

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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

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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 11th December 2021 - St Damascus 8, pope

4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Michael John and Josephine Carey, Derrylugga

7.30pm Rath - Peter & Mary Leonard, Reengaroga & Dingle

Sun 12th December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am Skibbereen - Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

10.00am Cape Clear – Mike & Josephine Brosnan

10.15am Rath – Dick & Nora Leonard, Eileen Bohane and the

deceased members of the Leonard & O'Driscoll families, Reengaroga

11.30am Skibbereen - Thomas & Lillian O'Sullivan, Cork Rd

Monday 13th 3rd Week of Advent St Lucy, virgin and martyr

9.30am Skibbereen Billy Lombard, 1 Assumption Place

10.15am Rath - Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballylynch

Tuesday 14th St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

9.30am Skibbereen - Special Intention

Wednesday 15th December - 3rd Week of Advent

9.30am Skibbereen – John & Mary Murphy, Bauravilla

10.15am Rath - May & Barry Devlin

Thursday 16th December - 3rd Week of Advent

9.30am Skibbereen Florence & Eileen Crowley, Inchinagotagh

Friday 17th December - 3rd Week of Advent

9.30am Skibbereen - Josephine Palmer, Ringaskiddy

10.15am Rath - Kitty & Hans Rahr, Mardyke Street & Florida

Saturday 18th December - 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

Sunday 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 McCarthy, Ilen Street and

Ted & Shelia McCarthy Ilen Street & New York

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

13th: **St Lucy**, desiring to remain consecrated to Christ alone, was martyred in 304 in Sicily during the persecution of Diocletian

14th: **St John of the Cross**, 1542-1591, a Carmelite who, despite opposition and imprisonment, worked for spreading the reform of the Carmelites. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding poet, a spiritual writer declared doctor of the Church.

18th: **St Flannan** lived in the seventh century and was the son of a king of Thomond. He entered Molua's monastery at Killaloe and became abbot there. He is remembered as a great preacher.

Christmas Masses in Rath

There will be two Christmas Masses in Rath, Christmas Eve - Friday 24th December 19:30
Christmas Day - Saturday 25th December 10:15
To ensure the safety of all parishioners it will be necessary to book your place at one of these Masses. They will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To book a place please contact Maeve Devlin at (086) 365 6054 or on

email mary.maeve.devlin@gmail.com, or alternatively drop your information into the Rath church post box by the sacristy door.

The following details are required:

Name

Contact details

Number in your party

Mass you wish to attend

Please book your place from now until Wednesday 15th December 2021

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 Priest's yearly income. Fr Michael & Fr Evin sincerely Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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.

Christmas Masses in Skibbereen

There will be six Masses available over the Christmas weekend in the Cathedral. The Mass times are:

Christmas Eve - Friday December 24th 6.30pm & 9.00pm
Christmas Day - Saturday December 25th 9.00am & 11.30am
St Stephen's Day - Sunday December 26th 9.00am & 11.30am

To ensure the safety of all parishioners, your place at one of these Masses will need to be booked. It will be on a first come first served basis.

To book your place please contact the Parish Office either by Phone: 028 22828;

Email: skibbereeparish@gmail.com or drop into the office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 10am - 12 noon with the following details:

1. **Your name**
2. **Contact details**
3. **Numbers (How many places you wish to book - including yourself)**
4. **Time of the Mass you wish to attend. Please state your first and second preference**

To book your place, please do so from Tuesday December 7th to Wednesday December 15th. While we will do our best to facilitate your preference, we cannot guarantee this.

Flannán mac Toirrdelbaig

St. Flannan 7th cent. bishop. Son of an Irish chieftain, Turlough he made a pilgrimage to Rome where Pope John IV consecrated him. On his return he became first bishop of Killaloe and also preached in the Hebrides. His feast day is December 18th. He entered Mo Lua's monastery at Killaloe, where it is believed he became an Abbot. He is remembered as a great preacher. He made a pilgrimage to Rome where Pope John IV consecrated him as the first bishop of Killaloe, of which he is the patron saint. He also preached in the Hebrides. His feast day is 18 December. *St. Flannan - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online*



House of Brian Boru: St. Flannan: Patron saint of Dál gCais

Remembering our deceased Family, Relatives, Friends & Neighbours at Christmas - A Book of Remembrance will be available at the Altar in the Cathedral, Skibbereen and Sacred Heart Church, Rath from next weekend December 18th & 19th.

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 21st December at 7:20pm in the *Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon*. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For more information, see anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

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 John of the Cross was born Juan de Yepes y Álvarez at **Fontiveros**, Old Castile into a converso family (Descendants of Jewish converts to Catholicism) in

Fontiveros, near Ávila, then a town of around 2,000 people. His father, Gonzalo, was an accountant to richer relatives who were silk merchants. In 1529 Gonzalo married John's mother, Catalina, who was an orphan of a lower class; he was rejected by his family and forced to work with his wife as a weaver. John's father died in 1545, while John was still only around three years old. Two years later, his older brother, Luis, died, probably as a result of malnourishment due to the poverty to which the family had been reduced. As a result, John's mother Catalina took John and his surviving brother Francisco, first to Arévalo, in 1548 and then in 1551 to Medina del Campo, where she was able to find work.



In Medina, John entered a school for 160 poor children, mostly orphans, to receive a basic education, mainly in Christian doctrine. They were given some food, clothing and lodging. While studying there, he was chosen to serve as an altar boy at a nearby monastery of Augustinian nuns. Growing up, John worked at a hospital and studied the humanities at a Jesuit school from 1559 to 1563. The Society of Jesus was at that time a new organisation, having been founded only a few years earlier by the Spaniard St. Ignatius of Loyola. In 1563 he entered the Carmelite Order, adopting the name John of St. Matthias. The following year, in 1564 he made his First Profession as a Carmelite and travelled to Salamanca University, where he studied theology and philosophy. There he met Fray Luis de León who taught biblical studies (Exegesis, Hebrew and Aramaic) at the university.

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

Recently Baptised

Ellie O'Neill, Toorennasillane, 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

Derry (Jeremiah) McCarthy, Convent Hill and late of Townshend Street, Skibbereen
Anna McCarthy (Née Mulhern), "Rooskey", Coronea, Skibbereen / Roscommon Town, Roscommon
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.