

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 4th September 2021 - St Mac Nissi, bishop

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Patrick Conlon 2nd Anniversary

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sun 5th September - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - David Hourihane, Abbey View, Coronea

10. 15am Rath – John Finn, Riverdale & Longford

11.30am Skibbereen - Legion of Mary Centenary Mass

Monday 6th September - 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen – Mary Sweeney & John Goggin, London and late of Skibbereen

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 7th September 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath – Legion of Mary Centenary Mass

Wednesday 8th September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Skibbereen – Tom & Eily Hayes, Assumption Place

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 9th September - St Ciaran, abbot

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Friday 10th September - St Petr Claver, priest

9.30am Skibbereen - Jim Hawks, Cork

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 11th September - 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

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

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sun 12th September - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10. 15am Rath – Special Intention

11.30am Skibbereen - Denis and Ita Crowley, Glencurragh

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

Feasts this week

8th: We celebrate the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin**

Mary, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

9th: St Ciaran was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.

10th: St Peter Claver, born in Verdu, Catalonia, in 1580, a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). In 1610 he was sent to Cartagena in Colombia and worked for thirty-three years among the slaves until his death in 1654. Cartagena was a flourishing centre of the slave trade, as many as 10,000 arriving each year from Africa. During a tireless ministry he is said to have baptised more than 300,000.

Recently Baptised

Éadaoin O'Connell, The Mills, Skibbereen

Zoe Mary Flood, Bunlick

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

Hannah O'Driscoll, The Prairie Schull and late of Shamrock Foundry, 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

Forgiveness

To forgive our enemies, yet hope that God will punish them, is not to forgive enough. To forgive them ourselves, and not to pray God to forgive them, is a partial piece of charity. Forgive thine enemies totally, and without any reserve that however God will revenge thee.

SIR THOMAS BROWNE Christian Morals

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

Prayer for Grandparents

Written by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in 2008 for the Catholic Grandparents Association

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment

for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits

of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living,

keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.

The Irish National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock is 12 September 2022

LEGION OF MARY.

The Legion of Mary will be celebrating its Centenary on the 7th, September 2021. The Skibbereen Branch have arranged for two Masses to celebrate this historic occasion. All former members and all who have had any association with the Legion are most welcome to celebrate together and recall the great friends and wonderful people who have passed through the ranks of membership over the years. The support of our Priests, Fr Michael and Fr Evin is greatly appreciated together with the many Spiritual Directors who have encouraged and supported the Legion at all times. A Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, September 5th and on the actual date of the Anniversary, Tuesday morning Sept 7th, at 10.15am In Sacred Heart Church, Rath. This Mass will be streamed live on www.skibbereenandrath.ie

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

POPE FRANCIS URGES PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 – AUGUST 18TH 2021

The Pope has joined his voice to those of Bishops across North and South America to urge people to get jabbed against Covid-19.

In a video message Pope Francis praised the work of researchers and scientists in producing safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines.

“Thanks to God’s grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from Covid-19,” he said in the video.

He added that vaccines “bring hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another.”

Vaccination is an act of love

Pope Francis went on to say that getting a Covid jab that is “authorized by the respective authorities” is an “act of love.”

Helping other do the same, he said, is also an act of love. “Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political.”

The Pope noted that social and political love is built up through “small, individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies.”

“Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable,” he said.

Pope Francis then said “I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you and thank you”.

Saint Ciarán of Clonmacnoise (c. 516 – c. 549), supposedly born **Ciarán mac an tSaer** (“son of the carpenter”), was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland and the first abbot of Clonmacnoise. He

is sometimes called **Ciarán the Younger** to distinguish him from the 5th-century Saint Ciarán the Elder who was bishop of Osraige. His name produced many variant spellings, including Cieran, Kieran, Quean, and **Queranus**. Various legends are connected to St Ciarán. One of the most famous relates that it was his cow – which he took with him as payment when he went to Clonard and gave milk to all at the Abbey – which supplied the parchment for the *Leobr na h'Uidre*, *Book of the Dun Cow*, one of the oldest and most important Irish literary collections, compiled by a Clonmacnoise scribe in 1106. One story tells that he lent his copy of the Gospel of St Matthew to fellow-student St Ninnidh. When Finnian tested the class, Ciarán knew only the first half of the Gospel. The other students laughed and called him “Ciarán half-Matthew.” St Finnian silenced them and said, “Not Ciarán half-Matthew, but Ciarán half-Ireland, for he will have half the country and the rest of us will have the other half.” Another tale relates that as a student, a young fox would take his writings to his master, until it was old enough to eat his satchel. Yet another tale tells of the other Irish saints envying him to such a degree that every one of them (apart from St Columba) prayed for his early death; and finally, he is supposed to have told his followers that upon his death, they were to leave his bones upon the hillside, and to preserve his spirit rather than his relics.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ciar%C3%A1n_of_Clonmacnoise



A stained glass of St. Ciarán from St. Brendan's

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