

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

Saturday 22nd May - St Rita of Cascia, religious

4.45pm Sherkin Vigil - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen Vigil - Kit Fitzgerald, Glencurragh

7.30pm Rath Vigil – Paddy Cahalane, Ballymacrown

SUNDAY 23rd MAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

9.00am Skibbereen - Maurice Murphy

10. 15am Rath – Special Intention

11.30am Skibbereen - Special Intention

Monday 24th May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9.30am Skibbereen – Kathleen Murphy, Drishanebeg

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 25th May - St Bede the Venerable

10.15am Rath– Patrick O'Driscoll, Drishanemore and Convent Hill

Wednesday 26th May - St Philip Neri, priest

9.30am Skibbereen – Diarmuid O'Donovan

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

10.15am Rath -Special Intention

Friday 28th May - 8th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 29th 8th May - Week in 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 30th May - The Most Holy Trinity

9.00am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10. 15am Rath – Special Intention

11.30am Skibbereen - Irene Herlihy, Cork and Derrylugga

Confessions- Skibbereen - Saturday morning at 10.15am

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.

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.

Feasts this week:

23rd: The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of **Pentecost** by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the dispensation of the mystery - the age of the Church, during which Christ manifests, makes present and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his Church "until he comes". (CCC, 1 076)

24th: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children. Mary, present with the disciples at Pentecost, prayed with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Mary has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim church on earth.

25th: St Bede, 673 -735, monk of Jarrow, historian and biblical commentator. Patron of scholars.

26th: St Philip Neri, 1515-1 595, founded the Congregation of the Oratory to foster good preaching and to promote holiness of priestly life.

27th: St Augustine of Canterbury was a monk in Rome when sent by Pope Gregory the Great to preach to the English. He set up his see at Canterbury and had much success in converting the south of England.

St Bede: Born on lands belonging to the twin monastery of Monkwearmouth-Jarrow in present-day Tyne and Wear, Bede was sent to Monkwearmouth at the age of seven and later joined Abbot Ceolfrith at Jarrow, both of whom survived a plague that struck in 686, an outbreak that killed a majority of the population there. While he spent most of his life in the monastery, Bede travelled to several abbeys and monasteries across the British Isles, even visiting the archbishop of York and King Ceolwulf of Northumbria.

Bede was one of the greatest teachers and writers of the Early Middle Ages and is considered by many historians to be the most important scholar of antiquity for the period between the death of Pope Gregory I in 604 and the coronation of Charlemagne in 800.

In 1899, Pope Leo XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church. He is the only native of Great Britain to achieve this designation; Anselm of Canterbury, also a Doctor of the Church, was originally from Italy.

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

Priest on Duty this week: Fr Evin
Emergency only
086-7852262.

<p>Public Masses have recommenced Mass for Rath is available online at www.skibbereenandrath.ie. Unfortunately, despite our best-efforts cameras are not yet installed in the Cathedral. Therefore, weekday Mass times will be: Skibbereen at 9.30am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings only Rath 10.15am daily - Monday to Friday. Weekend Masses have returned to normal from weekend of May 15th & 16th. Skibbereen - Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 9.00am and 11.30am Rath - Saturday 7.30pm and Sunday 10.15am Sherkin Island Saturday afternoon Mass at 4.45pm ***** Covid Stewards Reopening is possible if enough stewards are available. We invite you to volunteer to help out. Please give your name and contact number to the stewards on duty or to the parish office.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>COMPETITION: To mark Laudato Si' week (16-24 May) Nano Nagle Birthplace is launching a short story/essay/poetry/song competition. For full details go to our website www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie. Closing date: 30th June 2021.</p>
<p>What happens at Pentecost? In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel. Happy Birthday, Church It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptised. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptised following Peter's sermon. https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/36152/everything-you-need-to-know-about-pentecost</p>	 <p>Recently Married Orla Connolly, Ballyoughtera and Owen McGill, Tullow, Co Carlow who were married in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath on 1st May <i>Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, bless each day of their married life. Renew your blessing within them, as they choose each day, by your grace, to be a living sign of your eternal love.</i></p> <p>Recently Deceased Tess O'Sullivan (nee O'Donoghue), Townshend Street, Skibbereen Mary O'Driscoll (nee Cronin), Knockanoulty, Lough Hyne, Baltimore William (Billy) Lynch, Skibbereen and Ballydehob <i>God of loving kindness, listen favourably to our prayer: strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead and our hope that your servant will also rise again.</i></p>
<p>Taking Communion to the household 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.</p>	<p>Skibbereen Parish Assembly On Thursday 13th May the Parish Assembly met on zoom, we hope for the last time! We talked about Mass recommencement, funeral teams, and webcam progress in the Cathedral which is slow but making headway. There will be no more meetings until September when we hope things will be nearly normal and Covid will be nearly a memory.</p>
<p>Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159</p> <p>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</p>	