

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 27th Nov 2021 St Fergal, bishop and missionary

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Martin Connolly, Derrylugga

7.30pm Rath - Richard & Eileen Bushe, The Cove, Baltimore

Sun 28th November - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.00am Skibbereen - Theresa O'Donovan, Market Street

10. 15am Rath – Shelia Connolly, Crow Hill

11.30am Skibbereen - James & Bridget Keane, Mardyke St

Monday 29th November - 1st Week of Advent

9.30am Skibbereen - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 30th November - St Andrew, apostle

9.30am Skibbereen - Con O'Driscoll, Shreelane

Wednesday 1st December - 1st Week of Advent

9.30am Skibbereen – Pat O'Donovan, Cork Rd & Michael McCarthy, Glandore

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 2nd November - 1st Week of Advent

9.30am Skibbereen - Donal O'Driscoll, Goleen Marsh

Friday 3rd November - St Francis Xavier, priest

9.30am Skibbereen Ellen Lane, Ringaskiddy

10.15am Rath - Kathleen O'Donovan, Mardyke Street

Saturday 4th St John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Declan Price, Market Street & Baltimore

7.30pm Rath - Richard & Mary Connolly, Lissanuhig

Sun 25th November - Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am Skibbereen - Nora Leonard, 5 Assumption Place

10. 15am Rath – Connie & Agnes O'Driscoll, Lackahane

11.30am Skibbereen - Gerry McCarthy, Skibbereen and Schull

Attending Mass over the winter months.

Our churches need to have adequate ventilation at all Masses. The heating will remain on, but some doors will have to be left open. Therefore, you may find our churches a little cooler than normal. We ask you to dress warmly. This is in line with Covid guidelines and by doing so we ensure the safety of all in attendance.

Feasts this week

30th: St Andrew from Bethsaida was a disciple of John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. He is said to have suffered martyrdom by crucifixion on this date, but the tradition of an X-shaped cross comes much later. Patron of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.

3rd: St Francis Xavier, 1 506-52, one of the first seven Jesuits, was sent to India by St Ignatius. He converted many in Goa and later in Japan. He died as he attempted to enter China. A patron of the missions.

4th: St John Damascene, 675-749, was a Syrian Christian theologian. He became a priest in the monastery of St Sabas near Jerusalem and was a leading figure in the defence of icons in the iconoclastic controversy.

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope:

- * waiting-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; waiting-supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and Universal Judge; conversion, to which the liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Mf 3:2);

- joyful hope that the salvation already accomplished by Christ (cf. Rm 8:24-25) and the reality of grace in the world will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and 'we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is' (Jn 3:2). Popular piety is particularly sensitive to Advent, especially when seen as the memory of the preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

- The Christian people are deeply conscious of the Iona period of expectation that preceded the birth of our Saviour. The faithful know that God sustained Israel's hope in the coming of the Messiah by the prophets. Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent.

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

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.

Changes to Mass schedule in the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church, Rath

From Monday November 22nd weekday Masses in the Cathedral will be on Monday to Friday at 9.30am and in Rath on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10.15am. More stewards are needed to help out at the additional Masses scheduled in the Cathedral.

If you would like to get involved please leave your contact details into the Sacristy or Parish Office

Recently Baptised

Rian Hodnett, The Abbey, 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.

Recently Deceased

Craig Dylan Rodrigues, Drimoleague & Skibbereen Community School, Skibbereen

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

Geriatric Society - Skibbereen Geriatric Society are holding their annual Christmas draw on Friday December 17th at 12.30pm. All support would be greatly appreciated. Please return all tickets before Thursday 16th December to Cara House, Market Street.

Skibbereen & Rath and the Islands Funeral Teams At Skibbereen Cathedral on Thursday December 2nd, at 7.30pm, there will be training for people, from the parishes of Skibbereen, Rath and The Islands and Kilmacabea, who will become members of their Parish Funeral Team. It is open to all existing members and for those who received initial training by Zoom last spring. New members are also welcome. If you would like to know more about the Funeral Teams and become involved, please contact the parish office on 028 22828 or email skibbereeparish@gmail.com

St Francis Xavier was born in the royal castle of Xavier, in the Kingdom of Navarre, on 7 April 1506 according to a family register. He was the youngest son of Juan de Jasso y Atondo, seneschal of Xavier castle, who belonged to a prosperous farming family and had acquired a doctorate in law at the University of Bologna. Basque was his mother tongue. Juan later became a privy counsellor and finance minister to King John III of Navarre (Jean d'Albret). Francis's mother was Doña María de Azpilcueta y Aznárez, sole heiress of two noble Navarrese families. He was through her related to the great theologian and philosopher Martín de Azpilcueta



A painting of Saint Francis Xavier, held in the Kobe City Museum, Japan

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

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

St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter.

According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills. In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men."

In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named. It describes Jesus using a boat, believed to be solely Simon's, to preach to the multitudes and catch a large amount of fish on a night that originally was dry. Later, in Luke 5:7, it mentions Simon was not the only fisherman on the boat, but it is not until Luke 6:14 that there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother. However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus. Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus.

It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus." Andrew's remains were originally preserved at Patras. However, some believe St. Regulus, who was a monk at Patras, received a vision telling him to hide some of Andrew's bones. Shortly after Regulus' dream, many of Andrew's relics were transferred to Constantinople by order of Roman emperor Constantius II around 357. Regulus later received orders in a second dream telling him to take the bones "to the ends of the earth." He was to build a shrine for them wherever he shipwrecked. He landed on the coast of Fife, Scotland

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=109

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