

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August - St Pius X pope

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Eileen Sheehan, Ardmanagh, Schull

7.30pm Rath - Maggie Collins, Reengaroga

### Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10. 15am Rath – Dr Michael Kelleher, Barlogue, Lough Hyne

11.30am Skibbereen - Pat Joe & Nora O'Sullivan, Derrylugga

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – St Eugene, bishop

9.30am Skibbereen – Maurice O'Sullivan, Caherdaniel, Kerry

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August - St Bartholomew, apostle

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August - St Louis of France

9.30am Skibbereen – Nora Quill, Bantry

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August - 21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath -Tony Conboye, Glanmire

Dan Hurley, Market Street, Skibbereen

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August - St Monica

9.30am Skibbereen - Paddy Kissane, Dunbeacon

There is no morning Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on

Friday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August - St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Helen Kirou, St Fachtna's Tce - Months Mind

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

### Sun 29<sup>th</sup> August - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Eileen O'Sullivan, Shountellig

10. 15am Rath – Special Intention

11.30am Skibbereen - Joan Connolly, Coronea, Skibbereen

**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

**23rd: St Eugene (Eoghan)** lived in the sixth century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (ArdSratha), Co. Tyrone.

**24<sup>th</sup>: St Bartholomew's** name occurs in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles. He is probably to be identified with Nathanael of Cana, whom Philip brings to our Lord. Preached the Gospel in India. Patron saint of plasterers, tanners and leather workers.

**25<sup>th</sup>: St Louis**, 1214-70, King of France, father of eleven children, Franciscan tertiary, man of integrity, died in Tunisia on his second Crusade. Patron of French monarchy and military, and of barbers.

**27<sup>th</sup>: St Monica**, 332-87, converted her pagan husband, Patricius, to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son St Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

**28<sup>th</sup>: St Augustine**, 354-430. Bishop of Hippo, where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace. Patron of theologians.

### Recently Baptised

Conor John O'Callaghan, Lissanoochig, Skibbereen

Amelia Maisie Ryan, 8 Pound Hill, 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'Driscoll, Gortnalour, Cape Clear

*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:** Please contact the parish office (028 22828) to arrange your Child's baptism.

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

**Priest on Duty** this

week: FrMichael

Emergency only

086-7852262.

**St Eugene:** Although now known as Eugene (from the Greek meaning “well-born”), his proper name is Eoghan, meaning “born under [the protection of] the yew tree”. This may refer to the hope that he would grow up “hardy”.

**Carried off to Britain**

According to his Vita, Eoghan was born in Leinster, the son of Cainneach and Muindeacha, who may have been an already Christian family. He was one of a large number of young people, including Tiarnach of Clones and Cairbre of Coleraine, who were captured by pirates and carried off the Britain, where they became students at Candida Casa (Whithorn in Galloway) founded by St Ninian. They may also have spent some time in Brittany (Armorica).

**Kilnamanagh**

Eoghan returned to Ireland and founded a monastery at Kilnamanagh, near Tallaght, Dublin. Here he stayed for fifteen years and trained “not a few bishops and very many priests”,

including his nephew Caoimhín, St Kevin of Glendalough (d. c.618).



**Ardstraw**

His next foundation was around

540 at Ardstraw in west Tyrone, to which he may have come as a voluntary exile for Christ and started a monastic house, but the tradition insists that Eoghan was a bishop.

The Vita points out that Eoghan had a close relationship with Tiarnach of Clones and Cairbre of Coleraine and this may reflect alliances of religious houses threatened with takeover by Armagh.

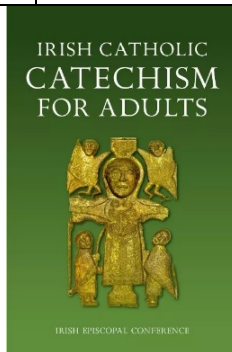
Ardstraw had a prominent place in Church life and was probably an episcopal see until the 1150s, when it moved to Rathlure, then to Maghera, and by 1254 was integrated with Derry.

Both the Church of Ireland and the Catholic cathedrals in Derry are dedicated to St Eugene.

<https://www.catholicireland.net/saintoftheday/saint-eoghan-or-eugene-of-ardstraw-6th-century-patron-of-derry-diocese/>

**New Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults**

The Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults presents Irish Catholics with a renewed opportunity to study, reflect on and live by the faith we profess in the Creed, celebrate in the Sacraments, live in the Christian moral life and deepen through prayer. It was presented to Pope Francis last month, and he expressed his hope that it would promote the work of adult faith formation throughout the Church in Ireland. To learn more about the Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults, visit [www.irishcatechism.ie](http://www.irishcatechism.ie)



**What is a Christian?**

Jesus said ‘I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.’ A Christian is someone who has chosen to receive life to the full by following Jesus. We accept his teaching and believe that he died and rose from the dead, and that he remains alive and active in the hearts of those who love him. We believe that the Holy Spirit helps us to live closely as friends of God, and to share the Good News with all people. We do this as members of the Catholic Church.

<http://corkandross.org/becoming-a-catholic/>

**The Catholic Catechism**

**Part I. Marriage in God's Plan**

1602 Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb."<sup>85</sup> Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.<sup>86</sup>

**Marriage in the order of creation**

1603 "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws.... God himself is the author of marriage."<sup>87</sup> The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity,<sup>88</sup> some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. "The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life."<sup>89</sup>

1604 God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love.<sup>90</sup> Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. and this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: "and God blessed them, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.'"<sup>91</sup>

1605 Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone."<sup>92</sup> The woman, "flesh of his flesh," i.e., his counterpart, his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help.<sup>93</sup> "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh."<sup>94</sup> The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."<sup>95</sup>

From the [https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P51.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P51.HTM)

**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**