

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

Parishes website – [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

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Please contact Margaret in advance by leaving a message - on 028 22828 or email [skibbereenparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com) and she will respond to your request during office hours.

**Notifications of anniversaries:** Please place these in the Sacristy letter box.

**Child Safeguarding:** Contact Telephone: (00353) 0 28 22828 (Parish Office)

**Skibbereen** - Jacinta Crowley, Theresa Hickey, Eileen Ryan; **Rath** - Maura Collins, Dee Griffiths, Siobhan O'Brien.

**Parish Pastoral Assemblies:** Contact Telephone: 028 22828 (Parish Office)

Skibbereen: - Chair; Anita Henderson; Vice Chairperson: Dolores Ruane; Secretary – Clare Gallagher.

Rath and the Islands: - Chair – Maeve Devlin; Secretary – Annette Cadogan.

**Parish Newsletter and website notices - Please note newsletter editorial email [skibrathisnews@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**4.45pm Sherkin** - Special Intention

**6.30pm Skibbereen** - Brendan, Florence and Hannah O'Donovan, Lahernathee

**7.30pm Rath** - Special Intention

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00am Skibbereen** - Special Intention

**10. 15am Rath** – Special Intention

**11.30am Skibbereen** - Denis and Ita Crowley, Glencurragh

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September - St John Chrysostom.**

**Bishop and doctor of the Church**

**9.30am Skibbereen** – Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

**10.15am Rath** - Special Intention

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> SEPT - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**10.15am Rath** – Special Intention

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Our Lady of Sorrows**

**9.30am Skibbereen** – Holy Souls in Purgatory

**10.15am Rath** - Special Intention

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Ss Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs**

**10.15am Rath** - Special Intention

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September - St Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church**

**9.30am Skibbereen** – Andy Whelan, Kildare

**10.15am Rath** - Special Intention

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September -24<sup>th</sup>Week in Ordinary Time**

**4.45pm Sherkin** - Special Intention

**6.30pm Skibbereen** – Jimmy O'Mahony, Newcestown

**7.30pm Rath** – Fred Chaplin, Baltimore

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00am Skibbereen** - Paddy Walsh, Maultrahane

**10. 15am Rath** – Donal Sheehy, Ballylynch

**11.30am Skibbereen** – St Josephs Young Priests Society, Skibbereen Branch and Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road – Months Mind

**Confessions - Skibbereen** - Saturday morning at 10.15am

**Feasts this week**

**13<sup>th</sup>: St John Chrysostom**, 347-407, one of the four great Greek Doctors, the 'Golden-mouthed' preacher, was Archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.  
**14<sup>th</sup>: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14 September 320. On 13 September 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

**15<sup>th</sup>: Our Lady of Sorrows.** Mary, standing by the cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with

love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father

**16<sup>th</sup>: St Cornelius** became pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron for cattle and domestic animals. **St Cyprian**, 210-58, bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyred.

**17<sup>th</sup>: St Robert Bellarmine**, 1542-1621, Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

**Recently Deceased**

Eileen O'Callaghan, Assumption Place, 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*

**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:

Emergency only  
086-7852262.

## **Important Notice from Bishop Fintan Gavin, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

Following Tuesday's government announcement on *Reframing the Challenge, continuing our Recovery and Reconnecting* of new public health measures all religious ceremonies can proceed with up to 50% of church capacity while still being **subject to appropriate protective measures including social distancing between household groups, wearing of face coverings, sanitisation on entry and exit and good ventilation.**

Since churches re-opened for public worship in June 2020 we are indebted to the voluntary support of church stewards, those who clean and sanitise churches, parish ministries and church personnel who have worked so hard to ensure that we could joyfully and safely gather for public worship. Many people have contacted me to say how grateful they are to yourselves and all those who work with you for this.

### **First Penance and First Holy Communion**

Arrangements for the celebration of First Penance and First Holy Communion can be made in parishes to take place **from** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. In some parishes celebrations remain to take place from 2020 and these should be given priority.

In calculating the number of ceremonies it is important to include the child and parents as a minimum. Your church's capacity will dictate whether or not you will be able to go beyond that.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Arrangements for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation can be made in parishes to take place **from** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. In some parishes celebrations remain to take place from 2020 and these should be given priority.

In calculating the number of ceremonies it is important to include the child, the parents and the sponsor as a minimum. Your church's capacity will dictate whether or not you will be able to go beyond that.

### **Funerals**

Attendance at a Funeral Mass now follows the same guideline as other Masses. At the moment, the current practice of receiving the remains of the deceased before the Funeral Mass will continue.

Following consultation with the Priests Council a Diocesan Policy for Funerals is under preparation.

### **Pastoral Life of the Parish**

As we cautiously move to up to 50% of church capacity for public worship this is also a time to remobilise much of parish life. I encourage you to meet with your Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee, Safeguarding Representatives and other parish ministries to do this collaboratively.

This is also a time to re-engage altar servers, young readers and other groups whose participation in parish life has been restricted during the pandemic. Specific guidance for church choirs will be made available in the coming weeks and we look forward to welcoming the return of their important role in our liturgies.

I thank you for your collaboration and generosity.

✠ Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross

**Cork Autism Online Conference 2021 - Thriving with Autism.** Sunday, October 17th. This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit: [www.autismcork.ie](http://www.autismcork.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](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**