

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 31st August 2021 - St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Special Intention

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sunday 1st August – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Peadar Hayes, North Street

10. 15am Rath – Carmel & Danny Doyle, Fenit and Reengaroga

11.30am Skibbereen - Mary McCarthy, Ilan Street

Monday 2nd August - St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop

9.30am Skibbereen – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 3rd August - 18th Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Wednesday 4th August - St John Mary Vianney, priest

9.30am Skibbereen- Kate O'Donovan and Eileen Harvey, Lassararoe

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 5th August - St Mary Major

10.15am Rath – Mary O'Sullivan Beeson, Baltimore

Friday 6th August - The Transfiguration of the Lord

9.30am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 7th August - St Sixtus II pope and companions, martyrs

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Josephine and Michael John Carey, Derrylugga

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sunday 8th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Michael Maguire, Cork City and late of St Fachtna's Terrace, Skibbereen

10. 15am Rath – Eugie Leonard, Rath

11.30am Skibbereen- Michael O'Driscoll, Derrygreen 1st Anniversary

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.

Recently Deceased

Helen Kirou (nee Hickey) St Fachtna's Terrace, 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.

Feasts this week

2nd: St Eusebius of Vercelli is renowned for his preaching against Arianism.

4th: St John Vianney, 1786-1859, had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817 he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvellous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, the cure averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

6th: The Transfiguration. The cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die.

7th: St Sixtus II, pope, and his four deacon companions were put to death in 258.

The Indulgence of St Mary of the Portiuncula. (St Mary Major)

On 2 August, or on another day determined by the Ordinary for the convenience of the people, a plenary indulgence may be acquired in parish churches. The practices prescribed

for the obtaining of the indulgence are a devout visit to the church and the recitation there of the Our Father and Creed, and in addition a sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

This indulgence may be acquired only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself.
<https://www.capuchinfranciscans.ie/feast-of-our-lady-of-the-angels-the-blessing-of-the-portiuncula/>



Today the little chapel still exists now surrounded and protected by a great Basilica where pilgrims gather to this day...

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.



St John Vianney (born **Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney**; 8 May 1786 – 4 August 1859), was a French Catholic priest who is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint and as the patron saint of parish priests. He is often referred to as the "**Curéd'Ars**" (i.e. the parish priest of Ars), internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. His feast day is 4 August. On 4 August 1859, Vianney died at the age of 73. The bishop presided over his funeral with 300 priests and more than 6,000 people in attendance. Before he was buried, Vianney's body was fitted with a wax mask. On 3 October 1874 Pope Pius IX proclaimed him "venerable"; on 8 January 1905, Pope Pius X declared him Blessed and proposed him as a model to the parochial clergy. In 1925 John Mary Vianney was canonized by Pope Pius XI, who in 1929 made him patron saint of parish priests. In 1928 his feast day was inserted into the General Roman Calendar for celebration on 9 August. Pope John XXIII's 1960 revision, in which the Vigil of Saint Lawrence had a high rank, moved the feast to 8 August. Finally, the 1969 revision placed it on 4 August, the day of his death.

In 1959, to commemorate the centenary death, Pope John XXIII letter Sacerdoti nostri II visited Ars in person with the bicentenary of referred to the great

Stained glass window in the Saint Felix Church in Laissac, Aveyron, France

of John Vianney's issued the encyclical primordia. John Paul in 1986 in connection Vianney's birth and

saint as a "rare example of a pastor acutely aware of his responsibilities ... and a sign of courage for those who today experience the grace of being called to the priesthood." In honor of the 150th anniversary of Vianney's death, Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of the Priest, running from the Feast of the Sacred Heart 2009–2010.

John Vianney - Wikipedia

Liturgy and Mystagogy

Since the liturgy is an experience extended to the conversion of life through the assimilation of the Lord's way of thinking and behaving, liturgical formation can not be limited to simply offering knowledge - this is a mistake - though necessary, on liturgical books, nor even to protect the dutiful fulfilment of the ritual disciplines. In order for the liturgy to fulfil its formative and transforming function, it is necessary that the pastors and the laity be introduced to their meaning and symbolic language, including art, song and music in the service of the mystery celebrated, even silence. The Catechism of the Catholic Church itself adopts the mystagogical way to illustrate the liturgy, valuing its prayers and signs.

Mystagogy: this is a suitable way to enter the mystery of the liturgy, in the living encounter with the crucified and risen Lord. Mystagogy means discovering the new life we have received in the People of God through the Sacraments, and continually rediscovering the beauty of renewing it.

Pope Francis addressing the plenary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments; 14 February 2019

Tokyo Olympic Games 2021



We send our congratulations to our Olympic Champions – Fintan McCarthy and Paul O'Donovan on winning Gold Medals in their lightweight men's double sculls final and to Emily Hegarty and her crew on winning Bronze Medals in the woman's fours final. We also send our congratulations to Aoife Casey on finishing 8th overall and to their wonderful coach Dominic Casey for making it all happen.

A very proud day for Skibbereen, for West Cork and for Ireland.

St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698

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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