

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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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

Monday 26th July - SS Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Skibbereen – Susan Mulhern, Roscommon

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 27th July - 17th Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath – DD Bohane, Drishanebeg

Wednesday 28th July - 17th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - John Joe O'Sullivan, Rosscarbery & Skibbereen - 1st Anniversary

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 29th July - St Martha

10.15am Rath - Nora Leonard, Reengaroga

Friday 30th July - St Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Skibbereen - Margaret & Seamus Ryan & Nora Hegarty

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 31st July - 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, Ilen Street

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:

26th Ss Joachim and Anne (or Anna). Traditionally named parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord. The earliest reference to their names is the second-century apocryphal Gospel of James. Their feasts were celebrated separately until joined together in the Calendar reform of 1969. St Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers. (see third page of this Newsletter!)



29th: St Martha, sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the Son of God, and in the resurrection. In welcoming a guest we welcome Christ: we show our Christian spirit of service; and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God. Patron of innkeepers, cooks and dieticians.

30th: St Peter Chrysologus, died c. 450, bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching.

31st St Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556, from the north of Spain, founded the Society of Jesus. By the time of his death, the society had spread widely and had over one thousand members. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. The experience of his conversion led to his writing of the Spiritual Exercises.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS - Parish Office Closed

The Parish office is closed from Thursday 22nd July to Monday 2nd August Inclusive.

Recently Deceased

Kathleen Collins (nee Holland) Market Street and late of Highfield Baltimore.

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.

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 Ignatius of Loyola - Main Founder of the Society of Jesus, Counter-Reformer, Soldier, Priest.

In this Spanish name, the first or paternal surname is López de Oñaz and the second or maternal family name is Loyola.

Born Íñigo López de Oñaz y Loyola

23 October 1491 Azpeitia, Gipuzkoa, Crown of Castile

Died 31 July 1556 (aged 64) Rome

Beatified 27 July 1609, Rome, Papal States by Pope Paul V

Canonized 12 March 1622, Rome, Papal States by Pope

Gregory XV

Feast 31 July

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, was a Spanish Basque Catholic priest and theologian, who together with Peter Faber and Francis Xavier founded the religious order called the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and became its first Superior



General at Paris in 1541.

The Jesuit order is dedicated to teaching and missionary work. Its members are bound by a special (fourth) vow of obedience to the sovereign pontiff to be ready to fulfill special papal missions. The society played an important role during the Counter-Reformation. Ignatius was noted as an inspired spiritual director. He recorded his method

in a celebrated treatise called the *Spiritual Exercises*, a simple set of meditations, prayers, and other mental exercises, first published in 1548. It is known as "Ignatian spirituality". Ignatius was beatified in 1609, and canonized, receiving the title of Saint on 12 March 1622. His feast day is celebrated on 31 July. He is the patron saint of the Basque provinces of Gipuzkoa and Biscay as well as of the Society of Jesus. He was declared patron saint of all spiritual retreats by Pope Pius XI in 1922. Ignatius is also the foremost patron saint of soldiers.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

BISHOP CROSSES THE SEA TO MEET ISLAND PARISHIONERS

Recently Bishop Fintan visited the parish with one church on the mainland, at Rath, and the other two churches on the islands of Sherkin and Oiléan Cléire. It was a weekend of ferry trips and meeting people. He celebrated the Saturday evening Mass on Sherkin Island and the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses in Rath. In his homily Bishop Fintan said 'that this summer two more parishes in the diocese will be without a resident priest'. Parishioners will be called on more and more to be active in the life of their parishes in leadership and in ministry as well as reaching out to others with the Good News.

The two diocesan clergy, Fr Michael and Fr Evin, who serve the needs of this parish live in Skibbereen.

Bishop Fintan met the groups and



representatives who have maintained the churches, organise parish life and are working on a sustainable pastoral and financial future for this unique parish. He also met Fr Des who, having retired from Manchester diocese and coming to live on Sherkin, took on the role of providing Mass on Oiléan Cléire each week.

Found on the Diocese of Cork and Ross website! www.corkandross.org

Skibbereen Rowing Club - Tokyo Olympic Games

We send our best wishes to the all in the Skibbereen Rowing Club and pray especially for our rowers, Gary and Paul O'Donovan, Emily Hegarty, Aoife Casey, Lydia Heaphy, Fintan McCarthy and their coach Dominic Casey who will be competing in the Tokyo Olympic Games.

The **Society of Jesus (SJ;** Latin: *Societas Iesu*) is a religious order of the Catholic Church headquartered in Rome. It was founded by Ignatius of Loyola and six companions with the approval of Pope Paul III in 1540.

A member is called Jesuit (/ˈdʒɛzʊt/; Latin: *Iesuita*). The society is engaged in evangelization and apostolic ministry in 112 nations. Jesuits work in education, research, and cultural pursuits. Jesuits also give retreats, minister in hospitals and parishes, sponsor direct social ministries, and promote ecumenical dialogue.

The Society of Jesus is consecrated under the patronage of Madonna Della Strada, a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and it is led by a Superior General. The headquarters of the society, its General Curia, is in Rome. The historic curia of Ignatius is now part of the *Collegio del Gesù* attached to the Church of the Gesù, the Jesuit mother church.

Members of the Society of Jesus are expected to accept orders to go anywhere in the world, where they might be required to live in extreme conditions. This was so because Ignatius, its leading founder, was a nobleman who had a military background. Accordingly, the opening lines of the founding document declared that the society was founded for "whoever desires to serve as a soldier of God,^[a] to strive especially for the defence and propagation of the faith, and for the progress of souls in Christian life and doctrine". Jesuits are thus sometimes referred to colloquially as "God's soldiers", "God's marines", or "the Company". The society participated in the Counter-Reformation and, later, in the implementation of the Second Vatican Council.^(Wikipedia)

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

Feast Day of the Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Monday July 26 th we celebrate the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Grandparents of Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ. Very little is known about the parents of Our Lady only that they must have been two upright and holy people in the sight of God to be charged with the privilege of brining the Blessed Virgin Mary into the world. Tradition tells us that before Our lady was born both her parents received the vision of an Angel, who announced that Anne would conceive and bear a most wondrous child. The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom Anne named Mary.

Prayer to St Anne and St Joachim

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Saints. Joachim and Anne as examples of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of You they showed throughout their married life together.

Ss. Joachim and Anne, God chose you for a very special mission together in your married life. You followed God's plan for you and served Him faithfully.

Please bring my petitions before God Whom you served so faithfully! (Name petitions here)

Though you probably did not know fully what God had planned for your marriage, you did your best to follow His will and to carry out the duties of your married vocation in holiness.

Pray for me, that I may serve God as faithfully in my vocation each day as you did. Pray that I may always respond generously to God's call in my life, no matter where He leads me.

Please also pray for (mention your intentions here).

Sts. Joachim and Anne, pray for us!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Santi_gioacchino_e_anna.jpg

