

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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Saturday 26th February 2022 - 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

Monday 28th February - 8th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Timothy Keohane

Mary O'Driscoll, 2 Gortnaclohy Drive Months Mind

10.15am Rath - Williamson Family, Bandon

Tuesday 1st March – St David, bishop

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

Wednesday 2nd March - Ash Wednesday

9.30am Cathedral – Julia Keohane

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 3rd March - After Ash Wednesday: St Casimir

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

Friday 4th March – After Ash Wednesday

9.30am Cathedral – Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Saturday 5th March - After Ash Wednesday St Kieran, bishop

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Mary Deasy, Union Hall

7.30pm Rath - Tessie Sheehy, Ballylynch

Sunday 6th March - First Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Cathedral - Geraldine Hurley, Poundlick

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Bob Crowley, Market Street

11.30 am Cathedral - Michael Walsh, Dunmanway

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

1st: St David is the patron saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and bishop in the sixth century. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he influenced monastic development in Ireland. He died around 601.

4th: St Casimir, 1458-84, strove to promote peace and the unity of western Europe. Though a young prince, he chose a life of prayer and penance. Patron saint of Poland.

5th: St Kieran. Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is

numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.



FRIDAY PENANCE

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food.
 - Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking.
 - Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer.
 - Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays.
 - Visiting the Blessed Sacrament.
 - Making the Stations of the Cross.
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy.
- Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.

From the statement on Friday Penance issued by the Bishops' Conference, 2011

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.

Lent and Christian Initiation



7. The whole rite of Christian initiation has a markedly paschal character since it is therein that the sacramental participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ takes place for the first time. Therefore, Lent should have its full character as a time of purification and enlightenment, especially through the scrutinies and by the presentations; naturally the paschal Vigil should be regarded as the proper time to celebrate the sacraments of initiation.

8. Communities that do not have any catechumens should not, however, fail to pray for those who in the forthcoming paschal Vigil will receive the sacraments of Christian initiation. Pastors should draw the attention of the faithful to those moments of significant importance in their spiritual life, which are nourished by their baptismal profession of faith, and which they will be invited to renew in the Easter Vigil - The fullness of the Lenten observance'.

9. In Lent, there should be catechesis for those adults who, although baptised when infants, were not brought up in the faith and, consequently, have not been confirmed nor have they received the Eucharist. During this period, penitential services should be arranged to help prepare them for the sacrament of reconciliation.

10. The Lenten season is also an appropriate time for the celebration of penitential rites on the model of the scrutinies for unbaptised children who are at an age to be catechised and also for children already baptised, before being admitted to the sacrament of penance.

The bishop should have particular care to foster the catechumenate of both adults and children and, according to circumstances, to preside at the prescribed rites, with the devout participation of the local community.

Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2022

Rath NS enrolment is currently taking place for incoming pupils 2022/23. Please contact the school rathnationalsc@gmail.com for more info.

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.

Recently Deceased

Annie Margaret (Peggy) Kelly (nee Connolly)
Gortnadihy, Leap and Skibbereen, Co Cork
*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*

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

Ash Wednesday - March 2nd, 2022

The first day of Lent

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Why we receive the ashes



Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php>