

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

Parishes website – www.skibbereenandrath.ie

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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)

Skibbereen - Jacinta Crowley, Theresa Hickey, Eileen Ryan; **Rath** - Maura Collins, Dee Griffiths, Siobhan O'Brien.

Parish Pastoral Assemblies: Contact Telephone: 028 22828 (Parish Office)

Skibbereen: - Chair; Dolores Ruane; Secretary – Brigid O'Driscoll.

Rath and the Islands: - Chair – Maeve Devlin; Secretary – Annette Cadogan.

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 18th December 2021 - St Flannan, bishop

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Mary & Jack O'Regan, Convent Flats

7.30pm Rath – Kieran & Hester Cotter, Baltimore & Cape Clear

Sun 19th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am Skibbereen - Diarmuid & Kathleen McCarthy, Lakelands

10.00am Cape Clear - Ciaran G O'Driscoll

10. 15am Rath – Helena O'Regan, Ballylynch

11.30am Skibbereen - Mary & Eugene McCarthy, Ilen Street and Ted & Shelia McCarthy Ilen Street & New York

Monday 20th December - 4th Week of Advent, St Fachanean

9.30am Skibbereen - Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 21st December - St Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church

9.30am Skibbereen - Kitty & Patrick Hodnett, Goleen

Wednesday 22nd December - 4th Week of Advent

9.30am Skibbereen – Diarmuid & Gene O'Sullivan, late of 45 High Street, Skibbereen

10.15am Rath - Neasa (Ní Annrachain) O'Bráin

Thursday 23rd December - St John of Kanty, priest

9.30am Skibbereen - Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road and

Rosie Dwyer, North Street & Cope Hostel, Cork Road

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve

9.30am Skibbereen – Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen - Christmas Vigil

7.30pm Rath - Christmas Vigil with Christmas Carols from 7pm

9.00pm Skibbereen - Christmas Vigil

SATURDAY 25TH THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

9.00am Sherkin

9.00am Skibbereen

10.30am Rath – with Christmas Carols from 10am

10.00am Cape Clear

11.30am Skibbereen

Sun 26th December - The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

9.00am Skibbereen - Joe O'Brien, Newbridge, Coronea

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath – Christine & Denis Browne

11.30am Skibbereen – Florence McCarthy, The Abbey & Nell Burchill, Gortbrack

All Masses in St Patricks Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church, Rath will be livestreamed and can be viewed on the webcams on www.skibbereenandrath.ie



Feasts this week

20th : St Fachaeon. Although little is known with certainty about Fachanan, a strong tradition from early times links him with Kilfenora and records that he founded a church or monastery there in the sixth century. He is venerated as the patron of the diocese of Kilfenora, now part of Galway.

21st: St Peter Canisius, 1521-97, was born in Holland. He intended to become a lawyer but joined the Jesuits. Through courtesy and learning he promoted the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent. His greatest work was a catechism of 211 questions and answers, published in 1555

23rd: St John of Kanty, 1390-1473, taught theology and Scripture in the university of Krakow, Poland. He is remembered for his austerity of life and generosity.

27th: St John, brother of James, son of Zebedee, the disciple whom Jesus loved, is traditionally said to have died in Ephesus. He is considered to be the author of the Fourth Gospel, the Book of Revelation and three Letters. The Letters especially teach us the law of love; John is said in his old age to have preached only one message: love one another.

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.

Christmas Masses

Booking a place at Mass for Christmas in the Cathedral.

To attend Mass during Christmas weekend in the Cathedral requires you to have a ticket. The 6.30 pm & 9pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 9am Christmas morning Masses **are now fully booked**. There are tickets still available for Masses at the 11.30 am Christmas Day and the 9.00 am & 11.30 am Stephen's Day Masses. Please contact the Parish office by phone 028222828 or email skibbereeparish@gmail.com with your name, phone number, the Mass you wish to attend and how many will be attending the Mass with you.

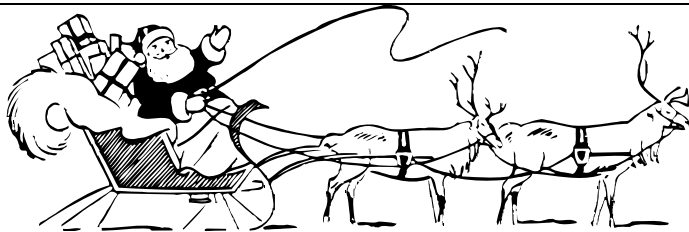
Booking a place at Mass for Christmas in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath

The Christmas Eve Mass at 7.30pm is now **fully booked** and there are some places available at the 10.30am Christmas morning Mass. Please contact Maeve Devlin by phone on 0863656054 or by email mary.maeve.devlin@gmail.com with your name, phone number and how many will be attending with you.

Parishes Funeral Team

From January 1st, 2022 the Parish Funeral Team will be available to lead the prayers at the funeral home or family home on the evening before a funeral. The local undertakers will contact the parish in the usual way to make funeral arrangements and know about the role of the funeral team. We would like to thank those who recently did the training for this role for the parishes of Rath and The Islands and Skibbereen parishes.

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



Priests of the Parish - Christmas envelopes for the Priest of the Parish are now available in all Church porches. The Christmas offering provides a substantial part of the Priests' yearly income. Fr Michael & Fr Evin sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Blessing the Family Crib at Home - Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning

Last year many families joined us online for this simple Blessing Ceremony. This year with numbers attending still somewhat restricted you may wish to do the same. You're welcome join us for Christmas eve for the vigil mass in Sacred Heart Church, Rath at 7.30pm on www.skibbereenandrath.ie with Christmas carols from 7pm and on Christmas morning at 10.30 am with carols from 10.00 am. You will need: 1. **A Christmas Crib and a Christmas candle**: A member (perhaps a young member) of the household can place the baby Jesus in the crib.

Recently Baptised

Culann Rauhread Carey Healy, Milland, Skibbereen
Sean O'Rourke, Surrey, England
Tadhg John Leonard, Cork Road
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

Dermot Collins, Grantstown Hse, Earls court, Waterford, & Skibbereen
Vera McCarthy, The Moorings & late of Ballyourane, Caheragh
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 Rowing Club will be holding their annual charity swim at Tragumna Beach at 12 noon on Christmas Day. All swimmers and supporters welcome - fancy dress optional!

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