

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 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 and

Nancy Casey, Bishopstown and late of Skibbereen - M Mind

Monday 1st November - ALL SAINTS

9.30am Skibbereen – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - John O'Driscoll, Schull

Tuesday 2nd November - The Commemoration of the

Faithful Departed – All Souls Day

9.30am Skibbereen – Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath – Novena - All Souls

Wednesday 3rd November - St Malachy, bishop

9.30am Skibbereen – Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath - Novena - All Souls

Thursday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo, bishop

9.30am Skibbereen – Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath – Novena - All Souls

Friday 5th November - 31st Week on Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath - Novena - All Souls

Saturday 6th November - ALL THE SAINTS OF IRELAND

4.45pm Sherkin - Novena - All Souls

6.30pm Skibbereen – Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath - Novena - All Souls

Sun 7th November - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Skibbereen - Novena - All Souls

10.15am Rath – Novena - All Souls

11.30am Skibbereen - Novena - All Souls

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

Feasts this week

1st Nov: All Saints. 'The ultimate object of veneration of the Saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man by conforming one's life fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were pre-eminent disciples of the Lord. Catechesis and other forms of doctrinal instruction should therefore make known to the faithful that our relationship with the Saints must be seen in the light of the faith and should not obscure the "*cultus laetiae* due to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit, but intensify it"
2nd: All Souls. 'Indeed, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and "because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Mac 12, 46) she offers her suffrages for them. These consist, primarily, in the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, and in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, alms deeds, works of mercy, and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed'

3rd: St Malachy was born near Armagh in 1094. He became Vicar of Ceallach, the reforming Bishop of Armagh, and he continued this work of reform as Bishop of Connor and, later, Bishop of Armagh. Earlier he had restored the monastery of Bangor and in 1142 founded the monastery of Mellifont, the first Cistercian house in Ireland. He had visited St Bernard at Clairvaux on a journey to and from Rome in 1139. He also introduced the Canons Regular into Ireland. In 1148 Malachy set out from Ireland to meet the Pope but died on his way at Clairvaux, where he caught fever and died in the arms of Bernard and is buried in the abbey church.
4th: St Charles Borromeo, 1538-84, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age of twenty-one, worked for reform in his diocese, drafting the Catechism of the Council of Trent. Patron saint of catechists and seminarians. Paul speaks of his vocation as apostle to the Gentiles. His first words were always to the Jews, but he was rejected by them. Luke's Gospel addresses the pressing problem of how a Christian is to deal with money.

6th; All the Saints of Ireland. 'In the communion of saints, many and varied spiritualities have been developed throughout the history of the Churches ... The different schools of Christian spirituality share in the living tradition of prayer and are essential guides for the faithful. In their rich diversity they are refractions of the one pure light of the Holy Spirit

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>Autumn Stations - Thanks to all who attended. Fr Evin and Fr Michael very much appreciate your 'Autumn Dues' contribution and Thank You for your continued support to your Clergy</p>	<p>November Novena Feast of All Saints on Monday the 1st of November and then from November 2nd - 10th the Novena for our 'Faithful Departed'.</p>
<p>Parish Assembly Meetings Rath Parish Assembly meeting next Tuesday November 2nd at 8pm in Sacred Heart Church, Rath (after the Novena Mass) Skibbereen Parish Assembly meeting next Thursday November 4th at 8pm in the St Patrick's Cathedral (Note change of time)</p>	<p>If you wish to have names included the envelopes marked 'November Novena' are available in all church porches. Please drop your completed envelope to the Sacristy or Parish office. Note change of Mass times for the Novena:</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Skibbereen - 9.30am weekday mornings and Rath - 7.30pm evenings. Weekend Mass times remain unchanged during the Novena.</p>
<p>Lay Led Liturgy 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>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"</p>
<p>Recently Deceased Sean Savage, Shreelane, Shepperton, Skibbereen <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> Recently Baptised Teo O'Sullivan, Cork Road <i>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.</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Parishioners wishing to receive Holy Communion but unable to attend Mass 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 i.e., 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>Local GAA successes Congratulations to the successful Ilen Rovers minor teams and well done to the U12 team in reaching the County Final and to the O'Donovan Rossa Ladies team on winning the County Junior B Final.</p>	
<p>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</p>	