

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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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 29th January 2022 - 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: John Collins, Chapel Lane

7.30pm Rath: Michael & Julia Forde, Creagh & London

Sunday 30th Jan - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral: Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10.15 am Rath: Mary Whelan, Ballincollig

11.30 am Cathedral: For the deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Monday 31st January - St John Bosco, priest

9.30am Cathedral - Colm Crowley, Inchinagotagh

10.15am Rath - Liam Devlin, Reengaroga

Tuesday 1st February - St Brigid, abbess,

Secondary Patron of Ireland

9.30am Cathedral - John Bohane, Kiladerry

Wednesday 2nd February -The Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Cathedral – Henry Pedlar, Riverdale

10.15am Rath – Billy O'Driscoll, Baltimore

Thursday 3rd February - St Blaise, bishop and martyr

9.30am Cathedral - Jeremiah & Mary O'Donoghue, Drishanemore

Friday 4th February – 4th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – Michael McCarthy, Riverdale

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Saturday 5th February - St Agatha, virgin and martyr

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: Dan Collins, Lake Marsh

Anna McCarthy, Coronea and late of Rooskey, Roscommon - Months Mind

7.30pm Rath: Eileen Hallihane, Baltimore

Sunday 6th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral: Denis Dempsey, Shepperton

10.00am Cape Clear: Micheal C O'Drisceoil, Comerlean

10.15 am Rath: Kathleen O'Driscoll, Ballymacrown and

Gerald Grace - Months mind

11.30 am Cathedral: Denis O'Shea, Drishanemore

The Feast of the Presentation Wednesday Feb 2nd - is traditionally the day of the blessing of candles. If you wish to have candles blessed at Mass on the day, you are welcome to drop them into the sacristy at the beginning of Mass on Wednesday Feb 2nd.

Feasts this week

31st: St John Bosco, 1815-88, born in Piedmont, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers

1st: St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c. 454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example, and this led to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith; it remains a popular sign of God's protection.

2nd: The Presentation of the Lord. This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

3rd: St Blaise, died 315. Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

Blessing of throats

The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, blessed on the memorial of St Blaise or on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the minister touches the throat of each person, saying, 'Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all

ailments of the throat and from every other evil [or from every disease of the throat and from every other illness]. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

5th: St Agatha died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the third century. Patron of bell-founders.



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.

The Number of Households (individual telephone or computer device) who joined us Online for Mass from Skibbereen Cathedral during Dec 2021:

Date	Number of Households
Saturday, December 11 th 6.30 pm	31
Sunday, December 12 th 9.00am	16
Saturday, December 18 th 6.30 pm	24
Sunday, December 19 th 9.00am	21
December 24 th - Christmas Eve 6.30 pm	54
9.00 pm	40
Saturday, December 25 th – Christmas Day 9.00 am	36
11.30 am	49
Sunday, December 26 th 9.00am	18
Sunday, December 26 th 11.30am	50
Saturday, January 1 st 6.30 pm	35
Sunday, January 2 nd 9.00 am	26
Sunday, January 2 nd 11.30 am	46

The Number of Households (individual telephone or computer device) who joined us Online for Mass from Rath Church during December 2021:

Date	Number of Households
Saturday, December 11 th 7.30 pm	31
Sunday, December 12 th 10.15 am	44
Saturday, December 18 th 7.30 pm	30
Sunday, December 19 th 10.15 am	30
Friday, December 24 th -	94
Saturday, December 25 th -	77
Sunday, December 26 th 10.15 am	62
Saturday, January 1 st 7.30 pm	37
Sunday, January 2 nd 10.15 am	52

Pope Francis has called for Wednesday 26 January to be a day of prayer for peace over the increasing tensions that threaten peace in Ukraine.

At the conclusion of Sunday's midday Angelus, Pope Francis expressed his concerns over the increasing tensions that threaten to overturn chances for peace in Ukraine and security on the European continent in general, given the wider repercussions of any conflict.

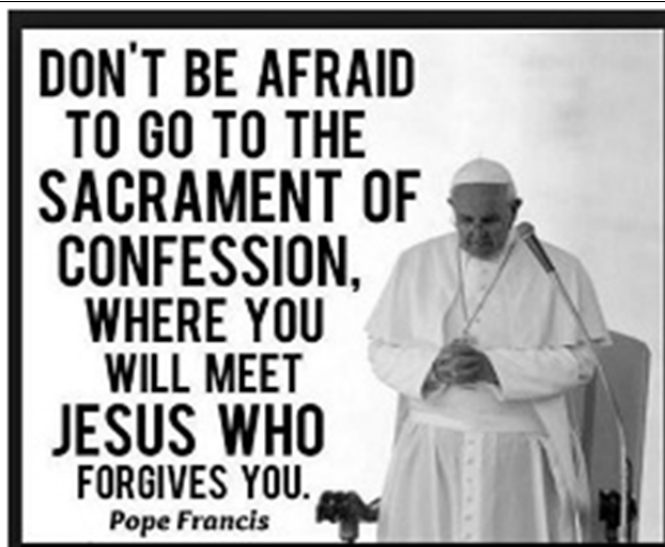
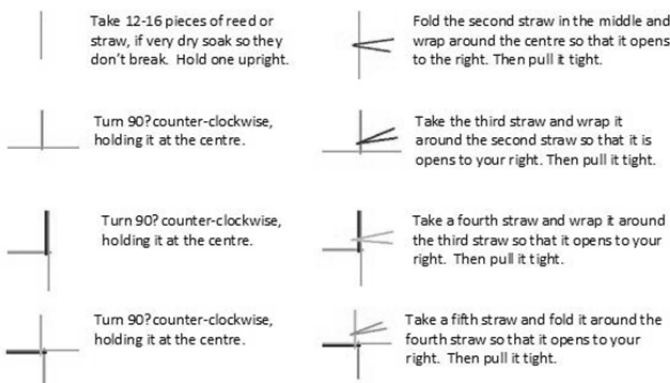
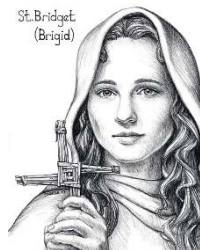
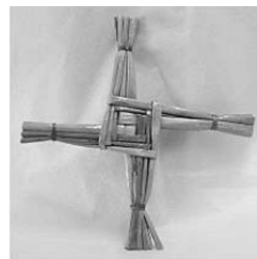
Pope Francis said, "I make a heartfelt appeal to all people of good will to raise prayers to Almighty God that all political actions and initiatives may be at the service of human brotherhood rather than partisan interests."

The Pope added those who pursue their own objectives to the detriment of others, show despise for their own vocation as human beings, as we have all been created brothers and sisters.

The Pope has expressed his concern regarding the tensions over Ukraine frequent times in the past, encouraging everyone to pray for peace and that dialogue and negotiation may prevail in resolving the situation.

<https://catholicnews.ie/pope-francis-calls-for-a-day-of-prayer-for-peace-over-ukraine-situation/>

How to make a St Brigid's Cross



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

1422 "Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion." *The Catholic Catechism.*

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P46.HTM

St Patrick's Boys National School enrolment for new Junior Infants 2022. Enrolment from Feb 1st- 22nd.

Applications available on www.stpatricksskibb.ie, over the phone 028-21948 or email stpatrickboysnsskibbereen@gmail.com.

The Vanbrugh and Friends will perform in Myross Wood House on Sunday 6th February at 3.00 p.m. This will be a delightful concert in a special setting. Tickets: €15. and are available from <http://www.barrahanemusic.ie> or 086 2264797.

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