

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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

**Priests:** Skibbereen and Rath and the Islands Parishes: Fr Michael Kelleher, Adm. 028 22878, Fr Evin O'Brien 028 22877

**Office:** 028 22828, E-mail: [skibbereenparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com)-Office Hours: Tues. Wed, from 10am to 12.

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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021- St Gall, abbot and missionary**

**4.45pm Sherkin** - Special Intention

**6.30pm Skibbereen** – Shelia Collins, Bunalun and Eileen O'Callaghan, Assumption Place - Months Mind

**7.30pm Rath** - Paddy Hurley, Bantry

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> October - Twenty ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00am Skibbereen** - Patrick Collins, Lake Marsh

**10. 15am Rath** – Ralph & Mary Skinner, Rath

**11.30am Skibbereen** - Teddy Hourihane, Lurriga

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October - St Luke the Evangelist**

**9.30am Skibbereen** – Hannah O'Driscoll, Schull and late of Skibbereen

**10.15am Rath** - Isabel Gallagher

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - St Paul of the Cross**

**10.15am Rath** – Eugene & Frances Murnane, Licknavar

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**10.15am Rath** - Una & Liam Devlin, Reengaroga

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October - 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**10.15am Rath** –Pat O'Donovan, Cork Rd

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - St John Paul II, pope**

**9.30am Skibbereen** - Robert Walton, Kinsale

**10.15am Rath** - Mary Cullen, late of Assumption Place

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - St John of Capistrano, priest**

**4.45pm Sherkin** - Special Intention

**6.30pm Skibbereen** – Peter Lynch, High Street

**7.30pm Rath** -Claire O'Neill, Oldcourt and Robert

O'Driscoll, Lackahane

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00am Skibbereen** - Miriam & Jack Lynch, Ballygarvan

**10. 15am Rath**– Patrick & Johanna O'Regan, Reengaroga

**11.30am Skibbereen** - Patrick White, Gortnaclohy

**Feasts this week**

**18<sup>th</sup>:St Luke** was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. In art, he is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

**19<sup>th</sup>: St Paul of the Cross**, 1694-1775, founded the Passionists in Rome, preaching on the Passion of Christ and tending the sick, the dying and the lapsed

**22nd:St John Paul II** was pope for over twenty-six years from 22 October 1978, the inauguration of his ministry as universal Pastor of the Church, until his death on 2April 2005. Ordained Bishop of Krakow in 1958 and took a significant part in the Second Vatican Council. As Bishop of Rome he visited almost all of the Roman parishes and made apostolic journeys to 104 countries, including Ireland, 29 September-2 October 1979.

**23rd: St John of Capistrano**, 1386-1456, studied civil and canon law and joined the Franciscan Order. A faithful servant of four popes, he attended the Council of Florence, went to Jerusalem as apostolic emissary, and, in 1451, set out on a preaching tour through the German provinces and Poland. In a battle at Belgrade he contracted fever and died there. Patron saint of jurists and military chaplains.

**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

**St Luke:** If Luke was the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, the course and nature of his ministry may be sketched in more detail from both texts. He excludes himself from those who were eyewitnesses of Christ's ministry. He indicates participation in the Pauline mission by the use of the first person in the "we" sections of Acts. They suggest that Luke shared in instructing persons in the Christian message and possibly in performing miraculous healings.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Luke>

**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.

<p><b>Continued reopening of our Parish Churches</b>  From this weekend Oct 9th &amp; 10th, the main door and side doors will be opened for parishioners to enter and exit at weekend Masses. Parishioners are asked to continue to respect social distancing. The wearing of face masks is mandatory at all times in the church. We realise that some parishioners may be apprehensive about returning to Mass. Attending weekday masses where the numbers are smaller may be a preferred option for some parishioners.</p>	<p><b>Parishioners wishing to receive Holy Communion but unable to attend Mass</b>  Over the past few months people have had the opportunity to put a Pyx on the altar before Mass at the weekend. Once Communion has been distributed at Mass Fr Michael or Fr Evin put the Host into the Pyx alongside the number required ie: 1,2 or 3 etc. After Mass has concluded people take their Pyx from the altar. This allows those who are unable to attend Mass to participate in some way and ensures Fr Michael and Fr Evin first Friday calls don't occur on the same day as Holy Communion is received. Should anyone wish to avail of this a Pyx can be placed on the altar and the names of the recipient given to Bernie (Sacristan) before Mass.</p>
<p><b>Skibbereen Town and Country Stations</b>  As a parish community, the challenges of Covid and maintaining government health guidelines has meant that many of our traditions have been temporarily put on hold, namely the Town and Country Stations. As we are slowly returning to a degree of normalcy whilst still observing the mandatory face mask wearing and social distancing, it was felt that the perfect venue for this event could be achieved by holding all stations at the Cathedral on <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm</b>. Therefore, we invite <b>the Total Town and Country Station Areas</b> on the night for Mass. Donation envelopes are now available in the church porches, and we look forward to seeing you on the night. Sadly, there will be no teas/coffees offered due to Covid restrictions, but we look forward to the day when we can all have a proper sit down and chat in future.</p>	<p><b>Lay Led Liturgy</b>  Pre Covid a Lay Led Liturgy Service used to take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on weekdays at 9.30am. This took place when the priests were unable to say mass due to illness, retreat or other commitments. This gives the parishioners the opportunity to gather in prayer and receive the Sacrament of Communion. The Lay Led Liturgy will become more essential as time goes on due to the lack of priests in the Diocese. Volunteers are required to enable this to continue. Full training and practice sessions will be provided. If this is something you would like to become involved in, please contact Jacinta Crowley 086 1099479.</p>
<p><b>The recent Skibbereen Parish Assembly meeting</b> was held on 7th October. Sixteen members attended and we had a lively discussion on various matters.  1. Regarding Covid - 19 there will be no restrictions on numbers attending Masses from 22nd October. Masks are still required to be worn in the interest of the health of all our Parishioners. All doors in the Cathedral will be open.  Also our Parish Covid 19 committee have produced a report with regard to ventilation in the Cathedral which will be discussed at the next meeting.  2. Lay Liturgy Volunteers are required. If you are interested, please call Dolores on 085 874 6818  3. Volunteer cleaners are needed for only one hour per month and we are hoping to have 5 teams to help clean the Cathedral. If interested please call Frances on 086 370 6615  4. The recent Confirmations and Holy Communion ceremonies were viewed locally and overseas with the help of our new Webcam. There has been positive feedback from many families living in the Parish and beyond.</p>	<p><b>St Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen are looking for volunteer cleaners.</b> If you have an hour a month to help clean our beautiful cathedral, please contact Frances 086/3706615. "Many hands make light work"</p>
<p><b>Recently Deceased</b>  Patrick ( Paddy) O'Shea, Drishanemore, Skibbereen  Eileen Sullivan (née Murphy) Ennis and late of Skibbereen  Patrick Joseph Deasy, Coolnagarrane, Skibbereen and late of Union Hall  John Norris, Farranacoush, Sherkin Island.  <i>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.</i></p>	<p><b>Notice in an office:</b>  WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN</p>
<p><b>Community First Responders (CFRs) in Baltimore.</b>  CFRs respond to incidents, ahead of the ambulance, of heart attack, choking and stroke using local volunteers. We now need a new co-ordinator for this service. Please contact baltimorecfr@gmail.com if you are interested.</p>	
<p><b>Catechism of the Catholic Church -Article 4</b>  <b>THE MORALITY OF HUMAN ACTS</b>  1749 Freedom makes man a moral subject. When he acts deliberately, man is, so to speak, the father of his acts. Human acts, that is, acts that are freely chosen in consequence of a judgment of conscience, can be morally evaluated. They are either good or evil.  <a href="https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P5Q.HTM">https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P5Q.HTM</a></p>	<p><b>St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698:</b>  <b>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS —TEL; 087 6114946</b>  <b>Suicide Prevention Helpline 1800 742 745:</b> 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.  <b>Living Links</b> –supporting the relatives and other survivors of suicide: Tom Corcoran 085 2445575, tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie  <b>West Cork Women against Violence Helpline:</b> 1800203136  <b>West Cork Carers Support Group:</b> 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.  <b>Crisis or Unplanned Pregnancy Support and Counselling;</b> CURA – 1850622626; www.cura.ie  <b>South Doc: 1850 335 999</b></p>