

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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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 22nd January 2022 - St Vincent, deacon and martyr

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: The O'Sullivan Family Deceased

7.30pm Rath: Jerome & Margaret Minihane, Creagh

Sunday 23rd January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral: John O'Mahony, 98 Street

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10.15 am Rath: Agnes Davis, Lackahane

11.30 am Cathedral: William & Mary O'Regan, Schull & Dominic Hodnett, St Fachtna's Tce

Monday 24th, St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Margaret O'Reilly, Ballinspittle and Townshend Street

10.15am Rath - Deceased members of the O'Donoghue Family

Tuesday 25th January - The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

9.30am Cathedral - Detta Carey, Derrylugga

Wednesday 26th January - Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops

9.30am Cathedral – John Keohane, Cullenagh

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 27th January - St Angela Merici, virgin and religious

9.30am Cathedral - Paddy O'Shea, Market Street

Friday 28th Jan - St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Liam O'Regan, The Abbey

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 29th January - 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 January - 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

Becoming a priest of the Diocese of Cork and Ross

Becoming a priest has its beginnings in something very personal and unique to each person — having a sense of a personal invitation from God which grows over time. This is strengthened through regular prayer, listening to the Word of God and being part of a living worshipping faith community.

Feasts this week

24th: St Francis de Sales, 1567 -1622, Bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron saint of writers, editors and journalists. Francis de Sales was born two months premature on 21 August 1567 in the Château de Sales into the noble Sales family of the Duchy of Savoy, in what is today Thorens-Glières, Haute-Savoie, France. His father was François de Sales, Lord of Sales, and Novel, and by marriage, de Boisy. His mother was a noblewoman, Françoise de Sionnaz, the only child of the prominent magistrate, Melchior de Sionnaz, Seigneur de Vallières, de la Thuile, and de Boisy. This being one of the noblest families in Savoy, Francis' father was generally known as M. de Boisy.

25th: St Paul preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples. Paul never ceased to express thanks and wonder for this grace. But he still prayed for perseverance. **26th: Ss Timothy and Titus** were close to St Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a patron in cases of stomach complaint. Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete.

28th: St Thomas Aquinas was born in Italy in 1224. He died in 1274. Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

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.

St Thomas Aquinas:

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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 - Christmas Eve	94
Saturday, December 25 th - Christmas Day	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

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

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

Skibbereen
St Vincent de Paul Society



Would like to thank most sincerely all who contributed so generously to our Christmas Appeal and in any way throughout the year.

Your contributions and support at all times enables us on an ongoing basis to make a real difference to those we assist.

THANK YOU TO ALL

Our contact number for any requests is 087 9182698

Recently Deceased

Bert Humphreys, Derrygool, Skibbereen

Bill Roberts, Rath

Mary Bradley, Blackthorn Place, Upper Bridge St, 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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork June 15th - 22nd. €79 pps (€50 discount if paid in full by Jan 31st). Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 to secure place. Limited availability. Full COVID travel insurance included.

The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - The Diocese of Cork and Ross has announced that due to the ongoing uncertainty with the global pandemic the Annual Pilgrimage will **not** take place in 2022. As a result, Canon Jim O'Donovan, Pilgrimage Director, has also announced that the annual collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage will **not** be taken up on 12th/13th February next.

"I thank you for your continuous support to the Cork and Ross Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage over the years. We ask Our Lady and St. Bernadette to watch over us and protect us and our families."