

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 3rd July 2021 - St Thomas, apostle

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Special Intention

7.30pm Rath Vigil – Mary Leonard, Reengaroga

Sunday 4th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Yvonne Gilmartin, Lucan & late of Skibbereen

10. 15am Rath – Paddy Holland, South Rath

11.30am Skibbereen - Derry and Angela O'Byrne, Coronea

Monday 5th July - St Anthony Zaccaria, priest

9.30am Skibbereen – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 6th July - St Monine of Kileavy, virgin

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Wednesday 7th July - St Maelruani, bishop and abbot

9.30am Skibbereen – Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath - Gerald & Teresa O'Brien, Main Street

Thursday 8th July - St Killian, bishop and martyr

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Friday 9th SS Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, martyrs

9.30am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 10th July - 14th Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Daniel Bohane, Drishane Beg

7.30pm Rath Vigil – May & Jerome O'Sullivan, Bunlick

Sunday 11th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Vincent O'Donovan, Market Street

10. 15am Rath – Nellie & Joe O'Regan, Kevin O'Donovan

11.30am Skibbereen - Maureen Spillane, Market Street

Confessions

Skibbereen - Saturday morning at 10.15am

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:

5th: St Anthony Zaccaria, 1502-39, was a medical doctor before becoming a priest in Milan. He founded the Barnabites.

6th: St Moninne of Killeavy was one of Ireland's early women saints. After instruction on the religious life, she founded a community which initially consisted of eight virgins and a widow with a baby at Sliabh Gullion, Co. Armagh. They lived an eremitical life, based on that of Elijah and St John the Baptist. Moninne died in 517 or 517.

7th: St Maelruain (Maolruain), bishop and abbot, founded the monastery of Tallaght, Co. Dublin, in 774 which introduced a reform. Important liturgical and spiritual writings emerged from this movement known as the Cell De reform. He died in 792.

8th; St Kilian was born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With eleven companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and eastern Franconia. With Kolonat and Totnan he was put to death in 689. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.

9th: Ss Augustine Zhao Rang and Companions. St Augustine Tchao, born 1746, converted to Christianity, was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Risings.

Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labour in God's holy service. Amen.

Statement re Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations. Please check the diocesan website www.corkandross.org for the current government regulation regarding the administration of Sacraments.

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.

Irish Bishops Conference

In accordance with the public health restrictions to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, members of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference gathered remotely this week for their Summer 2021 General Meeting *via* video-link, instead of the usual location at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. This was the fifth plenary meeting of bishops hosted using this medium. The President of the Conference is Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and the Vice-President is Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin. During their meeting bishops acknowledged the depth of pain experienced by people whose loved ones have died during this difficult time and offered their prayerful support to families who have suffered due to the restrictions placed on funeral rites and attendance. Bishops also expressed their thanks to the faithful for their prayers, sacrifice and perseverance and for adhering to the public health restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This commitment has successfully served to protect life and health.

The main issues discussed by the bishops during their Summer General Meeting included:

Bishops express thanks for over 550 submissions received for Synodal Pathway

Safeguarding children in the Catholic Church
Northern Ireland

Vaccine ethics and equity

Proactively engaging with the Department of Education in relation to reconfiguration of patronage

Birth Information and Tracing Heads of Bill

Welcome to Pope Francis instituting the Ministry of Catechist

First World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Laudato Si' on care for our common home

Prisoner Repatriation

Bishops thank public for generosity to Trócaire

Call on Government to recognize the State of Palestine

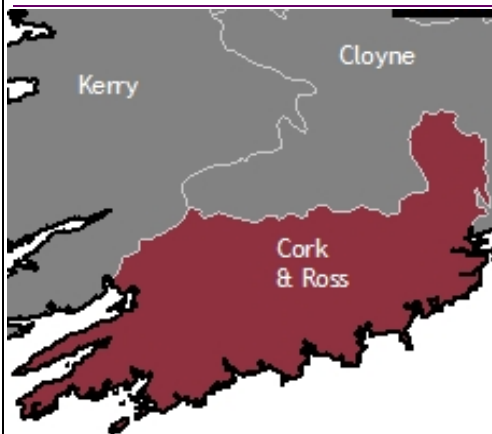
Brutality in Myanmar

UN Food Systems Summit

Appointments

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2021/06/16/statement-of-the-summer-2021-general-meeting-of-the-irish-bishops-conference/>

The Diocese of Cork & Ross



Location

The diocese of Cork & Ross includes Cork City and part of County Cork.

www.corkandross.org

Facts and figures

Catholic population: 220000

Parishes: 67

Churches: 124

Patrons of the diocese:

Cork – St Finbarr – 25 September

Ross – St Fachtna – 14 August

Bishop of Cork & Ross

Bishop Fintan Gavin

Contact the diocese

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Email: secretary@corkandross.org

Services and agencies of the Bishops' Conference based in the diocese

ACCORD Centre

Bantry: 5 Main St, Bantry, Co Cork, Tel: 027 50272

Trócaire

Trócaire, 9 Cook Street, Cork, Tel: 1850 408 408

Veritas

Carey's Lane, Cork, T12 AW26, Tel: (021) 425 1255

We ask our Parishioners to be aware of the changes to the traffic system on North Street. **A One-Way System will be in place from Monday June 21st to Monday Sept 6th.**

Recently Baptised

Alannah Goggin, Mariners Cove, Baltimore

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.

Recently Deceased

Jeremiah (Dermot) O'Mahony,

Ballincollig and late of Skibbereen

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

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

Question:

You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in? Answer at foot of page

STUDY PASTORAL LITURGY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

The National Centre for Liturgy, in association with the Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth offers a Diploma and Higher Diploma course for people who wish to actively support the Liturgy and public prayer in their parishes. The Diploma courses takes place over 2 semesters between September 2021 and May 2022. The courses comprise of a number of modules, any combination of which may be taken. A Masters in Theology, specialising in Liturgy is also conducted at the National Centre for Liturgy and the structure is also a combination of modules. For further information <http://www.liturgy-ireland.ie/>

Answer: If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

Child Safeguarding Statement

Child Safeguarding Statement of Diocese of Cork and Ross

This statement has been prepared to comply with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015 and is derived from Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. The policy of the Catholic Church in Ireland is based on standards of practice which contain indicators that assist in reaching these standards. These indicators can be used in assessing and managing risk.

Statement

As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

The Diocese of Cork and Ross as a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland exists to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church. This includes the following ministry with children, as defined in Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016:

Pray & Play, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers, Youth Ministry, Youth Choir / Folk Group, Lourdes, Catechists, Sacramental Preparation, Summer Camps.

As outlined in the Safeguarding Children 2016 Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland we are committed to the following principles:

Mandatory reporting.

Each of us has a duty to notify the statutory authorities of suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations that a child is being or has been abused:

Physically, . emotionally, sexually, through neglect

Suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations may relate to possible abuse by a member of Church personnel, but they can also relate to incidents in the child's family, or elsewhere in the community.

Caring for the welfare of all children and the adults who work with them.

Measures to create and maintain environments that are safe for children, that prevent abuse, and that create nurturing, caring conditions within the Church for children and the adults who work with them, will continue to be strengthened and reviewed. This will be done through training support, communications and quality assurance.

Responding appropriately to child protection suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations.

Anyone who brings any suspicion, concern, knowledge or allegation of current or past abuse of a child to the notice of the Church will be responded to sensitively, respectfully, actively and in a timely manner, in line with statutory child protection procedures and Church requirements.

All suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations that reach the threshold for reporting to the Statutory authorities (apart from those received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation) will be reported to the appropriate statutory authorities. This will be done irrespective of the status of the person (lay, cleric or religious) who is

suspected of having been abusive to a child. If the allegation relates to a lay member of Church personnel, in addition to notifying the statutory authorities, the allegation must be reported to the Church authority. If the allegation relates to a cleric or religious, in addition to notifying the statutory authorities, the allegation must also be reported to the Church authority and the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

All Church personnel will cooperate with the statutory authorities in all cases.

In responding to complaints of child sexual abuse relating to clergy and all those in forms of consecrated life, Church authorities will act in accordance with the requirements of civil law and canon law, and so will respect the rights and uphold the safeguards afforded in these, both to the complainant and respondent.

Caring pastorally for complainants and other affected persons.

Those who have suffered child abuse by Church personnel will receive a compassionate and just response, and will be offered appropriate pastoral care, counselling and support as they seek to rebuild their lives. An appropriate pastoral response to the family, parish, congregation or order and to the wider community will be provided, with due regard to the right of privacy of those directly involved, and to the administration of justice.

Caring pastorally for respondents and other affected persons.

This Church body in its response to suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations of child sexual abuse will respect the rights under civil law and canon law of an accused cleric or religious or other Church personnel. A legal presumption of innocence will be maintained during the statutory and Church inquiry processes. As the processes develop, additional assessment, therapy and support services may be offered to the respondent.

The Church authority will take responsibility for ensuring that any cleric or religious who is considered to constitute a danger to children is managed according to a risk management plan.

All requisite steps will be taken to restore the good name and reputation of anyone who has been wrongly accused of abusing a child.

Respondents belong to families and diocesan or religious communities. The Church authority will be mindful of the need to provide support to members of families and communities affected by the respondent's changed situation.

Risk Assessment

The table below sets out the identified risks to the safety of children and young people involved in Church activities in Diocese of Cork and Ross and the steps taken to minimise the risks of abuse.

Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by Church personnel	Procedures to meet Indicator 1.1 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Risk of harm through bullying (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by Church personnel or peers	Procedures to meet Indicator 1.2 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org Procedures to meet Indicator 1.3 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
The environment in which work with children is facilitated fails to protect them from harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)	Procedures to meet Indicators 1.4 and 1.8 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from
The environment in which work with children is facilitated fails to meet effective safeguarding practice	Procedures to meet Indicators 1.4 and 1.8 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org

External groups who use Church property are unsafe to do so	Procedures to meet Indicator 1.5 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to a child during activities or trips away from home from Church personnel or other adults	Procedures to meet Indicators 1.6 and 1.7 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) through the use of digital media photograph , video and social media	Procedures to meet Indicator 1.9 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Church personnel fail to report an allegation, suspicion, concern or knowledge appropriately	Procedures to meet Indicator 2.1 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Church personnel fail to take action during and following any investigation into allegations of abuse against clerics and religious to ensure children are protected from harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)	Procedures to meet Indicators 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Church personnel fail to support those who are victims of abuse	Procedures to meet Indicators 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Church personnel fail to understand their responsibilities to safeguard children	Procedures to meet Indicators 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Children and their parents do not understand the Church's policy, procedures and structure to safeguard children and protect them from harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)	Procedures to meet Indicators 5.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
The procedures for safeguarding children from harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) fail to be implemented	Procedures to meet Indicators 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
The Church authority fails to ensure the appointment of a relevant person and maintain a list Of mandated persons	Procedures to meeting Indicators 1.1, 6.1 and 2.1 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available from www.corkandross.org
Risk of harm of a child (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) being disclosed during the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Procedures to meet indicator 2.1 of the Child Safeguarding Policy in relation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation available from www.corkandross.org

Risk Assessment (Risks identified for this parish/religious community)

The table below sets out the identified risks to the safety of children and young people involved in Church activities in Diocese of Cork and Ross and the steps taken to minimise the risks of abuse. These are specific to this parish/local religious community and exist alongside those listed in the table above.

Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
All localized activities with children are risk assessed in line with 1.8 of the Safeguarding Children's Policy and Standards 2016.	risk assessments undertaken at local level under 1.8 of the Safeguarding Children's Policy and Standards 2016.


Procedures

All procedures outlined in the risk assessment above are available at www.corkandross.org . The procedures listed above include the following:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service. This is part of Indicator 2.1 which is available from www.corkandross.org
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children. This is part of Indicator 1.1 available from www.corkandross.org
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm. This is part of Indicators 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 available from www.corkandross.org
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla. This is part of Indicator 2.1 which is available from www.corkandross.org
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons. This is part of Indicator 2.1 which is available from www.corkandross.org
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person. This is part of Indicators 1.1 and 6.1 which is available from www.corkandross.org

Implementation

Diocese of Cork and Ross is committed to safeguarding children through the implementation of Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. This Child Safeguarding Statement and our practice supports our desire to keep children safe from harm while in our ministries. As part of our annual audit against the relevant indicators of the child safeguarding standards, we will review the effectiveness of our practice as outlined in this statement and will revise, as appropriate.

Signed: 
 ✠Fintan Gavin,
 Bishop of Cork and Ross

Date: 30th November 2019

For any queries relating to this statement please contact Ms. Cleo Yates, Director of Safeguarding 021-4301717