

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022- Second Sunday of Lent

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: May O'Mahony, Dromig

7.30pm Rath: Angela Sheehy, Creagh,

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Second Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Cathedral: Jim McCullagh, Mill Road

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10.15 am Rath: Donie O'Regan

11.30 am Cathedral - Colm Crowley, Inchinagotagh

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

9.30am Cathedral - Sr Kathleen Buckley, Cork and Shepperton

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

9.30am Cathedral - Tony Gallagher, Navan, Co. Meath

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Patsy, Margaret & John Joe O'Regan, Boulibawn

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick, bishop,

principal patron of Ireland

9.0am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath- Special Intention

11.30am Cathedral - Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March - St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Anna McCarthy, Coronea

10.15am Rath - No Mass

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March - 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

**Please note change to Mass schedule in Rath**

**There will be no Mass on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> in Rath**

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

### Feasts this week

**17<sup>th</sup>: St Patrick** was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in the Roman colony of Britain. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish mountain for six years. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. The voice of the Irish was calling him to come and walk among them once more. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland as a bishop c. 457-61 or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately greatly successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings survive: the *Letter to Coroticus*, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold others as slaves, and his *Confession*, written near the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life. He died in 491, though again other dates have been suggested, 480 or as early as 461.



**18<sup>th</sup>: St Cyril of Jerusalem**, 315-86, Bishop of Jerusalem. He excelled as a catechist and administrator, and suffered exile in his fight against Arianism.

**19<sup>th</sup>:** The virtues of **St Joseph** have been the object of ecclesial reflection down through the centuries, especially the more recent centuries. Among those virtues the following stand out: faith, with which he fully accepted God's salvific plan; prompt and silent obedience to the will of God; love for and fulfilment of the law, true piety, fortitude in time of trial; chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority, and fruitful reticence'

(*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 219).

### 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

**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.

**ST JOSEPH**  
The Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corcfe* (with a father's heart) marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration by Pope Pius IX of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St Joseph, 8 December 2020-8 December 2021. He concluded his Apostolic Letter with a **Prayer to St Joseph:**  
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.  
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**Day of Remembrance and Recognition – Friday March 18th**  
“A once-off public holiday, a Day of Remembrance and Recognition, will be held in memory of the more than 9,000 people who have died on the island of Ireland with COVID. This will be held on Friday, 18 March and means we will have a four-day weekend because 17 March, St Patrick’s Day, is also a public holiday. It will also recognise, and say thank you, to the volunteers, the Irish people, and to all the workers who gave their all in the fight against COVID.”  
On this Day of Remembrance and Recognition special prayers will be offered.

**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 086 245575,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**

**Recently Baptised**  
Jamie Ashton Riley Casserly, Newbridge, Skibbereen  
Lottie Grace O'Sullivan, Chapel Court, Skibbereen  
James Andrew Gill, Kinsale  
Jamie Hourihane, Tragumna  
Críoa Geraldine Kiely, Baltimore  
*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 Deceased**  
Florence Barnett, North Street and Newbridge  
*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*

**Trócaire** has appealed to the people of Ireland to support its 2022 Lenten appeal which is supporting millions in Zimbabwe suffering from the devastating impact of Covid-19 and climate change.  
The iconic Trócaire Box – which has been a firm Lent feature in Ireland for almost 50 years – will be rolled out to almost 700,000 homes, schools and churches this week.  
This year’s appeal highlights how thousands of families in Zimbabwe are struggling with the triple challenges of Covid-19, climate change and a devastated economy. The Trócaire Box features a family – widow Thandekile and her two children – based in Matobo district in southern Zimbabwe who face massive daily challenges in their lives.  
Recently retired Dublin Gaelic football star and doctor, Noelle Healy, who holds five All-Ireland senior Ladies Football Championship medals, said she is delighted to be supporting the appeal. **Please pick up a Trócaire pack from the Church doors.**

**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*

**Parish Office: will close on Wednesday March 16th**  
**The Irish Wheelchair Association shop** on North Street requires donations: clothes, shoes, books etc in good condition. We take clothes etc for recycling, but not duvets or pillows