

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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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 1st May - St Joseph the Worker

7.30pm - Rath Vigil – Special Intention

Skibbereen - The Sheehan Family, Coolnagarrane

Sunday 2nd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rath 10.15am – Annie, Frances & Joe Sheehan, Spain

Skibbereen - Donal O'Leary, Renaniree, Macroom,

Margaret & John McCarthy, Derrygool

Monday 3rd May - SS Philip and James, apostles

10.15am Rath, - Special Intention

Skibbereen - William (Bill) Hurley, Gortnaclohy

Tuesday 4th May - St Conleth, bishop

10.15am Rath – Ellen Cadogan, Oldcourt

Skibbereen - Bridget Kirby, Middleton

Wednesday 5th May - Blessed Edmund Rice, religious

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen – Catherine and Mary O'Driscoll,

Coronea & Cape Clear

Thursday 6th May - 5th Week of Easter

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen - Colm Crowley, Inchinagotagh

Friday 7th May - 5th Week of Easter

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Skibbereen - Gerardine Young, Bantry

Saturday 8th May - Blessed John Sullivan, priest

7.30pm Rath Vigil – Special Intention

Skibbereen - Jerome Hodnett, St Fachtna's Terrace

Sunday 9th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Skibbereen - Rory O'Gara, Mayo,

Cornelius, Mary Ellen & Con Murphy, High Street

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

Feasts this week:

3rd: St Philip asks to see and, having seen, he tells the good news to others. He was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. **St James**, the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62

4th: St Conleth is believed to have come from the Wicklow area. While living as a hermit he was persuaded by Brigid to act as priest for her community in Kildare. He was venerated as a great saint and Cogitosus, in his *Life of Brigid*, calls him bishop and abbot of the monks of Kildare. He was buried beside Brigid in the great church there.

5th: BB. Edmund Rice (1762-1844) came from Callan, Co. Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance the work, he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of the sufferings God sends, a true lay apostle and a deeply committed religious.

8th: Bl. John Sullivan was born in Eccles Street, Dublin, on 8 May 1861 and baptised in St George's Church of Ireland, Temple Street, and was brought up in the Christian tradition of his father. He went to Portora Royal School in Enniskillen and then studied classics and law at Trinity College, Dublin, and at Lincoln's Inn, London. At the age of 35 he was received into the Roman Catholic Church and returned to Dublin, living a very simple life style. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1900, ordained priest in 1907 and then spent the greater part of his life at Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. His reputation for holiness and as a person of prayer spread rapidly and he was always available to the sick, the poor and anyone in need. He died 19 February 1933. His declaration as blessed on 13 May 2017 at St Francis Xavier church, Gardiner Street, Dublin, was the first ever beatification celebrated in Ireland.

The month of May.

May is a special month. It's when we honour the Virgin Mary as our Queen. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, the Mother of God. The custom spans centuries, going back as far as the ancient Greeks. Mary's journey as a mother, from a crib in Bethlehem to a cross in Jerusalem gives each of us an opportunity for reflection.

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.



Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

Did you know that the greatest miracle since the resurrection took place at Fatima, Portugal on October 13th 1917 and was witnessed by up to 100,000 people? Not only that, but the miracle in question was foretold by the Blessed Virgin Mary to three Sheppard children whom she was appearing to. She told them that on the final apparition which took place on October 13th she would perform a miracle so that all would believe she appeared there. Many people gathered that day as sceptics; many gathered as complete non-believers and even began to mock the children but by the end of the apparition people were on their knees begging God for mercy. What could have happened to cause such a reaction and such a change of heart. It was the phenomena called the miracle of the sun. On that day thousands and thousands of people witness the sun spin around the sky, defying all cosmic law. People



described how the sun came crashing towards the Earth before eventually returning to its normal place in the sky. That was not the only miracle that day. Before this unbelievable miracle, the ground was very wet as it had been raining nonstop all day. After the miracle, the ground was completely dry with not a drop of rain in sight. Scientists later said that it would have taken an atomic bomb to dry the ground so quickly. Again, the miracles did not stop there. Sight was restored to the blind; hearing was restored to the deaf and the lame walked causing many people to cry out in praise of God who was working through Our Lady's intercession.

Our Lady of Fátima - Wikipedia

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

Links to Liturgical Websites

The National Centre for Liturgy has extensive Calendar information. Information on the courses offered is also given. liturgy-ireland.ie
catholicbishops.ie

For information and news on the Church in Ireland, bishops and on the agencies and commissions of the Irish Bishops' **Conference**. cotholicireland.net
Gives information on Mass times in parishes in Ireland. It provides news, features and liturgical material.
moynoothcollege.ie

This is the site of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, the home of the National Centre for Liturgy. It gives information on courses offered, including the liturgy programme of the centre.

maynoothuniversity.ie

Gives access to the Department of Music at Maynooth University where a Diploma in Arts (Church Music) is available. This part-time course is conducted in association with the National Centre for Liturgy. irishchurchmusicassociation.com

The site of the Irish Church Music Association with links to other sites on liturgical music. cumannnasagart.ie

The website of **Cumannna Sagart** provides texts for liturgy through the medium of Irish.

The website of the Holy See, including the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Vatican.va

Prayer Site- This site offers Sacred Space, a daily reflection.

sacredspace.ie

Skibbreen Parish Assembly meeting.

The Parish Assembly has been meeting monthly on Zoom and we are all getting used to it. We need to get broadband into the Cathedral for the webcam and this is happening slowly. We have also been thinking about when Masses can start again and having ushers standing by, and we are always looking for more volunteers. If anyone would like to help with this, please give your name to the parish office.

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood

God our Father, Who wills that all men be saved,
And come to the knowledge of Your Truth: We beg you to send Laborers into Your harvest, And grant them grace to speak Your Word With all boldness; so that Your Word May spread and be glorified,

And all nations may know You, The only God, and Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord.

Amen.

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