

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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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.

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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 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 10th April 2021- Easter Saturday

Rath 7.30pm – Angela Sheehy, Creagh – Months Mind
Margaret & Seamus Ryan, North Street, Skibbereen

Skibbereen – Patrick & Eily Courtney, Gurteenalomane

Sunday 11th April - Second Sunday of Easter

10.15am Rath – Colm Crowley, Inchinagatogh – Months Mind
John O'Driscoll, Glencurragh, Skibbereen

Skibbereen –Ned Cleary, Castletownsend

Gerardine Young nee Daly, Bantry & Skibbereen

Monday 12th April - 2nd Week of Easter

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen - Colm Crowley, Inchinagatogh

Tuesday 13th April - 2nd Week of Easter – St Martin I

10.15am Rath–Special Intention

Skibbereen - Brien Maxwell, Dublin

Wednesday 14th April - 2nd Week of Easter

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen – Seamus & Margaret Ryan, North Street

Thursday 15th April - 2nd Week of Easter

10.15am Rath - Mary Kelleher, Kilmurry

Skibbereen - Special Intention

Friday 16th April - 2nd Week of Easter

10.15am Rath - Shay Gallagher

Skibbereen - Special Intention

Saturday 17th April - 2nd Week of Easter

7.30pm Rath –Mary and Timmy Holland, Lackahane and Boston

Skibbereen - Michael O'Regan, North Street and Lisheen

Sunday 18th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Skibbereen - Charles and Vincent Hodnett, Rosscarbery
Special Intention

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

Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God, to tell him our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for

someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings, and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families. The various expressions of popular piety are a treasure of spirituality for many families. The family's communal journey of prayer culminates by sharing together in the Eucharist, especially in the context of the Sunday rest. Jesus knocks on the door of families, to share with them the Eucharistic supper (cf. Rv 3:20). There, spouses can always seal anew the paschal covenant which united them and which ought to reflect the covenant which God sealed with mankind in the cross. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the new covenant, where Christ's redemptive work is carried out (cf. Lk 22:20). The close bond between married life and the Eucharist thus becomes all the more clear. For the food of the Eucharist offers the spouses the strength and incentive needed to live the marriage covenant each day as a 'domestic church'.

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 317-18



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

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.

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.

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

Becoming a priest of the Diocese of Cork and Ross?

The world needs priests just like it always has. Do you think life as a priest may be for you?

Where does it start?

Becoming a priest has its beginnings in something very personal and unique to each person — having a sense of a personal invitation from God which grows over time. This is strengthened through regular prayer, listening to the Word of God and being part of a living worshipping faith community.

Who can I talk to?

You can talk, in confidence, to Fr Cian O'Sullivan, whom Bishop Fintan has asked to support people with information about priesthood in our diocese. He is based in Ballincollig, and you can email him

at vocations@corkandross.org

Or

have a chat with any one of the priests whom you may know through your local parish, or any priest of the diocese.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699: **“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.”**



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Promises of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Promises for Praying the Chaplet

"Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this Chaplet. Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognise my unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of my mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them." (Diary, 848)

"Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it, they will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy." (Diary, 687)

The Promise Of The Grace Of Mercy For The Dying

It pleases me to grant everything souls ask of me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one. Write this for the benefit of distressed souls; when a soul sees and realises the gravity of its sins, when the whole abyss of the misery into which it immersed itself is displayed before its eyes, let it not despair, but with trust, let it throw itself into the arms of My mercy, as a child into the arms of its beloved mother. Tell them no soul that has called upon My mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame. I delight particularly in a soul that has placed its trust in My goodness. Write that when they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge but as the Merciful Saviour." (Diary, 1541)

How to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet

See <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

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