

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 2nd October 2021 - 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 – Eileen Bohane, Ballylynch

11.30am Skibbereen - Josie Dempsey, Shepperton

Monday 4th October - St Francis of Assisi

9.30am Skibbereen – Denis Herlihy, Leap & Waterford

10.15am Rath - Betty Finn, Ballylynch & Riverdale

Tuesday 5th October - St Faustina, virgin

10.15am Rath – Maurice Murphy, Drishane

Wednesday 6th October - St Bruno, priest

9.30am Skibbereen – Tom & Mae Barry, Goleen

10.15am Rath - Maureen Dyke, England

Thursday 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary

10.15am Rath - Cornelius & Kate Kissane, Dunbeacon

Friday 8th October - 27th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - Donal O'Driscoll. Goleen Marsh

10.15am Rath - Rosemarie O'Connell, Union Hall

Saturday 9th October - St John Henry Newman, priest

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Agnes O'Mahony, The Curragh

7.30pm Rath - John & Mary Leonard, Reengaroga

Sun 10th Oct - Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Dan & Hannah Keohane, Caheragh

10. 15am Rath – Kieran & Hester Cotter, Cape Clear &

Baltimore

11.30am Skibbereen - Kathleen Coakley, 9 Glencurragh,

Skibbereen

Feasts this week

4th: St Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226, abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minor, and with St Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron saint of ecologists.

5th: St Faustina was born in Gfogowiec, near - Lodz in Poland, in 1905, died in Krakow in 1938, her short life spent as a Sister of Our Lady of Mercy. Listening to the Lord who is Love and Mercy she understood that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ. She inspired the movement dedicated to proclaiming and imploring Divine Mercy throughout the world.

6th: St Bruno, born Cologne 1033. He became professor of theology in Rheims University and later its head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship would be the basics. He founded the Carthusians at La Grande Chartreuse, where he died in 1101.

7th: Our Lady of the Rosary. Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God' (*Divine Office*).

9th: St John Henry Newman; see below

Recently Baptised

Olivia Kate McCarthy New York & Skibbereen

Indie O'Sullivan, 9. The Moorings, Skibbereen

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.

We congratulate the first year students of **Skibbereen parish** (who have waited for two years) who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on last Friday 1st October.

Rath First Holy Communion - We congratulate the boys and girls of **Rath National School** who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

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

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 Michael
Emergency only
086-7852262.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Ronan Sheehan of Murragh and Templemartin Parish (Newcestown) was ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday last, September 25th. This is the final step of his journey towards ordination to priesthood for the Diocese of Cork and Ross. We are all invited to keep him in our prayers as we congratulate him and his family.

We also pray for vocations to service in our church as Priests, Permanent Deacons, Catechists, and Chaplains. Fr. Cian O'Sullivan who is based in Ballincollig is the Diocesan Director of Vocations and can be contacted at vocations@corkandross.org

Parish Assembly Meetings

Rath Parish Assembly meeting next Tuesday night October 5th at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church
Skibbereen Parish assembly meeting next Thursday night October 7th, 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral.

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.

October – the Month of the Rosary -

The Church dedicates the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary. Apart from attendance at Mass many of the saints believe that there is nothing more beneficial we can do both for our time here on Earth and the life to come than to recite the most Holy Rosary. No personal prayer has ever got more approval from the Popes and saints of the Church than that of the Rosary. Below are some of the saying from the saints on the Rosary that should encourage us to recite this beautiful and powerful prayer often and to place our unflinching hope in the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.” *Pope Blessed Pius IX*

“If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors.” *Pope Pius XI*

“Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary.” *St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*

“The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.” *St. Francis de Sales*

The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to Saint Dominic and to all who follow that “Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted.” She left for all Christians Fifteen Promises to those who recite the Holy Rosary.

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Cork Autism Online Conference 2021 - Thriving with Autism. Sunday, October 17th. This online conference offers practical strategies and insights to support children and adults on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Individuals, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Learn more: www.autismcork.ie

St John Henry Newman: Later years and death:

In 1870, Newman published his *Grammar of Assent*, a closely reasoned work in which the case for religious belief is maintained by arguments somewhat different from those commonly used by Roman Catholic theologians of the time. In 1877, in the republication of his Anglican works, he added to the two volumes containing his defence of the *via media*, a long preface in which he criticised and replied to anti-Catholic arguments of his own which were contained in the original works. At the time of the First Vatican Council (1869–1870), Newman was uneasy about the formal definition of the doctrine of papal infallibility, believing that the time was "inopportune". In a private letter to his bishop (William Bernard Ullathorne), surreptitiously published, he denounced the "insolent and aggressive faction" that had pushed the matter forward. Newman gave no sign of disapproval when the doctrine was finally defined, but was an advocate of the "principle of minimising", that included very few papal declarations within the scope of infallibility. Subsequently, in a letter nominally addressed to the Duke of Norfolk when Gladstone accused the Roman church of having "equally repudiated modern thought and ancient history", Newman affirmed that he had always believed in the doctrine, and had only feared the deterrent effect of its definition on conversions on account of acknowledged historical difficulties. In this letter, and especially in the postscript to the second edition, Newman answered the charge that he was not at ease within the Catholic Church. *Much more from - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Henry_Newman*

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