

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 25th September 2021 - St Finbarr, bishop,

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

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

7.30pm Rath - Ailbe Gallagher

Sun 19th Sept - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10. 15am Rath – Betty Herlihy & Sheila Horvath, Mardyke St

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

Monday 27th September - St Vincent de Paul. priest

9.30am Skibbereen – Don Lombard, 1 Assumption Place

10.15am Rath - Hannah O'Driscoll Schull and late of Skibbereen - Months Mind

Tuesday 28th September - St Wenceslaus, martyr

10.15am Rath – Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

Wednesday 29th September - SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels

9.30am Skibbereen – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Denis Cadogan, Oldcourt

Thursday 30th St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Friday 1st October 2021 - St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church

9.30am Skibbereen - Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

10.15am Rath - Chrissie, Jerome, and Michael McCarthy, Reengaroga

Saturday 2nd October - The Guardian Angels

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - John and Mary Newman, Ilen Villas

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sun 3rd Oct -Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Noreen Daly, Union Hall

10. 15am Rath – Special Intention

11.30am Skibbereen - Josie Dempsey, Shepperton

Feasts this week

27th: St Vincent de Paul, 1580-1660, founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of all charitable works.

28th: St Wenceslaus, 905-25, Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron of brewers.

29th: Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation. **Raphael** was guide to Tobias. **Michael** has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular.

30th: St Jerome, 340-420, translated the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate, and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron of librarians.

1st October: St Therese of Lisieux. Marie Francois Therese Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30 September 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron of missions, florists, aviators, and France.

2nd: We venerate the **Guardian Angels**, seeking their constant protection.

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

Confirmation for the young people in Skibbereen who are in first year will take place on **Friday October 1st**

Ceremony 1 at 2pm and Ceremony 2 at 4pm

The confirmation ceremony will be live streamed on www.skibbereenandrath.ie

We congratulate the second-year students of Skibbereen parish (who have waited for two years) who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 24th September.

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

Eucharistic Adoration - In the Cathedral - every Saturday morning from 10am to 11am

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

A **guardian angel** is a type of angel that is assigned to protect and guide a particular person, group or nation. Belief in tutelary beings can be traced throughout all antiquity. The idea of angels that guard over people played a major role in Ancient Judaism. In Christianity, the hierarchy of angels was extensively developed in the 5th century by Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite. The theology of angels and tutelary spirits has undergone many changes since the 5th century. The belief is that guardian angels serve to protect whichever person God assigns them to. The idea of a guardian angel is central to the 15th-century book *The Book of the Sacred Magic of Abramelin the Mage* by Abraham of Worms, a German Cabalist. In 1897, this book was translated into English by Samuel Liddell MacGregor Mathers (1854–1918), a co-founder of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, who styled the guardian angel as the Holy Guardian Angel.

In the Hebrew Bible and Old Testament: The guardian angel concept is present in the books of the Hebrew Bible and the Old Testament, and its development is well marked. These books described God's angels as his ministers who carried out his behests, and who were at times given special commissions, regarding men and mundane affairs. In Genesis 18-19, angels not only acted as the executors of God's wrath against the cities of the plain, but they delivered Lot from danger; in Exodus 32:34, God said to Moses: "my angel shall go before thee." At a much later period, we have the story of Tobias, which might serve for a commentary on the words of Psalm 91:11: "For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (Cf. Psalm 33:8 and 34:5 — 34:7 and 35:6 in Protestant Bibles). The belief that angels can be guides and intercessors for men can be found in Job 33:23-26, and in Daniel 10:13 angels seem to be assigned to certain countries. In this latter case, the "prince of the kingdom of Persia" contends with Gabriel. The same verse mentions "Michael, one of the chief princes". https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guardian_angel

Recently Baptised
Gracie Judith O'Neill. The Hawthorns, Market Street
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.

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

Skibbereen Cathedral - Church Cleaning Group: Thank you to all those who gave of their time on Tuesday last to clean the Cathedral for the upcoming Sacraments.

On Saturday October 9th, **The Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr. Patrick Kenny, Fr. Gerry McCloskey, and Dr. Blythe Kaufman. On the following day (Sunday Oct 10th), the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

The annual pilgrimage in honour of St. Finbarr will take place on **Sunday 26th 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.

Saint Vincent de Paul, (24 April 1581 – 27 Sep 1660), a French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. In 1622 Vincent was appointed a chaplain to the galleys. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the superior of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians" (in France known as "Lazaristes"). These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages. Vincent was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries, and founder of the Congregation of the Mission and Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. Saint Vincent de Paul has a charity named after him by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity. Vincent was canonised in 1737 and is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.



Seventeenth-century portrait of Vincent by Simon François de Tours

St Vincent de Paul is the patron of all works of charity. A number of organizations specifically inspired by his work and teaching and which claim Vincent as their founder or patron saint are grouped in a loose federation known as the Vincentian Family. The 1996 publication *The Vincentian Family Tree* presents an overview of related communities from a genealogical perspective. Among these organizations is the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a charitable organization dedicated to the service of the poor, established in 1833 by French university students, led by the Frederic Ozanam. The society is today present in 153 countries.

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

The St Vincent de Paul Society local conference is named St Michael's; it meets regularly and supports those who need help in the local community whilst respecting their privacy and dignity. At this time of year, activity is concentrated on supporting local students with their education. Thanks to everyone for their continued support. All donations given locally remain local. Confidentiality is assured. Please ring the number below for more information.

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, tomcororan@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