

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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Saturday 12th Feb 2022 - 5th Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: Dan Griffin, Cork Road

7.30pm Rath: Susanne O'Neill, Oldcourt

Sunday 13th Feb - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral: Cornelius Connolly, Bridge Street

10.00am Cape Clear: -Seasafin Ni Drisceoil – Months Mind

10.15 am Rath: - William and Nancy Kelly, Bandon

11.30 am Cathedral: - Pat Connolly, Deelish and Catherine Monica Keating, Droumnacara – Months Mind

Monday 14th February - SS Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop; Patrons of Europe

9.30am Cathedral - Con Daly, Dublin and late of North St

10.15am Rath - Flo Devlin

Tuesday 15th February - 6th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Michael O'Riordan, Riverdale

Wednesday 16th Feb - 6th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 17th February - St Fintan, abbot

9.30am Cathedral - John Streeton, Lissalohrig

Friday 18th February - 6th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – Anna McCarthy, Coronea

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Saturday 19th Feb - 6th Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: Paddy, Shelia, Thomas and Michael Herlihy, Coolnagarrane

7.30pm Rath: Clare Connolly, Ballyoughtera

Sunday 20th Feb- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral: Mary Elizabeth Humphreys

10.00am Cape Clear: -Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Sarah O'Donovan

11.30 am Cathedral: Kerry and Richard Hodnett, Gortnaclohy

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

Feasts this week

14th: St Cyril, 826-69, and **St Methodius**, 815-85, were brothers from Thessalonica in Greece. They preached the Gospel in Moravia using the r translation of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were in an alphabet, now called Cyrillic, which they devised. They are honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples and in 1980 Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe

17th: 17th: St Fintan received his religious formation in Terryglass,

Co. Tipperary, under the abbot Colum, and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of the Rule. Fintan made his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co. Laois. Fintan was born in about 526, the son of Christians Gabhren and Findlath. The monastery at Clonenagh was founded in the 6th century by Fintan of Clonenagh who entrusted it to his disciple Columba when Colum moved on to Terryglass around 548. Fintan received his religious formation under the Abbot Colum and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of his Rule. Under his direction Fintan developed a reputation for austerity. Fintan gave his monks very strict rules not to consume any animal products. The community did not have even one cow and so they had neither milk nor butter. The monks complained they couldn't do hard work on so meagre a diet. A deputation of local clergy headed by Canice of Aghaboe came to urge him to improve it. He agreed for his monks, but he elected to keep to the strict diet himself.^[3] Fintan was reported to have lived on only "bread of woody barley and clayey water of clay". His disciples included St Colmán of Oughaval, and St. Comgall of Bangor. He has been compared by the Irish analysts to St. Benedict and is styled "Father of the Irish Monks". Fintan of Clonenagh is regarded as one of three patron saints of county Laois which include Colman Mac ua Laoise and Mochua of Timahoe. He died in 603. His feast day is 17 February.



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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.

Skibbereen Parish Assembly Meeting – Covid

A huge thank you is owed to all our parishioners who were fully compliant with all the necessary covid measures. This made the job of the Ushers easier. We are forever indebted to Patsy Hayes who organised the daily Ushering rota and the task was always carried out in a calm and organised way. There was no shortage of willing volunteers to usher even at short notice. They sanitised the seats after each Mass and as a group looked forward to meeting up. The Church Volunteers and the Parish Assembly group also assisted with the Geriatric Society collection in 2021 which raised the grand total of €3458.

COP26

At a recent meeting of the Parish Assembly, it was decided we would plant two trees in the Parish Priests Garden as a small contribution to the climate change we are all experiencing and in response to COP26 which was held recently in Glasgow. If anyone has any ideas of what type of tree you would like planted or if you would like to donate a tree, please contact the Parish Office.

Flowers for the Cathedral

The Parish is looking for some new Volunteers to assist with the Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary. The vacancies have arisen because a number of our Altar Society members have recently passed away and their contribution over the years was immeasurable in keeping the Sanctuary beautiful. There are a number of current members who would be happy to provide assistance to budding flower arrangers should they wish to become involved. Usually for this job we work in pairs so if a couple of friends want to give it a go, they would be most welcome. Please contact Brigid on 0868125356

A Prayer for the Synodal Pathway

Lord of all hopefulness, as we embark on this journey together, may we listen and discern and be guided by the Holy Spirit, who constantly breathes new life into our world, our hearts, our families, homes and parishes. May renewal and reform, fresh hope and healing come for all people of God in Ireland. By virtue of our baptism may we each play our part in transforming the church through a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which is your gift and promise, upon our land. Grant us the encouragement we need to bring faith, hope and love in abundance to meet the challenges before us and to fulfil the Church's mission of proclaiming to the world, God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ. A Mhuire Mhathair, mother of the Church, guard and guide us on our pilgrim way.
Amen

First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates 2022 Rath and the Islands Parish

Confirmation: Rath - Rath N.S. & Oiléan Chléire – Friday, April 29th at 11.00 am

First Holy Communion: Rath N.S. – Saturday, 14th May at 11.00 am

Skibbereen Parish

Confirmation: St. Joseph's GNS & Gaelscoil Dr. Uí Shúilleabháin, Skibbereen - Wednesday, March 30th at 11.00 am

St. Patrick's BNS - Friday, April 1st at 11.00 am

First Holy Communion: St Patrick's BNS and Gaelscoil Dr. Uí Shúilleabháin Saturday, May 7th at 11.00am

St Joseph's GNS - Saturday, May 21st, at 11.00am

Any family that are Home Schooling or have recently moved into the parish who may have a child for First Holy Communion or Confirmation Please contact the Parish Office on 028 22828

Rath and the Islands Parish Assembly Meeting:

'The following is a summary of the Rath & The Islands Parish Assembly Meeting held on 1st February 2022.

1. Funeral teams are now active in Rath. We have two teams who are available to help guide relatives through the prayers, readings, ceremony etc. If necessary, the team will assist with prayers in the home or funeral home.
2. Confirmations for Rath will take place on the 29th of April 2022 and First Communions on 14th May 2022.
3. Covid Restrictions: As restrictions have been lifted nationwide it was agreed that sanitisation would no longer be required. The seats will be slowly opened up over the coming weeks starting with the main aisle.
4. Altar Servers: It is hoped to have our altar services back over the coming weeks.'

Laudate Si

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes.



Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis published this prayer in 'Laudato Si', and is meant for sharing with all who believe in our Creator God

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