

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

Parishes website – [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

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### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May - 8<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

**4.45pm Sherkin** - Special Intention

**6.30pm Skibbereen** - Annie and Paddy Connolly, Deelish  
Months Mind – Margaret (Meda) Shanahan

**7.30pm Rath Vigil** – Special Intention

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> MAY - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**9.00am Skibbereen** - Special Intention

**10. 15am Rath** – Special Intention

**11.30am Skibbereen** Irene Herlihy, Cork and Derrylugga

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**9.30am Skibbereen** – Special Intention

**10.15am Rath** - Special Intention

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - St Justin, martyr**

**10.15am Rath** – Holy Souls

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Ss Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs**

**9.30am Skibbereen** – Joe and Sadie MacDonald, Skibbereen

**10.15am Rath** - Special Intention

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - St Kevin, abbot**

**10.15am Rath** -Mary McCarthy, Home Rule Terrace

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs**

**9.30am Skibbereen** - Ellen Kirby, Newbridge

**10.15am Rath** - Special Intention

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June - St Boniface, bishop and martyr**

**4.45pm Sherkin** - Special Intention

**6.30pm Skibbereen** - Con O'Mahony, Coronea

**7.30pm Rath Vigil** – Mary O'Driscoll's, Knockanoulty, MM

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**9.00am Skibbereen** - Special Intention

**10. 15am Rath**– John Davis, Lackahane

**11.30am Skibbereen** - Special Intention

### Confessions–

Skibbereen - Saturday morning at 10.15am

### Leaflet on the Sacred Heart Novena 2021

The Novena is for the nine days leading to the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It begins on Monday 3rd June and ends on Friday 11th June. The leaflet is perfect for use at home, in your parish or local prayer group.

Further details on [www.messenger.ie](http://www.messenger.ie)

### Feasts this week:

**31<sup>st</sup>: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Today's liturgy recalls the 'Blessed Virgin Mary carrying her Son within her' and visiting Elizabeth to offer charitable assistance and to proclaim the mercy of God the Saviour.

**1<sup>st</sup>: St Justin** was born in the Holy Land and settled in Rome. He became a Christian and is remembered for his defence of Christian belief and practice. He was martyred c. 165.

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Ss Marcellinus and Peter,** Roman clergy, martyred under Diocletian in 303.

**3rd: St Kevin** was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh, where he received his early religious formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled in Disert Caoimhghin at the foot of the upper lake. But disciples began to gather round him. Gradually the great monastic settlement grew and spread through the glen after his death in 618.

**4<sup>th</sup>: Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions,** twenty-two Ugandan youths martyred 1886.

**5<sup>th</sup>: St Boniface,** 673-754, was born at Crediton in Devonshire and educated in monastery schools in England. He went as a missionary to Germany. He founded monasteries in Bavaria, including Fulda in 735.

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** -This feast is unique in that the focus of our celebration is not an aspect of the history of salvation, but reflection on the nature of God as we believe it has been revealed to us as Christians. Thus every Sunday is the Sunday of the Trinity, every feast, every action has a trinitarian dimension, and should any prayer be uttered or homily preached which does not include that core of faith – at least tacitly with a conclusion such as 'through Christ our Lord' – then we are apostates, and have ceased to be Christians and become some sort of vague deists or unitarians who value the 'message of Jesus'. At the outset of the celebration, it is worth reflecting that today's focus is the very essence of Christian identity. We begin every liturgy by stating that we are acting 'In the name of the Father ...' and that is a declaration of our basic faith, not just an opening formula. Our aim in today's liturgy should be to become more sensitive to the trinitarian cues that run right through our religion.

[<https://www.catholicireland.net/?homilies=the-most-holy-trinity-2>]

**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

**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 Michael  
Emergency only  
086-7852262.

### Recently Baptised

Damien Kingston, Meenie, Drimoleague  
*God our Father, You always work to save us, and now we rejoice in the great love you give to your chosen people. Protect all who have become your children and continue to bless those who are already baptised.*

**First Friday Visits to People's Homes:** It is hoped to recommence these visits in June. There may be people who were previously coming to Mass and who are no longer able to attend. We would ask any household who would like us to visit with Communion to contact the parish office 028 -22828.

### The following are announcements from the Bishop's Office regarding Baptisms, First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Baptisms

"Arrangements can be made for the Sacrament of Baptism to be celebrated from 10th May with those immediate family members present to include parents, siblings of child for baptism, godparents and grandparents. We need to emphasise that caution is needed in relation to gatherings that might take place around baptisms as well". These numbers are limited so that more than one baptism can take place.

### Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

"Unfortunately, it's not possible to make arrangements for the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at this time and in order to avoid disappointment no dates should be proposed by parishes, not even provisionally".

For Skibbereen and Rath and the Island parishes we will let you know of further developments on these as it becomes available to us.

**St Kevin** was ordained by Bishop Ligidus and, following his ordination, he moved on to Glendalough in order to avoid the company of his followers. He lived as a hermit in a partially man made cave (sometimes incorrectly described as a Bronze age tomb) now known as St. Kevin's Bed, to which he was led, in the account of the *Vita*, by an angel. St. Kevin's Bed can best be described as a man-made cave cut in the rock face very close to the edge of the mountain. It overlooks the upper lake from a height of about 30 feet (10 metres). The approach to the cave is very difficult, with access to it through a rectangular space and a short passageway 3 ft. (1 metre) high and 2½ ft. wide. The inner or main part of the cave is just 4 ft. wide (1.5 metres) and less than 3 ft.(1 metre) high. It is reasonable to assume that the cave could only have been used as a sleeping place, and would have been impossible for an adult to stand upright in, so it is quite likely that St Kevin only used it as his bed, or a place for pious prayer or meditation. Dr. Leask expresses the opinion that this cave was constructed long before Kevin's time and it was probably the first and oldest piece of work to be undertaken by man in the glen. There is a legend which claims that St Laurence O'Toole used the "bed" as he frequently made penitential visits to Glendalough, especially during the season of Lent. Michael Dwyer, the famous Wicklow rebel, is reputed to have taken shelter in the "bed" while he was on the run from British soldiers. The story goes that he escaped capture one morning by diving into the lake and swimming to the opposite side. Today, it is highly dangerous to try to approach the "bed" from the side of Lugduff mountain. Visitors, in the interests of their own safety, should be content with a distant view of it.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin\\_of\\_Glendalough](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_of_Glendalough)



**COMPETITION:** To mark Laudato Si' week (16-24 May) Nano Nagle Birthplace is launching a short story/essay/poetry/son g competition. For full details go to our website [www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie](http://www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie). Closing date: 30th June 2021.

**Cork Autism Online Conference 2021 - Thriving with Autism.** Sunday, October 17th. This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit: [www.autismcork.ie](http://www.autismcork.ie)

### Taking Communion to the housebound

For those who take Communion from the priest during Mass to bring home to family members/neighbours. We need your help.

Please call to the sacristy before or after Mass because

1. We want to be aware of who is receiving Communion.
2. We are looking at a different way of working with you.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cura.ie)

**South Doc: 1850 335 999**