

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 23rd October 2021- St John of Capistrano, priest

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Peter Lynch, High Street

7.30pm Rath - Claire O'Neill, Oldcourt & Robert O'Driscoll, Lackahane

Sun 24th 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

Monday 25th October - Bl Thaddeus MacCarthy, bishop

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

10.15am Rath - Constance Chaplin, Baltimore

Tuesday 26th October - 30th Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Wednesday 27th October - St Otteran, monk

9.30am Skibbereen – Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 28th October - SS Simon and Jude, apostles

10.15am Rath – Jack & Eileen O'Sullivan, Skibbereen & Peg Hodnett, Rosscarbery

Friday 29th October - St Colman, bishop

9.30am Skibbereen - Thomas J. Connolly, Townsend Street

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 30th October - 30th Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin – Mortimer O'Sullivan, Baltimore Road

6.30pm Skibbereen – Michael Buckley, Gurtinascreena, Drimoleague

7.30pm Rath- Maureen McCarthy, Bunlick, Skibbereen

Sun 31st October - Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Shelia Browne, The Mills

10.15am Rath – Denis McCarthy, Reengaroga (1st Anniv)

11.30am Skibbereen- Pat O'Donovan, Cork Rd & Nancy Casey, Bishopstown and late of Skibbereen - Month Mind

Feasts this week

25th (Cloyne, Cork and Ross); Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy

was born in 1455. His appointment as Bishop of Ross was opposed and Innocent VIII then appointed him Bishop of Cork and Cloyne. He set out as a humble pilgrim to Rome where he was confirmed as Bishop of Cork and Cloyne. On his return journey in 1492 he died at Ivrea in Italy.

27th; St Otteran, a descendant of Conall Gulban, is usually identified with Odhran who preceded Columba in Iona. His death is recorded in 548 and his grave was greatly revered in Iona. He was chosen by the Vikings as patron of the city of Waterford in 1096 and later patron of the diocese.

28th: Ss Simon and Jude. The teaching of the apostles is the living gospel for all to hear. Their authority comes from their fidelity to Christ and his message. St Jude is patron saint of hopeless causes.

29th; St Colman hailed from Kilmacduagh, Co. Galway, in the seventh century. After studying in Aran, where he founded two churches on Inis Mor, he returned to make a foundation at Kilmacduagh.

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

First Holy Communion

We congratulate the First Communion children from Gaelscoil Dr. Uí Shúilleabháin, An Sciobairín who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday Oct, 9th in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Remembering in Our Prayers Three Priests who died recently

Fr. Gerard Galvin, former Parish Priest of Muintir Bhaire, was buried in Timoleague on Saturday last October 16th. He served in Skibbereen in the early 1980s.

In recent weeks Canon Míchéal Ó Dálaigh, a native of Drimoleague parish and Archdeacon Liam O'Driscoll, a native of Aughadown parish died. Both have relatives and connections in Skibbereen.

We remember them in our prayers and thank God for their priestly service.

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.

Town and Country Station Mass

Mass will take place on Tuesday October 26th at 7.30pm for all Town and Country Station areas. There has been no collection for Clergy income since last Easter. Envelopes for the 'Autumn Stations' are available in all church porches. If you are unable to attend the Mass on Tuesday night. Please return the Autumn Station envelope to the Church Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity from Fr Michael and Fr Evin. (Envelopes for the November Novena are also available at all porches)

Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy - "White Martyr of Munster"

by Arthur O'Callaghan

During the Middle Ages, the alpine city of Ivrea between Italy and France was an important stopping off point for those journeying to and from Rome. It was at Ivrea that our own St. Patrick was consecrated bishop when news of the death of Palladius reached him. On the evening of October 24th, 1492, a lone pilgrim arrived on foot at the hostel for pilgrims. Dressed in a coarse habit and hood and wearing the oyster shell emblem that ensured safe passage, he appeared to be very weak and worn out by fatigue. The warden of the hostel gave the exhausted traveller a hospitable welcome and a place to rest for the night. At dawn, a strange and mysterious light was observed coming from his room. On entering, the warden discovered the body of the pilgrim illuminated by a beautiful radiance of light. The bishop of Ivrea, Nicholas Garigliatti, was notified. This bishop had an extraordinary dream during the night in which he had witnessed a man dressed in bishop's robes ascending in glory to heaven. He immediately recognised the dead man as the person he had seen in the dream. The man's belongings were examined – a wallet, a water container and a pilgrim staff were his sole possessions. However, the wallet contained some papal documents and a bishop's ring. News of these happenings spreads quickly throughout the region. The question everyone asked was: "Who is this man?" Meanwhile, Bishop Garigliatti ordered that the body be clothed in episcopal robes and brought to Ivrea Cathedral for solemn lying in state before burial within the cathedral. Very soon afterwards, a strong local devotion developed towards this holy man now buried in the church and to whom miracles were being attributed. Monsignor Angelo Perusio, in his testimony, states that the remains of Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy are buried under the altar of the cathedral with the remains of St. Eusebius. He concludes by stating "God has not abandoned the body itself with many miracles performed since 1492". In 1742, the Bishop of Ivrea, Monsignor Michael de Villa, ordered the tomb of Thaddeus to be opened. The intact skeleton was fully clothed. Thaddeus was dressed in a purple soutane and rochet (surplice worn by bishop). A white beard fell upon his breast and on the right hand an Episcopal ring. All these events are calendared in a manuscript history of the ancient city of Ivrea, which was compiled in 1763 by Canon Robesti of Ivrea. Thaddeus McCarthy was born in 1455 almost certainly at Innishannon, Co. Cork. His mother was reputedly a daughter of Edmund Fitzmaurice, ninth Lord of Kerry.

<http://corkandross.org/thaddeus-mccarthy/>

A CANDLE IN THE WIND MEMORIAL SKIBBEREEN; THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Skibbereen Arts Festival are organising a memorial event to commemorate all those who passed away locally during the pandemic and were unable to receive a *proper* funeral. The focus of the event is the reading of the names of those who have left us during this difficult time. Beginning at 7pm, it will consist of a candlelit procession through the town and culminate with readings, songs and music in the Fairfield.

This will be a simple, respectful way to honour those who have passed, while commiserating with the families who were unable to have a traditional wake for their departed. The event will commemorate anyone from Skibbereen and the surrounding hinterland so anyone within a 10 mile radius of town. If you would like to have someone included in the commemoration then please email skibbereenmemorial@gmail.com with their name & address, the date they passed away, and a photograph. Updates will appear over the next couple of weeks in local media and on Skibbereen Arts Festival's Facebook page and website www.skibbereenartsfestival.com

Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted to let you know that the Shoebox Appeal will go ahead this year - the same procedure as previous years.

To make up a shoebox: cover a shoebox with wrapping paper - lid and box separately - decide if it is for a boy or girl (ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14). Think of 4W's - Wash, Wear, Write and WOW (toys). Please include €4 to cover transport etc. and have boxes ready by 8th November.

Any queries please contact Sally Daly 087 6854489 or Team Hope 01 2940222.

If anyone has any spare items Sally would be delighted to hear from you.

Recently Baptised

Sophie and Lauren O'Donovan, Cullineagh West - Twins

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.

St Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen are looking for volunteer cleaners. If you have an hour a month to help clean our beautiful cathedral, please contact Frances 086/3706615. "Many hands make light work"

Community First Responders (CFRs) in Baltimore.

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.

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