

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 9th October 2021 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

Monday 11th October - St Canice, abbot

9.30am Skibbereen – No Mass: Diocesan Retreat

10.15am Rath - No Mass: Diocesan Retreat

Tuesday 12th October - 28th Week in Ordinary Time

10.15am Rath – No Mass: Diocesan Retreat

Wednesday 13th October - 28th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen – No Mass: Diocesan Retreat

10.15am Rath - No Mass: Diocesan Retreat

Thursday 14th October - St Callistus I, pope and martyr

10.15am Rath –No Mass: Diocesan Retreat

Friday 15th October - St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church

9.30am Skibbereen - Frank McCarthy, Coronea & John McCarthy, Home Rule Tce

10.15m Rath - Patrick O'Driscoll, Baltimore Hill

Saturday 16th October - St Gall, abbot and missionary

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

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

7.30pm Rath - Paddy Hurley, Bantry

Sun 17th 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

Diocesan Priest Retreat

This week from Monday 11th - Thursday 14th of October there are no morning Masses throughout the Diocese. Funeral Masses will take place.

Feasts this week

11th: St Canice was born in Co. Derry around 527 and died in 603. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Columba, with whom he worked for a time in Scotland, where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory, but this was replaced centuries later by his church in Kilkenny.

14: St Callistus I, after a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences, was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus. Died at the hands of a mob in 222

15th: St Teresa of Avila, 1515-82, established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule, and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lace-makers and headache sufferers.

16th: St Gall was a monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the Continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St Gallen. He died around 630.

Recently Deceased

Michael Collins, Ballymacrown East, Baltimore
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

Skibbereen First Holy Communion –

We congratulate the girls of St Josephs National School and the boys of St Patricks National School who received their First Holy Communion this weekend in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen .

Rosary on the Coast Sunday 10th October 2021
at Tragumna Beach 2.30pm for life and faith.

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.

Continued reopening of our Parish Churches

From this weekend Oct 9th & 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.

Cainnech of Aghaboe (515/16–600), also known as **Saint Canice** in Ireland, **Saint Kenneth** in Scotland, **Saint Kenny** and in Latin **Sanctus Canicus**, was an Irish abbot, monastic founder, priest and missionary during the early medieval period. Cainnech is one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland and preached Christianity across Ireland and to the Picts in Scotland. He wrote a commentary on the Gospels, which for centuries was known as the *Glas-Choinnigh* or *Kenneth's Lock* or the *Chain of Cainnech*.

Most of what is written about Cainnech's life is based on tradition, however he was considered a man of virtue, great eloquence and learning. His feast day is commemorated on 11 October in the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church according to their respective calendars (Gregorian or Church Julian) with additional feast days on 1st or 14 August in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Cainnech spent a good deal of his time in County Meath and County Ossory in what is now County Laois. In Ossory he had a good repute with the king, Colmann son of Feradach. Colman gave him grants of land including Aghaboe ("the field of the Ox") which became his principal monastery. Aghaboe grew in importance, and in the 7th century sent Feargal as a missionary to the church of Salzburg, Austria. Aghaboe was for a time the site of the bishop's see until under Norman influence in the twelfth century the see transferred from Aghaboe to Kilkenny. In 1346 Diarmaid Mac Giollaphádraig burned the town of Aghaboe, and completely destroyed Cainnech's shrine along with his relics. Kilkenny (Irish: Cill Chainnigh "The Church of Cainnech") was originally the name of a church erected by or dedicated to Cainnech, but was afterwards extended to the townland and parish. Kilkenny was one of the last parts of Ireland to be converted to Christianity. Tradition asserts that in 597, Cainnech led a Christian force to Kilkenny to eliminate the last bastion of Druidic rule in Ireland. The last Archdruid of Ireland had retired with his Council to a mound in Kilkenny for safety. Cainnech led an army there and overcame them. He founded a monastery near what is now the Church of Ireland's St. Canice's Cathedral. He died and was interred at Abbey of Aghaboe in 599/600.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cainnech_of_Aghaboe

Depicted in stained glass, St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny



Safeguarding in Diocese

With the good news that our churches are open, safeguarding checks continue to take place to ensure and maintain a safe environment, as well as the yearly Parish Safeguarding Audits which are being sent out to the Parish Priest and Parish Safeguarding reps in the next few weeks.

As we welcome people back, we offer our continued reassurance of our commitment to safeguarding in the Parish and in the Diocese.

Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection.

Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all.

We especially ask that the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care are protected.

Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure children and vulnerable adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for.

May we also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal.

Lord, you call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities. Guide us as we build a community that fosters everyone to flourish and be safe.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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 coordinator for this service.

Please contact baltimorecfr@gmail.com if you are interested.

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

Catechism of the Catholic Church Article 3

MAN'S FREEDOM

1730 God created man a rational being, conferring on him the dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions. "God willed that man should be 'left in the hand of his own counsel,' so that he might of his own accord seek his Creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him."²⁶

Man is rational and therefore like God; he is created with free will and is master over his acts.²⁷

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P5M.HTM

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