed under Pope Paul V (1605–1621), but on the capture of Rome in 1870 retired to the Vatican, and what had been their residence became that of the King of Italy.

*Vatican City - Wikipedia*

## Recently Deceased

**Kieran O'Regan, Leap and Baltimore**

*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*

## The Power and promises of the Rosary.

Throughout the centuries the Rosary has performed countless miracles that have defied all scientific explanation. Our Lady is never slow to keep her promises. She as our mother desires to bestow so much upon us if only we would have the confidence to ask her through the recitation of her favourite prayer the Rosary. Her intercession before God is immense. It is even more powerful than all the Angels and Saints combined in Heaven.

The Blessed Virgin Mary promised Saint Dominic. "Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted." She left for all Christians Fifteen Promises to those who recite the Holy Rosary. Let us not waste the many wonderful graces the All-Holy Mother of God offers us through the recitation of the Rosary.

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

**Mass from Rath Church will be streamed live from Sunday to Friday at 10.15am, and Saturday at 7.30pm from [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)**

**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 helpline opens 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](mailto:tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie)

**West Cork Women against Violence Helpline:** 1800203136

**Bingo in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society** in the Abbeystewry 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](http://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**