

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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**Notifications of anniversaries:** Please place these in the Sacristy letter box.

**Child Safeguarding:** Contact Telephone: (00353) 0 28 22828 (Parish Office)

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### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen –Liam Calnan, Coolnagarrane

7.30pm Rath -Ellen & Daniel Davis and

Mary & George Walsh, Lackahane

### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Nov -Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9.00am Skibbereen - David Hourihane, Lough Hyne Road

10.15am Rath– Joan Collins, Lahern, Baltimore

11.30am Skibbereen - Charlie McCarthy, Chapel Lane

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - St Cecelia, virgin and martyr

9.30am Skibbereen – Bob Barry, Clogher, Goleen

10.15am Rath - Joan Collins, Gortnamucka

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - St Columban, abbot and missionary

9.30am Skibbereen - Charles & Peggy McCarthy, Cullenagh

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Ss Andrew Dúng-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

9.30am Skibbereen – Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath - Hannah McSweeney, Rath Bridge

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November - St Colman, bishop

9.30am Skibbereen - Gerard O'Donovan, Kilnaclasha

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - 34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November -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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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

### Feasts this week

**22<sup>nd</sup>: St Cecilia**, the patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third-century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded

**23rd; St Columban** (also known as Columbanus) was born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to 'go on pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine according to the severe Irish rule. Later he founded Bregeuz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

**24<sup>th</sup>: St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions.** In the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Vietnam, many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19 June 1988, Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these - ninety-six native Vietnamese men and women, eleven Dominican missionaries from Spain and ten French missionaries.

**25th: St Colman** was born around 530, probably in west Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to east Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

**27th: St Fergal (Virgil)** lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754 and died in 784, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

### 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.

**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.**

**The November Rath & the Islands Parish Assembly** took place on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 and the following is a summary of items discussed.

1) Change in Mass services in the following weeks:

No Mass 15th to 18th November 2021 due to In Service Priests Meeting. From Monday 22nd November Weekday Mass will take place 3 days a week (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) no changes to weekend Masses.

2) Station Mass for Rath & the Islands will take place in Rath on Friday 19th November 2021 at 7.30pm. Envelopes for the Autumn Offerings are available at the Church doors.

3) Diocesan Funeral Policy was issued on 27th October 2021. Amongst the changes to pre-Covid funerals are the following:

- No Sunday funerals
- Vigil for the Deceased prayers will take place either in the family home or a Funeral Home which will not be followed by a removal to the church.
- Reception into the church will occur immediately before the Funeral Mass.
- There will be no opportunity to sympathise with the family in the church.
- Bishop Fintan's message also talks about the decision to have a Funeral Team Ministry as a part of every parish. These teams will be made up of lay ministers, deacons and priests.

4) A decision on the return of Altar Servers will be made in the New Year.

#### **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 [skibbereenparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com)

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

**St Columbanus:** *Columbán*; 540 – 21 November 615) was an Irish missionary notable for founding a number of monasteries after 590 in the Frankish and Lombard kingdoms, most notably Luxeuil Abbey in present-day France and Bobbio Abbey in present-day Italy.

Columbanus taught an Irish monastic rule and penitential practices for those repenting of sins, which emphasised private confession to a priest, followed by penances levied by the priest in reparation for the sins.

Columbanus is one of the earliest identifiable Hiberno-Latin writers. During his twenty years in Gaul (in present-day France), Columbanus became involved in a dispute with the Frankish bishops who may have feared his growing influence. During the first half of the sixth century, the councils of

Gaul had given to bishops absolute authority over religious communities. As heirs to the Irish monastic tradition, Columbanus and his monks used the Irish Easter calculation, a version of Bishop Augustalis's 84-year *computus* for determining the date of Easter (Quartodecimanism), whereas the Franks had adopted the Victorian cycle of 532 years. The bishops objected to the newcomers' continued observance of their own dating, which — among other issues — caused the end of Lent to differ. They also complained about the distinct Irish tonsure.

In 602, the bishops assembled to judge Columbanus, but he did not appear before them as requested. Instead, he sent a letter to the prelates — a strange mixture of freedom, reverence, and charity —

**admonishing them to hold synods more frequently**, and advising them to pay more attention to matters of equal importance to that of the date of Easter. In defence of his following his traditional paschal cycle, he wrote:

"I am not the author of this divergence. I came as a poor stranger into these parts for the cause of Christ, Our Saviour. One thing alone I ask of you, holy Fathers, permit me to live in silence in these forests, near the bones of seventeen of my brethren now dead."

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbanus>



**Saint Colman mac Duagh** (c. 560 – 29 October 632) was born at Corker, Kiltartan, County Galway, Ireland, the son of the Irish chieftain **Duac** (and thus, in Irish, *mac Duach*). He initially lived as a recluse, living in prayer and prolonged fastings, first on Inismore, then in a cave at the Burren in County Clare. With his relative, King Guaire Aidne mac Colmáin (d. 663) of Connacht he founded the monastery of Kilmacduagh, ("the church of the son of Duac"), and governed it as abbot-bishop.

He has been confused with Saint Colman of Templeshanbo (d. 595) who was from Connacht and lived somewhat earlier.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colman\\_mac\\_Duagh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colman_mac_Duagh)

**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,

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St.\\_Peter%27s\\_Basilica](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Peter%27s_Basilica) [tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie](mailto: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**