

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 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'Keeffe, Baltimore Road

11.30am Skibbereen - Josie O'Shea, Market Street

Monday 16th August - St Stephen of Hungary

9.30am Skibbereen – Mary and Thomas Dempsey, Inchinatogagh

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 17th August - Our Lady of Knock

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Wednesday 18th August - 20th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - John Bohane, Drishanebeg

10.15am Rath - John & Marion Brown, Lough Hyne

Thursday 19th August - St John Eudes, priest

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Friday 20th August - St Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church

9.30am Skibbereen - Eily May & Paddy Harrington, Reenmurrage

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 21st August - St Pius X pope

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Eileen Sheehan, Ardmanagh, Schull

7.30pm Rath - Maggie Collins, Reengaroga

Sun 22nd 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

Feasts this week

16th: St Stephen of Hungary, 975-1038, first King of Hungary and its patron saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

17th: Our Lady of Knock The story of Knock began on the 21 August 1879, when Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. Knock is an internationally recognised Marian Shrine. Saint John Paul II visited Knock as part of his 1979 papal pilgrimage to Ireland. Pope Francis went to Knock and prayed at the Shrine before the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families at the Phoenix Park, Dublin, on Sunday, 26 August 2018. The date of the memorial is within the annual novena conducted at the Shrine.

19th: St John Eudes, 1601-80, from Normandy, France, spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory, then left to found a congregation to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He founded also the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

20th: St Bernard, b. 1090, d. 20 August 1153, became a Cistercian monk at Cîteaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar and beekeepers.

21st: St Pius X, 1835-1914, Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, then pope from 1903. Encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

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



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

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: Fr Evin
Emergency only
086-7852262.



Our Lady of Knock: The evening of Thursday, 21 August 1879, was a very wet night. At about 8 o'clock it was raining as Mary Byrne, who was from the village, was going home with the priest's housekeeper, Mary McLoughlin. Byrne stopped suddenly when she saw the gable of the church. She claimed she saw three life-size figures. She ran home to tell her parents and soon others from the village gathered. The witnesses said they saw an apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist at the south gable end of the Church of Saint John the Baptist. Behind them and a little to the left of Saint John was a plain altar. On the altar was a cross and a lamb, with angels. A farmer, about half a mile away from the scene, later described what he saw as a large globe of golden light above and around the gable, circular in appearance. For nearly two hours a group that fluctuated between two and perhaps as many as twenty-five stood or knelt, gazing at the figures. It was raining. Those identified as witnesses (and relatives) were Mary Byrne/Margaret Beirne aged 29 and her mother Margaret Beirne aged 68, her younger adult sister Margaret Beirne and Margaret Beirne her younger adult brother Dominick Beirne, and Margaret Beirne, her niece Catherine Murray who was eight and Dominick Beirne who was an elder cousin and Margaret Beirne. And Margaret Beirne. Dominick's nephew John Curry who was five and Patrick Beirne who was possible also a relative. It was Patrick Hill who was eleven who is thought to have given the most detailed description of the vision.

The apparitions, for believing Catholics, held significant eschatological significance. Much work has been done to interpret the message received in the village by Catholic eschatological scholars such as Emmett O'Reagan.

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

Fr. Chris O'Donovan is returning shortly from sabbatical leave after having pursued studies in the University of Leuven for the past year to be Episcopal Vicar for Mission and Ministry and Assistant Priest in Turner's Cross Parish. We wish him every success and happiness in his new role.

PRAYER AS WE PREPARE TO RETURN TO PUBLIC MASSES

Almighty, ever-living God,
be with us as we prepare to return to the celebration of Eucharist in our parish church. Calm our fears and anxieties as we reconnect with each other as a community of faith. Fill us with joy as we come together as the Body of Christ around the table of word and sacrament. Stay with us on this journey as together

we re-imagine the living of the Gospel in this new time for our world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever Amen

<http://corkandross.org/pastoral-development/prayer-as-we-prepare-to-return-to-public-masses/>

Recently Baptised

Rebecca Lily Quinlan, Ballincollig, Cork

Sarah Rae Dempsey, Market Street,

Twins - Hayley Sophia and Matthew Harrison Keohane, Cullinagh,
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.

Baptism: Bishop Fintan Gavin has advised parishes that arrangements can be made for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism in parishes to take place **from Thursday 5th August** limited to immediate family members to include parents, siblings, sponsors and grandparents.

Every effort should be made to keep the number in attendance to less than ten people for individual baptisms. The guidance further states that celebrations 'must follow all protective measures and social gatherings afterwards should be avoided'.

The official image for the upcoming **World Meeting of Families** has been released. Produced by Father



Marko Ivan Rupnik, the image is dedicated to the Wedding at Cana. The eagerly awaited 10th World Meeting of Families will take place in Rome from 22 to 26 June 2022, after the event was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The work, entitled, "This Mystery is Great" (taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, 5:32), was painted by theologian and artist Father Marko Ivan Rupnik, SJ.

The image portrays the Wedding at Cana, with the bride and groom in the background on the left, covered by a veil. Jesus and Mary are seen united, at the moment when Mary tells her Son, "They have no more wine." In the foreground is the steward, with the face of St Paul as portrayed in classical iconography. It is Saint Paul "who removes the veil with his hand, and referring to the wedding, exclaims, "This mystery is great; but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church!"

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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