

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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

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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 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 6th February 2021 Ss Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs

7.30pm Rath – Special Intention

Skibbereen – John Collins, Chapel Lane

Sunday 7th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath - Teddy Collins, Reengaroga

Skibbereen - Pat Connolly, Deelish

Monday 8th February - St Jerome Emiliani,

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen - Ron Clough, Oldcourt

Tuesday 9th February - 5th Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen - John, Patricia, Diarmuid, & Patrick White, Gortnaclohy

Wednesday 10th February - St Scholastica, virgin

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen - Helen O'Brien, St Fachtna's Terrace

Thursday 11th February - St Gobnait, virgin

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen - Mary O'Donoghue, Drishanemore

Friday 12th February - 5th Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen - Paddy O'Brien, Coronea

Saturday 13th February - 5th Week in Ordinary Time

7.30pm Rath – Special Intention

Skibbereen - Paddy, Sheila, Tomas & Michael Herlihy, Coolnagarrane

Sunday 14th February -Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath -William & Nancy Kelly, Connolly St, Bandon

Skibbereen - Dan Collins, Lake Marsh

Paddy O'Shea, Market St

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

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.

Feasts this week

8th: St Jerome Emiliani, d. 1537, after a military career he founded the Clerks Regular of Somaschi for the care of orphans and the poor. Patron saint of orphans.

10th: St Scholastica, died c. 543, sister of St Benedict. She spent her life as a consecrated virgin. Patron of convulsive children.

11th: St Gobnait is one of the best loved saints in west Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney, Co. Cork, where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick. St Gobnait was born in County Clare in the fifth or sixth Century, and is said to have been the sister of Saint Abban. She fled a family feud, taking refuge in Inisheer in the Aran Islands. Here an angel appeared and told her that this was "not the place of her resurrection" and that she should look for a place where she would find nine white deer grazing. She found the deer at the place now known as St. Gobnet's Wood. Saint Abban is said to have worked with her on the foundation of the convent and to have placed Saint

Gobnait over it as abbess. Celtic lore held bees in high esteem, believing the soul left the body as a bee or a butterfly. Gobnait is said to have added beekeeping to her life's work, developing a lifelong affinity with them. She started a religious order and dedicated her days to helping the sick. It has been speculated that she used honey as a healing aid. She is credited with saving the people at Ballyvourney from the plague. St Gobnait's well (also known as St Debora's, Deriola's or Abigail's well) is situated to the North of Ballyagran in a high field to the left of the road to Castletown. Rounds were made and a pattern was held on 11 February until around 1870. The well has now dried up but the site is still known. It is said that a white stag could sometimes be seen at the well.



Harry Clarke's design drawing for the Saint Gobnait window in the Honan Chapel, Cork, Ireland (1914). The bottom of design features the story of Gobnait driving off the brigand.

Gobnait - Wikipedia

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

Pope's message for World Day of the Sick

"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened" is the theme of the World Day of the Sick, which is observed on 11 February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In caring for the sick, Pope Francis is encouraging in healthcare workers the human warmth and personalized approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan.

By Robin Gomes

Pope Francis is urging the human warmth and personalized approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan, in healthcare professionals, workers and volunteers.

He makes the call in his **Message for the 28th World Day of the Sick**, which the Vatican released on Friday.

The Catholic Church marks the annual day on 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme of this year's observance is "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest," taken from Matthew's Gospel (11:28).

Jesus' mercy for all

Christ's words of solidarity, comfort and hope, the Pope explains, is for the very many simple people, the poor, the sick, sinners, those who are marginalized by the burden of the law and the oppressive social system... The mercy and comforting presence of Jesus, he says, embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in His life and to experience His tender love.

The Pope explains that Jesus does so because He Himself became frail, endured human suffering and received comfort from His Father. Only those who personally experience suffering, the Pope argues, are able to comfort others.

(Pope's message for World Day of the Sick - Vatican News)

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

February 11th



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day for the Sick takes place on 11th February. The day was introduced by St. Pope John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick - Cork Cathedral

Tuesday 11th of February is The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of the Sick, and is celebrated every year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is more than one hundred & fifty years since Bernadette saw the apparitions at Lourdes. Five million pilgrims visit Lourdes each year. It is a very special place for so many people. Many people go to the grotto there and pray for healing of mind and body. It is such a special place for people from all over the world. Our Lady's message to Bernadette was "Come, pray and wash" Every summer and autumn pilgrims from across the diocese travel to Lourdes on Pilgrimage.

Our Lady of Lourdes and "The World Day of the Sick" - Catholicism.org

Handing on the Faith: Catechesis

4 Quite early on, the name catechesis was given to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ.

5 "Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life."

Catechism of the Catholic Church: PROLOGUE: II. Handing on the Faith: Catechesis Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText (vatican.va)

Recently Deceased

Cornelius (Neily) Connolly, Bridge Street
Mary Whooley, Mardyke and Munig South

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

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