

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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Child Safeguarding: Contact Telephone: (00353) 0 28 22828 (Parish Office)

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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 2nd April 2022 – St Francis of Paola, hermit

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Steve Nolan,

6.30pm Cathedral: Eily May & Richard P Fitzgerald,
The Abbey

7.30pm Rath: Charlie & Mary Davis, Ballylynch

Sunday 3rd April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Cathedral: -Lil and Tadhg Harnedy, Poundlick

10.00am Cape Clear: - Special Intention

10.00am Rath - Margaret Ryan, North Street &
Donal Hegarty, Gortnaclohy

11.30am Cathedral - Pat Joe O'Neill Kilnaclasha, &
Paddy O'Neill, St Patrick's Place

Monday 4th St Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Soul in Purgatory

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 5th April – St Vincent Ferrer, priest

9.30am Cathedral – Liam Walsh, Hillcrest

7.30pm Rath – Station Mass for Rath parish

Wednesday 6th April - 5th Week of Lent

9.30am Cathedral – Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

7.30pm Cathedral - Station Mass for Skibbereen Town and
County Station areas

Thursday 7th April - St John Baptiste de la Salle, priest

9.30am Cathedral – Deceased members of the O'Donoghue
and O'Driscoll families Drishane & Kilderry

Friday 8th April - 5th Week of Lent

9.30am Cathedral – Pierce Hickey, Skibbereen

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Saturday 9th April – 5th Week of Lent

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: James and Mary O'Brien, Home Rule Tee

7.30pm Rath: Miah O'Driscoll, Rathmore House,
Months Mind

Sunday 3rd April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Cathedral: - John and Eileen O'Sullivan, Lissalohorrig

10.00am Cape Clear: - Special Intention

10.00 am Rath - Special Intention

11.30am Cathedral - Jeremiah & Catherine McCarthy,
Inchinagotagh

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

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

4th: St Isidore became Bishop of Seville in the year 600 and died there in 636. His writings created a veritable encyclopaedia of knowledge. He completed the Mozarabic liturgy which is still celebrated today.

5th: St Vincent Ferrer, 1350-1419, Dominican priest, preached missions throughout his native Spain, France and Italy. He helped bring unity to the Church during the Great Schism between the Avignon and Roman claimants to the papacy.

7th: St John Baptist de la Salle, 1651-1719, devoted his life to the care and education of poor children and to the training of teachers. He formed his companions into the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Patron of teachers.

War in Ukraine

As the war continues to wage on in Ukraine into its second month, the Church in Poland is continuing to welcome refugees displaced by the devastating invasion of Russian forces and is grateful to Pope Francis for his solemn consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary last Friday evening in the Vatican.

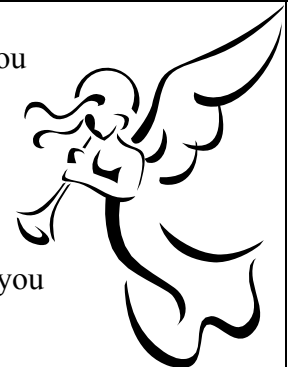
These were among the main themes discussed Monday morning during the 45-minute encounter between the Holy Father and the President of the Polish Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki, in the Vatican.

Pope Francis thanks Polish Bishops for massive welcome of Ukrainian refugees – Catholic News

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise you and we thank you for all that you have done for us. We thank you especially for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to visit and save us.

Give courage to those whom you invite to become priests and religious and grant them the generosity of mind and heart to follow your call. May they bring good news to our world today. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*



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

Spring Station Mass for Skibbereen Town and Rural Areas

Station Mass will be in the Cathedral on Wednesday night April 6th at 7.30pm - Station envelopes are available in all church porches.

Spring Station Mass for Rath Townlands

Station Mass will be in Rath church on Tuesday night April 5th at 7.30pm Station envelopes are available in all church porches.

Recently Deceased

Jerome Hurley, Coolnagarrane, 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



Skibbereen Confirmations

We congratulate the young people from St Joseph's GNS, Gaelscoil Dr. Uí Shúilleabháin and St Patrick's BNS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

Baltimore Rath and the Islands Community Council has organised a Community Walk every Sunday, weather depending, at 11.15am. The family-friendly walk goes around Reengaroga, with a choice of a short or long route. Buggies, bikes and dogs (on a lead) are welcome. It is a great opportunity to catch up with members of the community while at the same time getting exercise! For further updates, check on Facebook, Baltimore Rath and the Islands Community Council. Tara Cotter PRO

Sat 9th April 22: Fr Jim Cogley: 'Releasing the Past' – Wood you Believe -

workshop 10am – 4pm; €65 incl. light lunch; Booking required Nano Nagle Birthplace 022 Secretary (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am – 4pm) Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Mallow, Co P51 CV91 Tel: +353 22 26411, Web: www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/nanonaglebirthplace /

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK *Walk in the footsteps of Jesus* This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) will take place from **August 18th- 26th 2022**. All welcome. For more information, please contact Jim Keogh 021 4885371 Mobile 087 2678793

St John Baptist de la Salle.

At that time, most children had little hope for social and economic advancement. Moved by the plight of the poor who seemed so "far from salvation" either in this world or the next, he determined to put his own talents and advanced education at the service of the children "often left to themselves and badly brought up". La Salle knew that the teachers in Reims were struggling, lacking leadership, purpose, and training, and he found himself taking increasingly deliberate steps to help this small group of men with their work. First, in 1680, he invited them to take their meals in his home, as much to teach them table manners as to inspire and instruct them in their work. This crossing of social boundaries was one that his relatives found difficult to bear. In 1681, De La Salle realized that he would have to take a further step – he brought the teachers into his own home to live with him. De La Salle's relatives were deeply disturbed; his social class was scandalized. When, a year later, his family home was lost at auction because of a family lawsuit, De La Salle rented a house into which he and the handful of teachers moved. La Salle decided to resign his canonry to devote his full attention to the establishment of schools and the training of teachers. He had inherited a considerable fortune, and this might have been used to further his aims, but on the advice of a Father Barre of Paris, he sold what he had and sent the money to the poor of the province of Champagne, where a famine was causing great hardship. La Salle thereby began a new religious institute, the first one with no priests, at all, among its members: the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, also known as the De La Salle Brothers (in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Australasia, and Asia) or, most commonly in the United States, the Christian Brothers. (They are sometimes confused with a different congregation of the same name founded by Edmund Ignatius Rice in Ireland, who are known in the U.S. as the Irish Christian Brothers.) One decision led to another until La Salle found himself doing something that he had never anticipated. La Salle wrote: *"I had imagined that the care which I assumed of the schools and the masters would amount only to a marginal involvement committing me to no more than providing for the subsistence of the masters and assuring that they acquitted themselves of their tasks with piety and devotion ... Indeed, if I had ever thought that the care I was taking of the schoolmasters out of pure charity would ever have made it my duty to live with them, I would have dropped the whole project. ... God, who guides all things with wisdom and serenity, whose way it is not to force the inclinations of persons, willed to commit me entirely to the development of the schools. He did this in an imperceptible way and over a long period of time so that one commitment led to another in a way that I did not foresee in the beginning".*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste_de_La_Salle



Statue in the Church of Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle, Paris, France

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