

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 14<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen – John Joe Murphy, Bauravilla

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - St Henry

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - St Camillus de Lellis, priest

9.30am Skibbereen – John Joe Murphy, Bauravilla

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> St Bonaventure, bishop and Doctor of the Church

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9.30am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Joe and Sadie MacDonald, Skibbereen

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Bernard Newman, Ilen Villas

7.30pm Rath Vigil – Jack Walsh, Bunlick

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

### 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:

**13th: St Henry**, 973-1024, Duke of Bavaria and later Emperor, a just ruler, humble man of prayer, and reformer of the Church.

**14<sup>th</sup>: St Camillus de Lellis**, 1550-1614, rough-tempered and a gambler in his early life as a soldier, was converted at the age of twenty-five. Guided by St Philip Neri he became a priest and worked for the sick with two companions. His Servants of the Sick prospered and founded hospitals especially where others would not go. Patron of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

**15th: St Bonaventure**, 1221-74, born in Tuscany, Minister General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop of Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons.

**16<sup>th</sup>: Our Lady of Mount Carmel**: Zee 2:14-17. Ps Lk 1:46-55, R/ v 49. Mt 12:46-50. **Led 11:1103.** The Carmelite communities inherit the early hermits' devotions to Elijah and his solitary prayer, and to Mary under this title of Mount Carmel.

**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 Communion 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> July next in some parishes.

**First Holy Communion** - 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 5<sup>th</sup> July next in some parishes.

### Confessions

Skibbereen - Saturday morning at 10.15am

**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.

**Synodal Pathway: Recommended Reading and Resources**

As we prepare to journey together on a Synodal Pathway, the following is a list of some recommended reading which every person can undertake as part of preparing for this synodal process:

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

A Compendium of the Catechism is available from [www.veritas.ie](http://www.veritas.ie)

**Lumen Gentium**

*Lumen gentium (Light of the Nations)*, the Dogmatic **Constitution on the Church**, is one of the principal documents of the Second Vatican Council.

**Gaudium et Spes** (The Joys and Hopes), Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

**Evangelii Gaudium:** Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today’s World (24 November 2013)

**Address by Pope Francis** at the ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops

**Address by Cardinal Grech** to the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference

**International Theological Commission: Sensus Fidei: In the Life of the Church**

**International Theological Commission: Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church**

**Additional background reading**

**Apostolic Exhortations**

*Querida Amazonia:* Post-Synodal Exhortation to the People of God and to All Persons of Good Will (2 February 2020)

*Christus vivit:* Post-Synodal Exhortation to Young People and to the entire People of God (25 March 2019)

Gaudete et exultate: Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today’s world (19 March 2018)

Amoris laetitia: Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family (19 March 2016)

Evangelii Gaudium : Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today’s World (24 November 2013)

**Encyclicals**

Fratelli tutti (3 October 2020) On Fraternity and Social Friendship.

Laudato si’ (24 May 2015) On Care for our Common Home.

Lumen fidei (29 June 2013) This document focuses on the importance of reviving and strengthening faith in a modern, secular world.

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/recommended-reading/>

**What are angels?**

An **angel** is a pure spirit created by God. The Old Testament theology included the belief in angels: the name applied to certain spiritual beings or intelligences of heavenly residence, employed by God as the ministers of His will.

The English word "angel" comes from the Greek angelos, which means 'messenger'. In the Old Testament, with two exceptions, the Hebrew word for "angel" is malak, also meaning 'messenger'. The prophet Malachi took his name from this word. He was himself a messenger, and he prophesied about the coming of "the messenger of the covenant", Jesus Christ (Malachi 3:1).

Although the word "angel" in the Bible, meaning a messenger, nearly always applies to heavenly beings, it can occasionally apply to human messengers. Malachi himself said a priest was a messenger (malak) of the LORD of hosts (Malachi 2:7), and in the Book of Revelation the elders of the seven churches of Asia were called angels (1:20; 2:1 etc.). But when we meet messengers doing supernatural things, there is no doubt they are heavenly beings - God's messengers, working for Him and for the ultimate benefit of mankind.

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/angels/>



**News from the Vatican:** Pope Francis has been admitted to Rome's Gemelli hospital for "scheduled surgery" on his colon, Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said.

Mr Bruni said the pope, 84, was suffering from "symptomatic diverticular stenosis" of the colon. The condition can cause recurrent abdominal pain, bloating and changes in bowel habits. It is the first time the pope has been admitted to hospital since his election in 2013.

**Recently Baptised**

Grace Anne Catherine O'Mahony, The Mills, Skibbereen

*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**

Mary O'Donovan (nee Nolan) Monkstown, Cork and late of North Street, Skibbereen.

Peter Nolan, Coolnagrane, 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](mailto: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](http://www.cura.ie)**

**South Doc: 1850 335 999**

ENCYCLICAL LETTER  
*FRATELLI TUTTI*  
OF THE HOLY FATHER  
FRANCIS  
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

1. “*FRATELLI TUTTI*”.<sup>[1]</sup> With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother “as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him”.<sup>[2]</sup> In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.

2. This saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy, who inspired me to write the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, prompts me once more to devote this new Encyclical to fraternity and social friendship. Francis felt himself a brother to the sun, the sea and the wind, yet he knew that he was even closer to those of his own flesh. Wherever he went, he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters.

**WITHOUT BORDERS**

3. There is an episode in the life of Saint Francis that shows his openness of heart, which knew no bounds and transcended differences of origin, nationality, colour or religion. It was his visit to Sultan Malik-el-Kamil, in Egypt, which entailed considerable hardship, given Francis’ poverty, his scarce resources, the great distances to be traveled and their differences of language, culture and religion. That journey, undertaken at the time of the Crusades, further demonstrated the breadth and grandeur of his love, which sought to embrace everyone. Francis’ fidelity to his Lord was commensurate with his love for his brothers and sisters. Unconcerned for the hardships and dangers involved, Francis went to meet the Sultan with the same attitude that he instilled in his disciples: if they found themselves “among the Saracens and other nonbelievers”, without renouncing their own identity they were not to “engage in arguments or disputes, but to be subject to every human creature for God’s sake”.<sup>[3]</sup> In the context of the times, this was an extraordinary recommendation. We are impressed that some eight hundred years ago Saint Francis urged that all forms of hostility or conflict be avoided and that a humble and fraternal “subjection” be shown to those who did not share his faith.

4. Francis did not wage a war of words aimed at imposing doctrines; he simply spread the love of God. He understood that “God is love and those who abide in love abide in God” (*1 Jn 4:16*). In this way, he became a father to all and inspired the vision of a fraternal society. Indeed, “only the man who approaches others, not to draw them into his own life, but to help them become ever more fully themselves, can truly be called a father”.<sup>[4]</sup> In the world of that time, bristling with watchtowers and defensive walls, cities were a theatre of brutal wars between powerful families, even as poverty was spreading through the countryside. Yet there Francis was able to welcome true peace into his heart and free himself of the desire to wield power over others. He became one of the poor and sought to live in harmony with all. Francis has inspired these pages.

5. Issues of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of mine. In recent years, I have spoken of them repeatedly and in different settings. In this Encyclical, I have sought to bring together many of those statements and to situate them in a broader context of reflection. In the preparation of *Laudato Si'*, I had a source of inspiration in my brother Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch, who has spoken forcefully of our need to care for creation. In this case, I have felt particularly encouraged by the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, with whom I met in Abu Dhabi, where we declared that “God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters”.<sup>[5]</sup> This was no mere diplomatic gesture, but a reflection born of dialogue and common commitment. The present Encyclical takes up and develops some of the great themes raised in the Document that we both signed. I have also incorporated, along with my own thoughts, a number of letters, documents and considerations that I have received from many individuals and groups throughout the world.

6. The following pages do not claim to offer a complete teaching on fraternal love, but rather to consider its universal scope, its openness to every man and woman. I offer this social Encyclical as a modest contribution to continued reflection, in the hope that in the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or ignore others, we may prove capable of responding with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words. Although I have written it from the Christian convictions that inspire and sustain me, I have sought to make this reflection an invitation to dialogue among all people of good will.

7. As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.

8. It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. “Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together”.<sup>[6]</sup> Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.

**There is much more see the Vatican website:**

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)