

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 17th July - 15th Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Bernard Newman, Ilen Villas

7.30pm Rath Vigil – Jack Walsh, Bunlick

Sunday 18th July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - John Breen, Market Street

10. 15am Rath – Special Intention

11.30am Skibbereen - Patricia & Diarmuid White, Gortnaclohy, Patricia Long Wales & Milleenahorna (Months Mind)

Monday 19th July - 16th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 20th July - St Apollinaris, bishop and martyr

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Wednesday 21st July - St Lawrence of Brindisi priest and doctor of the Church

9.30am Skibbereen – Henry Browne, Moneyvolihane

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 22nd July - St Mary Magdalene

10.15am Rath - Hannah Davis, her husband Pat & son Donal Davis

Friday 23rd July - St Bridget of Sweden, religious, patron of Europe

9.30am Skibbereen - Kitty & Michael O'Driscoll, Chapel Lane

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 24th July - St Declan, bishop

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Special Intention

7.30pm Rath - Kitty Lyons, Skibbereen & London

Sunday 25th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - P J Collins, Bauravilla

10.15am Rath – Ellen & Pat Connolly, South Rath

11.30am Skibbereen - Liam O'Flaherty, Chapel Lane

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

Confessions

Skibbereen - Saturday morning at 10.15am

Feasts this week:

20th: St Apollinaris in the second century preached the gospel in the region of Ravenna. He was bishop of Classis where he suffered martyrdom.

21st: St Lawrence of Brindisi, 1559-1619, Capuchin who preached the Counter-Reformation. He led German armies against the Turks in Hungary and gained peace for the people of Naples.

22nd: St Mary Magdalene stood by the Cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as 'The apostle to the apostles'. The Gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the 'woman who was a sinner' who anointed Christ's feet (Lk 7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who also anointed him (Jn 12:3).

23rd: St Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373. She was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000.

24th: St Declan is considered to be one of the pre-Patrician saints. He was of noble blood. Colman, a local priest, baptised him. Later he went to Europe to continue his studies where he was ordained priest and possibly bishop. He settled in Ardmore and evangelised the Decies country

Government advice has been updated and the following message was received from the Bishop Fintan Gavin. The government advice states that “religious ceremonies such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time.” This is extremely disappointing for many families, parishes and schools who have prepared and looked forward to these celebrations.

Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.

Baptisms - The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism from **Monday 5th July** should not take place. In the case of emergency baptisms pastoral judgement should be exercised.

Sacrament of Confirmation - The Sacrament of Confirmation should not be celebrated at this time. This includes all celebrations that may have recently been arranged from 5th July next in some parishes.

First Holy Communions - All celebrations of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion should not be celebrated at this time. This includes all celebrations that may have recently been arranged from 5th July next in some parishes.

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

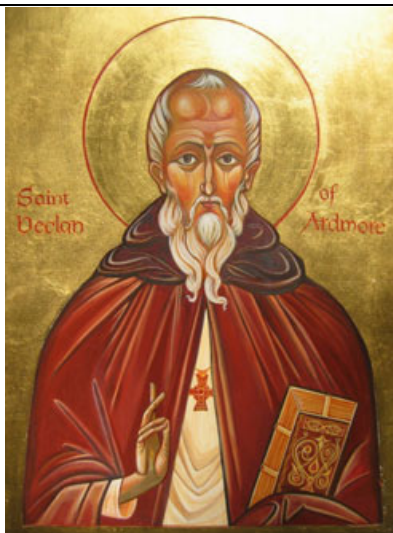
Rosary: each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm at the Grotto, Cork Rd

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

Declán of Ardmore

(Old Irish: *Declán mac Eircc*; Irish: *Deaglán*; Latin: *Declanus*; died 5th century AD), also called **Déclán**, was an early Irish saint of the Déisi Muman, who was remembered for having converted the Déisi in the late 5th century and for having founded the monastery of Ardmore (*Ard Mór*) in what is now Co. Waterford. The principal source for his life and cult is a Latin *Life* of the 12th century. Like Ailbe of Emly, Ciarán of Saigir and Abbán of Moyarney, Declán is presented as a Munster saint who preceded Saint Patrick in bringing Christianity to Ireland. He was regarded as a patron saint of the Déisi of East Munster.

St. Declan - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online



Irish Bishop's Conference

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference (also known as the Irish Episcopal Conference) is the assembly of the Bishops of Ireland exercising together certain pastoral offices for Christ's faithful on the whole island of Ireland.

The Conference enables the Bishops to exchange views and share their wisdom and experience in order to promote the common good of the Church in Ireland. General Meetings of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference normally take place on a quarterly basis. The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference seeks to build effective consensus among the Bishops, thereby contributing to the unity of the Church in communion with Pope Benedict XVI. Through its links with the Church in neighbouring countries and across the world, it strengthens and enriches efforts to increase faith and proclaim the Gospel message to all nations. At the same time, the Conference fully respects the personal authority, responsibility, and ministry of each individual Bishop within his own diocese.

Structure

To help it fulfil its aims more effectively, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has established various Episcopal Commissions, departments, councils, agencies, councils and other bodies which focus on specific tasks and areas of responsibility within the mission of the Church. Day to day operations are overseen by a secretariat.

The five Episcopal Commissions are as follows:

Catholic Education and Formation

Pastoral Care

Planning, Communications and Resources

Social Issues and International Affairs

Worship, Pastoral Renewal and Faith Development

Membership

The current membership of the Irish Bishops' Conference comprises the Bishops (or Diocesan Administrators) of the 26 dioceses of Ireland together with the seven auxiliary Bishops.

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REPORT: CATHOLIC EDUCATION HAS MANY POSITIVES TO OFFER

Members of the Diocesan Education Working Group gathered at the Diocesan Offices to present a report to Bishop Fintan.



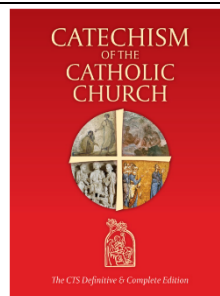
Members of the Diocesan Education Working Group who presented their report to Bishop Fintan Gavin. Pictured L to R: Msgr. Aidan O'Driscoll, Pat Kinsella, Elaine O'Sullivan, Bishop Fintan Gavin, Regina O'Sullivan and Br. Martin Kenneally.

The report, 'Education – A Seed of Hope' looks at the relationship between the Diocese of Cork & Ross and the education sector. In particular, it focuses on deepening the connection between the Diocese and parish, community-based and Catholic Schools where the Bishop is patron or co-patron.

To this end, the report offers a number of recommendations for action. The report is essentially the first phase of an on-going project of engagement and dialogue between the Diocese and key stakeholders. In a time of rapid change, Catholic schools and faith schools more generally face the challenge of defining their identity more clearly and showing the positive contribution they make to a diverse and changing society.

<http://corkandross.org/diocesan/report-catholic-education-has-many-positives-to-offer/>

Please see below for several paragraphs from the Catholic Catechism about the sacrament of The Sacrament of the Sick, formerly "Extreme Unction"



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

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

CHAPTER TWO

The Sacrament of the Sick

Who Receives and Who Administers This Sacrament?

In case of grave illness . . .

1514 The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."¹²⁹

1515 If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. the same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.

" . . . let him call for the presbyters of the Church"

1516 Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick.¹³⁰ It is the duty of pastors to instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament. the faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament. the sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention.

III. How is This Sacrament Celebrated?

1517 Like all the sacraments the Anointing of the Sick is a liturgical and communal celebration,¹³¹ whether it takes place in the family home, a hospital or church, for a single sick person or a whole group of sick persons. It is very fitting to celebrate it within the Eucharist, the memorial of the Lord's Passover. If circumstances suggest it, the celebration of the sacrament can be preceded by the sacrament of Penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist. As the sacrament of Christ's Passover the Eucharist should always be the last sacrament of the earthly journey, the "viaticum" for "passing over" to eternal life.

1518 Word and sacrament form an indivisible whole. the Liturgy of the Word, preceded by an act of repentance, opens the celebration. the words of Christ, the witness of the apostles, awaken the faith of the sick person and of the community to ask the Lord for the strength of his Spirit.

1519 The celebration of the sacrament includes the following principal elements: the "priests of the Church"¹³² - in silence - lay hands on the sick; they pray over them in the faith of the Church¹³³ - this is the epiclesis proper to this sacrament; they then anoint them with oil blessed, if possible, by the bishop. These liturgical actions indicate what grace this sacrament confers upon the sick.