

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 daily Masses from Sacred Heart Church, Rath is available at www.skibbereenandrath.ie

Saturday 27th February - 1st Week of Lent

7.30pm Rath –Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballymacrown
Skibbereen – Mary Crowley Mill Rd & Archbishop Denis Hurley, Durban

Sunday 28th February - Second Sunday of Lent

10.15am Rath – Edward Costello, Norwich
Skibbereen - Liam Calnan, Coolnagarrane
Leo Werner, Bunlick

Monday 1st March - St David, bishop

10.15am Rath – Ellen Daly, Blackrock, Cork
Skibbereen- Helen O'Brien, St Fachtna's Tce

Tuesday 2nd March - 2nd Week of Lent

10.15am Rath - Special Intention
Skibbereen - Special Intention

Wednesday 3rd March - 2nd Week of Lent

10.15am Rath- Special Intention
Skibbereen– Ned and Noreen Whelan, Kildare

Thursday 4th March - St Casimir, bishop

10.15am Rath -Special Intention
Skibbereen - John White, Gortnaclohy

Friday 5th March – St Kieran, bishop

10.15am Rath-Special Intention
Skibbereen, - Mary McCarthy, Muckcross, Clonakilty

Saturday 6th March - 2nd Week of Lent

7.30pm Rath – John Connolly, Crow Hill
Skibbereen – Mary Deasy, Union Hall & Skibbereen

Sunday 7th March - Third Sunday of Lent

10.15am Rath –Kathleen O'Driscoll, Ballymacrown
Months Mind
Skibbereen – Florence Lynch, Coronea Drive
Michael Walsh, Dunmanway

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

Feasts this week

1st: St David is the patron saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and bishop in the sixth century. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he influenced monastic development in Ireland. He died around 601.

4th: St Casimir, 1458-84, strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe. Though a young prince, he chose a life of prayer and penance. Patron saint of Poland.

5th: St Kieran. Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.

St Kieran (Irish *Ciarán*) of Saighir is known as the "first-born of the saints of Ireland". Most of what we know about him comes from various Lives which were written down much later, so that while they are primarily intended to edify and entertain, it cannot either be concluded or excluded that the Lives reflect what actually happened.

Kieran, Ailbe, Declan and Ibar

In one of the Lives of Ciarán it is claimed that "before Patrick there were none to maintain faith and belief in Ireland but Kieran, Ailbe, Declan and bishop Ibar". These four were from the southern half of the country and this tradition may reflect faith interaction with Christians of south Wales before St Patrick came to Ireland.

Fostered on Cape Clear

Kieran's father belonged to the Osraighe. On a trip to the southwest of Ireland he met a woman called Liadán, who belonged to the Corca Loegde in southwest Cork. Kieran was born of their marriage and, according to the Lives, was fostered on Cape Clear, where there are many monuments dedicated to him.

St Kieran of Saighir (6th cent.) - Catholicireland.net



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.

The "Golden Arrow" Prayer

(Dictated by Our Lord to Sister Mary of St. Peter)
"May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen."

This "Golden Arrow" prayer was given to Sr. Mary of St. Peter to atone for the sins of blasphemy against God's name. Just as sins of blasphemy were like a 'poisoned arrow' continually wounding God's Heart, she saw in a vision that this "Golden Arrow" had the power to wound him "delightfully".

Each time it is recited, she saw how torrents of graces stream from it for the conversion of sinners. It is the central prayer in the devotion to the Holy Face. Our Lord revealed to her the inseparable connection in honoring the unutterable name of God through the Golden Arrow prayer and in venerating the Holy Face of Jesus. More information on how to practice devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus can be found at <http://www.holyfacedevotion.com/devotion.htm>

Mass from Rath Church will be streamed live from Sunday to Friday at 10.15am, and Saturday at 7.30pm from www.skibbereenandrath.ie

Recently Deceased

Frank Doran, Skibbereen Residential Care Centre and late of Convent Hill, Skibbereen

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

Skibbereen Parish Assembly February 18th

Zoom meeting

We had our third meeting by zoom and are becoming quite used to it! We talked about getting broadband into the Cathedral and a webcam so that we can livestream Masses. It's been a long time coming but we're getting there. We discussed finance and funeral teams, safeguarding and the role of volunteers in running the parish. Everyone contributed and it was lively and interesting. Our next meeting will be March 18th, same time, same place (zoom).

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus: (A powerful devotion for our times)

History of the Devotion

Devotion to the Holy Face was revealed by Jesus to Sr Marie of St Peter (1816-1848) a Carmelite nun of Tours in France. *The primary purpose of the devotion is to make reparation for sins against the first three commandments: Denial of God (atheism / communism), Blasphemy, and the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days.*

The devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, based on the life and writings of Sr. Marie of St. Peter, was eventually approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1885 who established the devotion as an Archconfraternity for the whole world.

In January 1849 Pope Pius IX had the relic of Veronica's veil placed for public veneration in Rome. On the third day of the exposition the image on the veil, formerly so faint as to be barely visible, became transformed. The Divine Face appeared distinctly, as if living, and was illuminated by a soft light. Reproductions of the veil were later printed, touched to the original and sent abroad for veneration.

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Promises given to Sr. Marie of St Peter for the devotion of reparation:

All those who honor my face in a spirit of reparation will by doing so perform the office of the pious Veronica. According to the care they take in making reparation to my Face, disfigured by blasphemers, so will I take care of their souls which have been disfigured by sin. My Face is the seal of the Divinity, which has the virtue of reproducing in souls the image of God.

Those who by words, prayers or writing defend My cause in this work of reparation I will defend before My Father and will give them My Kingdom.

By offering My Face to My eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.

By My Holy Face, they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners.

As in a Kingdom they can procure all that is desired with a coin stamped with the Kings effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of my Holy Face.

Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My Face shall in Heaven behold it radiant with glory.

They will receive in their souls a bright and constant irradiation of My Divinity, that by their likeness to My Face they shall shine with particular splendor in Heaven.

I will defend them; I will preserve them and I assure them of Final Perseverance.



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del negativo originale

Secondo Pia's 1898 negative of the image on the Shroud of Turin. Image from Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne.

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

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