

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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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.

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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 8TH JANUARY 2022 - AFTER THE EPIPHANY

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen: Joe McCarthy, Townshend Street
Derry McCarthy, Convent Hill, Months Mind

7.30pm Rath: Sean Cahalane, Gorteenaloman

Sunday 9th January – The Baptism of the Lord

9.00am Skibbereen: Christy Murphy, Coronea

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10.15am Rath: Josie Leonard, Rath

11.30am Cathedral: Denis Crowley, The Moorings

Monday 10th January - 1st Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 11th January - 1st Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - The Holy Souls

Wednesday 12th January - 1st Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen – Ann Tobin, Keamore, Leap

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 13th St Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Skibbereen - Eileen McGill, Skibbereen

Friday 14th January - 1st Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen - James O'Shea, Ballydehob

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 15th January - St Ita, virgin

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen: Deceased members of the Spillane Family
William Patrick O'Driscoll, Pound Hill - Months Mind

7.30pm Rath: Mary Holland, South Rath

Sunday 16th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

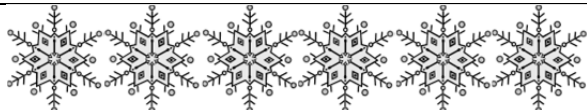
9.00am Skibbereen: Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10.15am Rath: Donal O'Donovan, Bunlick

11.30am Skibbereen: Sean Connolly, Old Court

Vera McCarthy, The Moorings - Months Mind



Feasts this week

9th: The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.

13th: St Hilary, c. 315-c. 367, was elected (c. 353) Bishop of Poitiers and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-59) by order of Emperor Constantius, he used his time to write. His major works include *De Trinitate*, a study of the Trinity.

15th: St Ita was reputedly of royal lineage. She was born at Decies, Waterford, Ireland, refused to be married, and secured her father's permission to live a virginal life. She moved to Killeedy, Limerick, and founded a community of women dedicated to God. She also founded a school for boys, and one of her pupils was St. Brendan. Many extravagant miracles were attributed to her (in one of them she is reputed to have reunited the head and body of a man who had been beheaded; in another she lived entirely on food from heaven), and she is widely venerated in Ireland. She is also known as Deirdre and Mida. Íte ingen Chinn Fhalad (d. 570/577), also known as Ita, Ida or Ides, was an early Irish nun and patron saint of Killeedy (Cluain Credhail). She was known as the "foster mother of the saints of Erin". The name "Ita" ("thirst for holiness") was conferred on her because of her saintly qualities. Her feast day is 15 January. (*St. Ita - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online*)



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.

Recently Baptised

Mason Adrian Salter, Cullenagh, Skibbereen
Siblings – Nell Francis O’Sullivan & Ruben
Patrick O’Sullivan, England.
Ollie John Jackson, Douglas
Emrys Joseph O’Donnell, Cardiff, Wales
*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 Married

Aisling Kearney & Sean Carmody,
Skibbereen
*Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the
Universe, bless each day of their married life.
Renew your blessing within them, as they
choose each day, by your grace, to be a living
sign of your eternal love.*

The Diocese of Cork & Ross

www.corkandross.org includes Cork City and
part of County Cork.

Facts and figures: Catholic population:
220000, Parishes: 68, Churches: 124, Patrons of
the diocese: Cork – St Finbarr – 25 September,
Ross – St Fachtna – 14 August

Bishop of Cork & Ross: Bishop Fintan Gavin
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Services and agencies of the Bishops’

Conference based in the diocese

ACCORD Centre - Bantry: 5 Main St, Bantry,
Co Cork, Tel: 027 50272

Trócaire, 9 Cook Street, Cork, Tel: 1850 408
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Veritas, Carey’s Lane, Cork, T12 AW26, Tel:
(021) 425 1255

Parish Funeral Ministry Teams join in time of prayer and reflection



Members of Funeral Teams from across the diocese gathered to pray, in person and online, in Ovens Church recently.
The evening opened with symbols and prayers to acknowledge the huge change Covid19 has made to our lives. The liturgy was led by members of the Funeral Teams Formation Group with music from Colum Cronin.
Fr. Michael Kelleher, Skibbereen and Rath and the Islands, preached the homily. Fr. Michael spoke about the gifts that the ‘Martha and Mary’ in every Funeral Team brings.
Bishop Fintan spoke about the new Funeral Policy and Funeral Resources and the plan to extend funeral team ministry to every parish in the diocese in the coming weeks and months. Bishop Fintan closed the liturgy with a blessing. Photo shows those involved in planning and leading the liturgy.

Night Prayer

God, our Father,
I come to say
“Thank you”
for your love today.
Thank you for my
family,
and all the friends
you give to Me.
Guard me in the dark
of the night,
and in the morning
send Your Light
Amen



“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – **“Praise be to you, my Lord”**. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. **“Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”**

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_encyclica-laudato-si.html#_ftnref1



Supporting Parents after Bereavement

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 18th January at 7:20pm in the *Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon*. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

For more information, see www.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