

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.

Parish Pastoral Assemblies: Contact Telephone: 028 22828 (Parish Office)

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 19th February 2022 - 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 February - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral: Mary Elizabeth Humphreys and Bert Humphreys Months Mind

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10.15 am Rath:- Sarah O'Donovan

11.30 am Cathedral: Kerry and Richard Hodnett, Gortnaclohy

Monday 21st St Peter Damian, bishop and Doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Maggie Harnedy

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 22nd February - The Chair of St Peter, apostle

9.30am Cathedral - Nora Deasy

Wednesday 23rd February - St Polycarp, bishop and martyr

9.30am Cathedral – Denis P and Catherine O'Driscoll, Kikilleen

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 24th February - 7th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Eileen Collins, Rosnagoose

Friday 25th February – 7th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – Lucy Harnedy

10.15am Rath – George Devlin

Saturday 26th February - 7th Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: Geraldine Young, Bantry & Skibbereen

7.30pm Rath: Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballylynch

Sunday 27th February - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral: Mary Crowley and Archbishop Denis Hurley, Mill Rd, Skibbereen

10.00am Cape Clear -Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - John Connolly, Crow Hill

11.30 am Cathedral: Leo Werner, Poundlick

Michael Hegarty, 54 St Fachtna's Terrace, Month Minds

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

21st: **St Peter Damian**, 1007-72, gave up teaching to become a hermit. Later he was Cardinal Bishop of Ostia. He was an outstanding reformer of Church life and discipline.

22nd: **The Chair of St Peter**. This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as Bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

23rd: **St Polycarp** was Bishop of Smyrna or Izmir in modern Turkey. Born around the year 69, he was a disciple of St John the Apostle. He was martyred in 155.

Recently Baptised

Ryce Aaron Healy, Mardyke Park, Skibbereen
Twins: Antoni & Grzegorz Ziob, Abhainn Beag, Baltimore Road, 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.

Rath National School -

Rath National School enrolment is currently taking place for incoming pupils 2022/23.

Please contact the school

rathnationalsc@gmail.com for more info.

Ilen Rovers ladies club clothing collection is

ongoing. Days & times as follows for next week Church Cross Mon, Weds & Thursday 7-8pm & Rath - Sat 11 to 12. Perfect time to do a Spring Clean!

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.

<p>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.</p>	<p>Important Message from Bishop Fintan Since the recent government announcement on 21st January that most public health measures in place can be removed, the Office of An Taoiseach has added that in light of the fact that some people may be anxious about re-engaging with others ‘continuation of some protective measures in places of worship may be preferred, for an interim period, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation’. Hand sanitiser should continue to be available at entrance and exit doors of churches. It is important that dispensers should be replenished regularly. While any markers in relation to physical distancing can be removed people should be reminded of the need for physical distancing both inside the church and in its environs.</p> <p>Choirs In relation to the gradual return of choirs an assessment should be made of which risk measures should be retained to keep the members as safe as possible to include mask wearing, social distancing and good ventilation. The gradual return of choirs, cantors and church music groups is to be encouraged as we approach the seasons of Lent and Easter taking into account these risk mitigation measures.</p> <p>Parish Ministries All other parish ministries including Altar Servers, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Funeral Ministry, Baptismal Ministry can resume taking all risk mitigation measures into account.</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation As we approach the seasons of Lent and Easter, it is important that people may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our churches and parishes. The Sacrament should continue to be celebrated in the body of the church as it is not best to return to Confession Boxes at this time.</p> <p>Ash Wednesday It is possible for Ashes to be distributed in the usual way on the forehead this year as well as making provision for Ashes to be available in Envelopes for those who prefer.</p> <p>Volunteers and Parish Staff We are deeply grateful to so many people who have generously volunteered as stewards, helped to sanitise churches regularly and helped to implement all safety measures to ensure that people could gather safely and joyfully for Mass and other celebrations since 2020. We are also grateful to church sacristans, parish secretaries, church collectors who have gone the ‘extra mile’ to ensure that everything was safe in churches and parishes over the last two years. With renewed thanks for your ministry in very challenging times. If I can support you or assist you in any other way please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely in Christ</p> <p>✠ Fintan Gavin</p>
<p>Parking at Mass Times: It has been brought to our attention that some cars are parked illegally during Mass times. This results in residents being unable to access their cars. Please adhere to proper parking guidelines at all times.</p>	
<p>St Joseph's Young Priests Society: Monthly meeting next Tuesday February 22nd at 7.30pm in the Market Street Rooms. All are Welcome</p>	
<p>First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates 2022</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	

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