

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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

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

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

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

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[www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 - 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> Sept - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen – Paddy Walsh, Maultrahane

10. 15am Rath – Donal Sheehy, Baltimore

11.30am Skibbereen – St Joseph's Young Priests Society, Skibbereen and Pat O'Donovan, Cork Rd – Months Mind

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, Paul Chóng Ha-sang, and companions, martyrs

9.30am Skibbereen – Nonie Burke, Kilcoe

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Tuesday 21st Sept -St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

10.15am Rath – William Irwin

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen – Michael McCarthy, Maulmoreen, Glandore

10.15am Rath - Mary & Paddy Coughlan, Licknavar

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept - St Pius of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio), priest also St Eunan, (Adomnán,) abbot

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September - St Finbarr, bishop,

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - O'Sullivan family, late of High St

7.30pm Rath - Ailbe Gallagher

### Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Mary & Michael McCarthy, Home Rule Terrace, Skibbereen

10.15am Rath – Betty Herlihy & Sheila Horvath, Mardyke St

11.30am Skibbereen - Ann and David O'Neill, Toorenasillane, Skibbereen

### Rath Confirmation

We congratulate the twenty-three young people of Rath and the Islands parish (who have waited for two years) who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on last Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### Feasts this week

20<sup>th</sup>: Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, the first Korean priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, a catechist, and 101 others were martyred during the persecutions of the Church in Korea, 1839-67., 20<sup>th</sup>: St Matthew, the tax collector, may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus, he is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants, bookkeepers, tax-collectors, customs officers and security guards.

23<sup>rd</sup>: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), died 23 September 1968. Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer.

Also

23<sup>rd</sup>; St Eunan (Adomnan) was born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is the Life of Colum Cille.

25<sup>th</sup>; St Finbarr came to Loch Irce (Gougane Barra) and lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

### Recently Baptised

Alannah Kate Hourihane, Poundlick

*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

Nancy Casey, Uam Var Ace, Bishopstown, Cork and formally of Coom Road, 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 servant will also rise again*

**Confirmation** for the young people in Skibbereen, who are now in second year, will take place in **The Cathedral** on **Friday Sept 24th**. Ceremony 1 at 2pm and Ceremony 2 at 4pm. On the following **Friday October 1st**, the confirmation ceremony for the young people in first year will take place. Ceremony 1 at 2pm and Ceremony 2 at 4pm  
**All confirmation ceremonies will be live streamed on [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)**

**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

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

**Priest on Duty**  
this week:  
Fr Michael  
Emergency only  
086-7852262.

## First Holy Communion Dates

The First Holy Communion ceremonies (for the children who were due to receive it last May) will take place in Sacred Heart Church, **Rath on Saturday Morning October 2nd at 11am** and on **Saturday October 9th in the Cathedral** for the communicants of Skibbereen Parish with ceremony 1 at 10am and ceremony 2 at 12pm.

**All communion ceremonies will be live streamed on [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)**

**Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral** - every Saturday morning from 10am to 11am starting Saturday Sept 18th. It will take place simultaneous with confessions unless there is a Funeral or First Holy Communion.

**Irish Wheelchair Association**, North Street, Skibbereen is looking for donations of books, bric-a-brac and clothes. Anything in reasonable condition is welcome

The annual pilgrimage in honour of St. Finbarr will take place on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September** in Gougane Barra. Rosary will be recited at 2:30pm and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin at 3pm. People attending are asked to follow current government guidance in relation to social distancing between household groups and wearing of face coverings.

**The first Rath and the Islands Parish Assembly** after the summer break took place on Tuesday 7th September 2021 and the following is a summary of the items discussed:

- Church capacity has been increased to 50% since Monday 6th September, this is not possible with the present configuration in the church so it was agreed that every second seat in the main aisle would be opened up and distanced seats would remain on side aisles for those who prefer more distance.
- Some people are more comfortable attending Mass mid-week instead of weekends. Bishop Fintan has advised Sunday Obligation will not come into play for a foreseeable future.
- A big Thank you for the Covid Stewards who ensued our church as a safe place for our parishioners. By the 22nd of October it should be possible to stand down the stewards, but we will continue to require volunteers to sanitise the church after Masses.
- Confirmations will go ahead at Rath at 2pm on Friday 17th September 2021.
- First Communion are provisionally planned for Saturday 2nd October 2021.
- Thank you to Nuala Ni Bhriain for organising the music for our weekend Masses.
- During the summer some maintenance work has taken place on our church. It is hoped to continue this work over the coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer for some painting work, please contact Maeve Devlin (086 365 6054).

**Padre Pio:** Commencing his seven-year study for the priesthood, Fra Pio travelled to the friary of Saint Francis of Assisi in Umbria. At 17, he fell ill, complaining of loss of appetite, insomnia, exhaustion, fainting spells, and migraines. He vomited frequently and could digest only milk and cheese. Religious devotees point to this time that inexplicable phenomena allegedly began to occur. During prayers for example, Pio appeared to others to be in a stupor, as if he were absent. One of Pio's fellow friars later claimed to have seen him in ecstasy, and allegedly levitating above the ground.

In June 1905, Pio's health worsened to such an extent that his superiors decided to send him to a mountain convent, in the hope that the change of air would do him good. This had little impact, however, and doctors advised that he return home. Even there his health failed to improve. Despite this, On 27 January 1907, he still made his solemn profession.

In 1910, Pio was subsequently ordained a priest by Archbishop Paolo Schinosi at the Cathedral of Benevento. Four days later, he offered his first Mass at the parish church of Our Lady of the Angels. His health being precarious, he was permitted to remain with his family until 1916 while still retaining the Capuchin habit.

On 4 September 1916, however, Pio was ordered to return to his community life. He moved to an agricultural community, Our Lady of Grace Capuchin Friary, located in the Gargano Mountains in San Giovanni Rotondo in the Province of Foggia. At that time the community numbered seven friars. He remained at San Giovanni Rotondo until his death in 1968, except for a period of military service. In the priesthood, Padre Pio was known to perform a number of successful conversions to Catholicism. Padre Pio celebrating Mass. His Masses would often last hours, as the mystic received visions and experienced sufferings. Note the coverings worn on his hands to hide his stigmata.

Pio was devoted to rosary meditations and said: "The person who meditates and turns his mind to God, who is the mirror of his soul, seeks to know his faults, tries to correct them, moderates his impulses, and puts his conscience in order."

He compared weekly confession to dusting a room weekly and recommended the performance of meditation and self-examination twice daily: once in the morning, as preparation to face the day, and once again in the evening, as retrospection. His advice on the practical application of theology he often summed up in his now famous quote, "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry". He directed Christians to recognize God in all things and to desire above all things to do the will of God.<sup>[13]</sup>

Many people who heard of him traveled to San Giovanni Rotondo to meet him and confess to him, ask for help, or have their curiosity satisfied. Pio's mother died at the village around the convent in 1928. Later, in 1938, Pio had his elderly father Grazio live with him. His brother Michele also moved in. Pio's father lived in a little house outside the convent, until his death in 1946.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padre\\_Pio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padre_Pio)



**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**