

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 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

Monday 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) virgin and martyr, PATRON OF EUROPE

9.30am Skibbereen – Richard Palmer

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 10th August - St Lawrence, deacon and martyr

10.15am Rath – Hannah & Brendan O'Donovan, Lahernathee

Wednesday 11th August - St Clare, virgin

9.30am Skibbereen - Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 12th August - St Muredach, bishop

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Friday 13th August - St Fachtna, bishop

9.30am Skibbereen - Hannah Clough, Oldcourt

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 14th August - St Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Sylvia Cummins – Kennedy, Kinsale

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sun 15th August - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am Skibbereen - Jerry McCarthy, Market Street

10. 15am Rath – Dr John O'Keefe, Baltimore Road

11.30am Skibbereen - Josie O'Shea, Market Street

Parish office is closed Wednesday August 11th.

Please contact the parish office to arrange your Child's baptism.

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

9TH: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein),

born 1891 at Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at twenty-five. Became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in its gas chamber on 9 August 1942.

10th: St Lawrence, died 258, is seen as the cheerful giver since he was one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church in charge of the material needs of the faithful. Gifted with a sense of humour, he met his death cheerfully on a gridiron. From earliest times seen not only as a patron saint of the poor, but also of cooks.

11th St Clare, born at Assisi in 1193, died 1253. She followed St Francis in his life of poverty and was founder and ruler of the Poor Clares. She led an austere life, abounding in works of piety and charity. Patron of television.

12th: St Muredach is regarded as the founder of the church at Killala. He may also be the founder and patron of the monastery of Inishmurray off the Sligo coast.

13th: St Fachtna (also called Fachanan) founder of the monastery of Ross Carbery (Ross Ailithir). He died around 600. His monastery became the principal monastery of west Cork and later had a famous Scripture school.

14TH: St Maximilian Kolbe, 1894-1941, a Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz

Confessions - Skibbereen - Saturday morning at 10.15am

Fr. Con Cronin, SPS, CC The Harbour Parishes.

We have learned with utter shock and sadness of the untimely death of Fr Con Cronin, curate in the Harbour Parishes of Passage West and Monkstown, who died as a result of an accident.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to Fr Con's family, his wide circle of friends, parishioners, and his fellow priests in the St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, as well as the priests of the Diocese of Cork and Ross.

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.

Toward the end of the sixth century **St Fachtna** founded a monastery and school in the area now known as Rosscarbery (Ros Ailithir – “the wooded headland of the pilgrims”). The School of Ross became a celebrated seat of learning and gained an international reputation for study of sacred scripture and learning until the ninth century when it was besieged and destroyed by the Danes.



Ross diocese

Fachtna is regarded as the first bishop and patron of Ross diocese, which comprises eleven parishes on the seaboard from Timoleague, near Clonakilty, to Aughadown, west of Skibbereen, as well as Oileán Cléire and Sherkin Island. Though not listed among the dioceses set up by the Synods of Rathbreasail (1111) or Kells (1152). He died around 600. His monastery became the principal monastery of west Cork and later had a famous Scripture school.

Rosscarbery Church

Pope Celestine III appointed Daniel Bishop of Ross in 1197 and the diocese had its own bishop from the 12th century until 1693, when it was united with Cork and Cloyne. In 1849 the diocese regained its own bishop, but in 1954 was united with Cork diocese.

Influence

Fachtna is a favoured name for Catholic boys from this area. There is a Catholic church dedicated to St Fachtna in the picturesque village of Glandore. A stained-glass window of St Fachtna by Sarah Purser appears in the Honan Chapel in University College, Cork. (c/f upper left image)

A Church of Ireland Cathedral dedicated to him remains in the village of Rosscarbery. His feast is held today, August 13th.

<https://www.catholicireland.net/saintoftheday/st-fachtna-6th-century-patron-of-ross-diocese/>

The Assumption of Our Lady.

From the earliest centuries there have been stories, traditions and artistic impressions of what the Assumption of Our Lady could mean. The feast itself originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the “Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God.” It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the “Assumption” in the next century.



<https://www.catholicireland.net/saintoftheday/the-assumption-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

Saint **Muiredach mac Ehdach**, also known as **Murtagh**, was the founding Bishop of Killala, Ireland in the 6th century. Muiredach is described as an old man of Patrick's family, and was placed at the head of the Church of Killala by St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland as early as 442 or 443.^[2] He was connected to the royal family of King Lóegaire mac Néill. He allegedly met with St. Columba in the year 575, in a town called Ballysadare. He probably resigned after a few years, and retired to an island off the Sligo coast in Donegal Bay. The uninhabited island, Inishmurray, bears his name. He may also be the patron of the monastery that was on that island. He died there as a hermit, and his feast day is August 12.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muiredach_of_Killala

Saint Muiredach as depicted in the east window of St Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina, created by Franz Mayer & Co.

Recently Baptised

Seán Thomas O'Driscoll, Coolnagarrane

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

John Murphy, West Cork Hotel and Ilen Street
Catherine (Kitty) O'Driscoll, Sherkin Island

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

FORMATION, NOT ONCE, BUT CONTINUING

Regarding the stages of formation, we know from experience that, in addition to the initial phase, it is necessary to cultivate the ongoing formation of the clergy and laity, especially those who are involved in the ministries serving the liturgy.

Formation not once, but continuing. As for the ordained ministers, also in view of a healthy *ars celebrandi*, the Council's appeal is valid: 'A prime need, therefore, is that attention be directed, first of all, to the liturgical instruction of the clergy'

(Apostolic Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 14). First of all. The educational responsibilities are shared, even if the individual dioceses are more closely involved in the operational phase.

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

Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place both online and in-person in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne from **13th – 15th August** next.

More information is available on www.youth2000.ie

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