

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

Parishes website – [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

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### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: Pat and Eily Courtney, Gurteenloman

7.30pm Rath: Timmy & Mary Holland, Lackahane,

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Third Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Cathedral: - Larry Butler, Galley Head Lighthouse

10.00am Cape Clear: - Special Intention

10.15 am Rath: - Fiona Scully, Creagh & London

11.30 am Cathedral - Eileen and Cornelius Harrington, Gortnaclohy

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - St Enda, abbot

9.30am Cathedral - Fr Paddy Hegarty, Market Street

10.15am Rath - Mary O'Donovan, Bawnfune

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 3rd Week of Lent

9.30am Cathedral – Patrick and Kitty Hodnett, Goleen

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - St Turibius of Mongrovejo

9.30am Cathedral – Catherine Monica Keating, Lisheen

10.15am Rath – Janie Murphy, Reengaroga

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - St Macartan bishop

9.30am Cathedral - Tara McKeon, Ballinasloe, Co Galway

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Annunciation of the Lord

9.30am Cathedral – Margaret Bohane, Drishanebeg

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: Ina and Martin Satchwell, Glencurragh

7.30pm Rath: Kieran O'Regan, Baltimore

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

9.00 am Cathedral: - Teresa O'Donovan & Patricia and

Irene Herlihy, Derrylugga

10.00am Cape Clear: - Special Intention

10.15 am Rath: - Margaret & Patrick Caverly

11.30 am Cathedral: Theresa and Patrick O'Donovan, Lassararoe

### Message from Bishop Fintan, February 2022

#### Cork and Ross Diocese Responding to Pope Francis Invitation to a Synodal (Listening) Process

Bishop Fintan indicated that people in the Diocese will shortly have an opportunity to participate in a broad consultation that will feed into the diocesan submission to the Roman Synod on Synodality next year. It is hoped that all those who wish to participate in that conversation will have an opportunity to do so. Bishop Fintan also noted that this process of conversation, communication and consultation will continue over the coming years as part of the Synod of the Irish Church which is underway

**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

### Feasts this week

**21st: St Enda** is considered to be one of the three great late vocations (athlaech) of

Ireland. His sister,

Faenche, a nun, set his thoughts on a religious vocation. He made a small foundation in Cell Aine, Co. Louth, and, after studies in Scotland under Ninian, made several foundations in the Boyne valley. On Faenche's urging he went to Aran. He died probably in 520 and is considered as one of the early models of ascetic monasticism in Ireland.

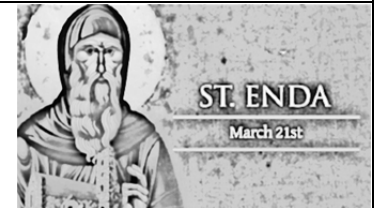
**23<sup>rd</sup>: St Turibius of Mongrovejo**, 1538-1606, was a layman when he was appointed archbishop of Lima, Peru by King Philip II. He combated all the abuses of the conquerors in Peru and built up the Church there.

**24th: St Macartan** belongs to a very early generation of saints in Ireland and is recognised as the first Bishop of Clogher. He is known as Patrick's 'Strong Man' for his dedication and faithfulness.

**25<sup>th</sup>: The Annunciation of the Lord.** 'Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace' (CCC, 494).

**The Irish Bishops** have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of **26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March** next to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to **Caritas Internationalis**, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region.

**Priest on Duty** this week: Fr Evin  
Emergency only  
**086-7852262.**



**Update on Covid Guidelines from Bishop Fintan Gavin,** Bishop Fintan sent the following message to all parishes recently.

**Protective Measures**

It is important that people are encouraged to continue wearing a face covering in the church while priests and Eucharistic Ministers should continue to wear a face covering for the distribution of Holy Communion and in any other liturgical settings that require close contact with people. Hand sanitiser should continue to be provided at entrance and exit doors of churches. It is important that dispensers should be replenished regularly.

**Holy Water Fonts:** Holy Water fonts can be used again.

**Choirs, Cantors and Church Music Groups**

The gradual return of choirs, cantors and church music groups is a welcome step now that we are in the Season of Lent and approach Holy Week and Easter taking into account such risk mitigation measures as good ventilation and mask-wearing. A diocesan webinar for choirs and church music groups will be arranged in the coming weeks.

**Parish Ministries**

All other parish ministries including Altar Servers, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Funeral Ministry, Baptismal Ministry should resume taking all risk mitigation measures into account.

**THE SCRUTINIES**

Catechumens, now the elect, asking for the three sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, take part in the Scrutinies, celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 128*

**Envelopes** for the 'Spring Stations' are available in all church porches.

**Recently Deceased**

Peggy Moore née Davis, East Sussex, England and formerly of "Railway Cottage", Church Strand, Baltimore.

Harry Watkin, Lisheenroe, Skibbereen

Jeremiah O'Driscoll, Rath, Baltimore

Sr Perpetua (Kathleen) O'Keeffe, Kilmorna, Listowel, Co Kerry and Convent of Mercy, 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*

**Saint Macartan** grew up in the southern part of Ireland,

somewhere in Munster.

Before his conversion to Christianity by Patrick, the future saint was known by the name Aidus/Aedh, the son of Caerthen (son of the Rowan Tree). The identity of his father is uncertain, but is sometimes associated with



a Dalcassian prince of Thomond or with the Uí Maine of Connacht. Hence the Anglicized later name to come down to us is "Macartan". Some sources claim that he was uncle to Saint Brigid.

Hearing of Patrick's teaching, Aidus traveled from his home to hear him preach in Armagh, leaving behind his wife and child. He first met Patrick at Drumlease, near Dromahair, County Leitrim. Here Macartan was baptized and soon became one of Patrick's official missionary staff. He was spoken of as Patrick's "champion" or "strong man". We are told that when the great Apostle was worn out by his work that Macartan supported his faltering steps over rough roads, marshes and rivers by carrying him. Macartan was initially ordained to the role of presbyter (priest) while Patrick was still living, possibly by Patrick himself.

He was the "staff of Patrick" in the Irish patron saint's declining years. On one occasion after carrying Patrick over a river, an exhausted Macartan expressed a wish that he might be relieved from further travel and allowed settle down in charge of some church close by his beloved master where he could spend the evening of his life in peace. Patrick, full of sympathy for his faithful companion and friend, agreed that he should establish a monastery in Clogher, and finish out his life there. A monastery was established near the ancient royal fort of Rathmore on the outskirts of the town and one of Ireland's oldest bishoprics was established. To commemorate the occasion Patrick gave Macartan his staff and a number of precious relics contained in a shrine known to tradition as the Domnach Airgid.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mac\\_Cairthinn\\_of\\_Clogher](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mac_Cairthinn_of_Clogher)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cura.ie)

**South Doc: 1850 335 999**