

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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

Saturday 3rd April 2021- Holy Saturday

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

– The Easter Vigil

Streamed live on www.corkcathedral.ie/livestream

Sunday 4th EASTER SUNDAY The Resurrection of the Lord

Rath 10.15am – Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

Monday 5th April - Easter Monday

10.15am Rath – Annie & Paddy Carey, Ballymacrowm

Skibbereen – Pat Harrington, Church Strand

Tuesday 6th April - Easter Tuesday

10.15am Rath – John White, Gortnaclohy

Skibbereen – Marie O'Driscoll, Florida & Kielskonagh, Drimoleague

Wednesday 7th April - Easter Wednesday

10.15am Rath – Helen O'Brien, St Fachtna's Terrace

Skibbereen – Con O'Driscoll, Kielskonagh, Drimoleague

Thursday 8th April - Easter Thursday

10.15am Rath – Donal O'Reilly, Highfield

Skibbereen –Richard Roberts, Drimoleague

Friday 9th April - Easter Friday

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Skibbereen – Ada Hamill

Saturday 10th April - Easter Saturday

7.30pm Rath – Angela Sheehy, Creagh - Months Mind

Margaret & Seamus Ryan, North Street, Skibbereen

Skibbereen – Patrick & Eily Courtney, Gurteenalomane

Sunday 11th April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Rath 10.15am – John O'Driscoll, Glencurragh

Skibbereen – Ned Cleary, Castletownsend

Gerardine Young, Bantry and Skibbereen

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/>

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.



Icon of the Resurrection depicting Christ having destroyed the gates of Hades and removing Adam and Eve from the grave. Christ is flanked by saints, and Satan is depicted as an old man bound and chained.



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 Blessed Easter water will be available to take away with you from St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen and Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Easter Sunday morning from 11am onwards.

We invite you to return your **Trocaire Donations** to the Parish Office, North Street or the Sacristy in Skibbereen or Rath.

The Parish office will be closed until **Monday April 12th**

Irish Easter Sunday customs-- the "Old Days"

An Irishman's Easter Sunday breakfast.

The fast of Lent finally came to a close on Easter Saturday, so the next day was a day of feasting. Lamb, veal and chicken were part of the festive fare of the well-to-do. They might also be on the menu for the neighbours of a generous farmer who was prepared to share his livestock. But for the majority, the centrepiece of the feast consisted of corned (salted) beef, a baked Easter ham or boiled bacon served with cabbage and potatoes.

The day began with eggs. And plenty of them. The average Easter breakfast for an Irish man consisted of six eggs. Yes, Six! They might be fried or boiled. If the latter, natural colourings from herbs or lichens were added to the boiling water to dye the shells which were then kept to decorate the May bush, another Irish custom.

Children had their very own Irish Easter traditions known as the clúdóg. This involved calling on neighbours and family to collect gifts of eggs, potatoes, cakes, bread and butter, and milk or flavoured water. The children would then gather in a field, a makeshift 'den' beneath a tree, or a fireside (if the weather was poor) to cook their eggs and enjoy their feast.

Other Irish Easter traditions were the rolling of hard-boiled eggs down the nearest hill, giving roasted potatoes to any beggar who called at the door, and the Cake Dance.

This latter custom – a competitive dance – dates back to medieval times but may be much older. See more about the Cake Dance.

Irish Easter traditions - how our ancestors would have spent the holiday (irish-genealogy-toolkit.com)

Pope prays for Peace on Easter Sunday:

By Cian Molloy - 02 April, 2018:

Pope prays for Peace on Easter Sunday - Catholicireland.netCatholicireland.net

Prayers for peace were at the heart of the Pope's *Urbi et Orbi* speech for Easter Sunday. In the 'to the city and the world' address, which at Easter always begins with the words "Jesus is risen from the dead!", Pope Francis recalled that in John's Gospel Jesus had used the image of a grain of wheat to foretell his death and resurrection: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Pope Francis said: "We Christians believe and know that Christ's resurrection is the true hope of the world, the hope that does not disappoint. It is the power of the grain of wheat, the power of that love which humbles itself and gives itself to the very end, and thus truly renews the world. This power continues to bear fruit today in the furrows of our history, marked by so many acts of injustice and violence. It bears fruits of hope and dignity where there are deprivation and exclusion, hunger and unemployment, where there are migrants and refugees, and victims of the drug trade, human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery." In his message, he called on the faithful to "implore fruits of peace upon the entire world, beginning with the beloved and long-suffering land of Syria".

And only two days after 16 Palestinians were killed and hundreds injured when Israeli troops opened fire across the border with Gaza, the Pope said: "We beseech fruits of reconciliation for the Holy Land, also experiencing in these days the wounds of ongoing conflict that do not spare the defenceless, for Yemen and for the entire Middle East, so that dialogue and mutual respect may prevail over division and violence. May our brothers and sisters in Christ, who not infrequently put up with injustices and persecution, be radiant witnesses of the risen Lord and of the victory of good over evil." Pope Francis continued: "We invoke on this day fruits of hope for those who yearn for a more dignified life, above all in those areas of the African continent deeply affected by hunger, endemic conflicts and terrorism. May the peace of the risen Lord heal wounds in South Sudan and open hearts to dialogue and mutual understanding. Let us not forget the victims of that conflict, especially the children!" In the *Urbi et Orbi* address, Pope Francis also prayed specifically for the success of peace initiatives on the Korean peninsula, in Ukraine and in Venezuela. His Holiness concluded his address with a more general prayer: "We also implore fruits of wisdom for those who have political responsibilities in our world, that they may always respect human dignity, devote themselves actively to the pursuit of the common good, and ensure the development and security of their own citizens."



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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