

# 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** apply; public Masses are discontinued for the present. Live streaming of all Masses from Sacred Heart Church, Rath is available at

[www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2021- 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent**

**7.30pm Vigil** - Hanna & Charlie Davis, Home Rule Terrace

Skibbereen – James and Mary O'Brien, 17 Home Rule Terrace

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

**10.15am Rath** Mary & Charlie Davis, Ballylynch

Skibbereen –Patrick Bohane, Drishanebeg, Janey Murphy,

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Monday in Holy Week**

**10.15am Rath** – Annie & Paddy Carey, Ballymacrown

Skibbereen - Liam Calnan, Coolnagarrane

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Tuesday in Holy Week**

**10.15am Rath** - Sadie Walsh, High Street 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Skibbereen - Michael O'Mahony

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Wednesday in Holy Week**

**10.15am Rath**- Con Hodnett, Kenmare

Skibbereen – Margaret Ryan, North Street, Skibbereen

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - HOLY THURSDAY**

**7.30pm Rath**- Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper

**Friday 2nd April - GOOD FRIDAY**

**3pm Rath** - Celebration of The Lord's Passion

**Saturday 3rd April - HOLY SATURDAY**

**9pm – St Mary's and St Anne's, Cathedral, Cork**

– The Easter Vigil

Streamed live on [www.corkcathedral.ie/livestream](http://www.corkcathedral.ie/livestream)

**Sunday 4th EASTER SUNDAY The Resurrection of the Lord**

**10. 15am Rath – Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**

## Skibbereen & Rath & the Islands Parishes

### Holy Week Schedule

#### PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28TH

Sacred Heart Church, Rath—10.15am

Streamed live on: [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

#### HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 1ST

Sacred Heart Church, Rath 7.30pm Evening Mass  
of the Lord's Supper

Streamed live on: [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

#### GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2ND

Sacred Heart Church, Rath - 3pm Celebration of  
the Lord's Passion

Streamed live on: [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

#### HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3RD

Cork Cathedral – 9pm Easter Vigil

Streamed live on:

<https://www.corkcathedral.ie/live-stream>

#### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4TH

Sacred Heart Church, Rath – 10.15am Easter  
Sunday

Streamed live on: [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)



**Recently Deceased** – Gerardine Young (nee Daly) Bantry and Skibbereen

**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 Evin  
Emergency only  
086-7852262.

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Holy Week begins on this Sunday, which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the Passion. The connection between both aspects of the paschal mystery should be shown and explained in the celebration and catechesis of this day. The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem is celebrated with a solemn procession which may take place only once, before the Mass which has the largest attendance, even if this should be the evening of Saturday or Sunday. In this procession the faithful carry palm or other branches. The priest and the ministers, also carrying branches, precede the people.

The palms or branches are blessed so that they can be carried in the procession. The palms should be taken home, where they will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ which they celebrated in the procession. Pastors should make every effort to ensure that this procession in honour of Christ the King be so prepared and celebrated that it is of great spiritual significance in the life of the faithful.

**Holy Week:** During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem. The Lenten season lasts until the Thursday of this week. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The days of Holy Week, from Monday to Thursday inclusive, have precedence over all other celebrations. It is not fitting that Baptism and Confirmation be celebrated on these days.

### **Reflection on Holy week.**

Did you know that it is not Christmas that is the most Sacred Time of the year for Catholics but Holy week? During Christmas we celebrate the birth of the Lord which is indeed a beautiful time; However, during Holy week we are called to meditate on the gift of salvation that God offers to each of us if we choose to accept it. We are invited to enter into the paschal Mystery. As Christians we are invited to follow Jesus Christ, to embrace His passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension which we identify as a faith event that we call the "Paschal mystery". The Catechism of the Catholic Church states its theological meaning as follows, the "Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

**Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence;** it is also recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed, 'so that the Church, with uplifted and welcoming heart, be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection'

**St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS —TEL; 087 6114946**

**Suicide 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

**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

**South Doc: 1850 335 999**

**The Easter Saturday Vigil** this year will be a Diocesan Celebration. Mass will be offered in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne at 9pm on Holy Saturday. Bishop Fintan Gavin will be the celebrant. The mass can be viewed live on <https://www.corkcathedral.ie/live-stream/>

### **What is the Chrism Mass?**

On Holy Thursday morning the Bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their Bishop. During this mass the Bishop blesses three oils — **the oil of catechumens** which is used at Baptism to strengthen the one been baptized to turn away from evil, temptation and sin; **the oil of the infirmorum** which is used by priests to anoint someone at the hour of death to prepare the soul to stand before God and finally he blesses the **oil of holy chrism**— which will be used to anoint the hands of a newly ordained priest at his ordination and during the administration of the sacrament of confirmation. Whilst it will not be possible this year for priests to gather with their Bishop to celebrate this mass; Bishop Gavin will still celebrate this mass online. This can be viewed on Holy Thursday Morning at 10am via the Cathedral web cam. <https://www.corkcathedral.ie/live-stream/>

### **Reflections from the saints**

- *"Behold, Jesus Christ crucified, who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our mediator and advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and he never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart."* **St. Charles Borromeo**
- *"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."* – **Venerable. Archbishop Fulton Sheen**
- *"If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the Cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendor of the saints. And your name, written in the Book of Life, will be glorious among men."* – **St. Clare of Assisi**
- *"The Cross is the way of Paradise, but only when it's borne willingly."* – **St. Paul of the Cross**

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

**The Spring Dues envelopes and the Easter offering envelopes** are now available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support for the priests' of the Parish.

**Bottles of Easter** water will be blessed during the Easter ceremonies and available to take away with you from St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen and Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Easter Sunday morning from 11am onwards.