

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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Saturday 30th April - 2nd Week of Easter, St Pius V, pope

4.45pm Sherkin Island – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral – Denis F O'Sullivan, Schull Road

7.30pm Rath: No Mass in Rath due to Mass at Skour Well

Sunday 1st May - Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Cathedral - Helen and Joe Harnedy, Mardyke

10.15am Rath - Francis, Annie and Joe Sheehan, Spain

11.30am Cathedral: Mary O'Regan, North Street and Lisheen

Monday 2nd St Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - John O'Donovan and Relatives & Friends, Driminity

10.15am Rath - Helen (Nellie) and Tadgh O'Neill, Baltimore and Clonakilty

Tuesday 3rd May - SS Philip and James, apostles

9.30am Cathedral – Margaret and Seamus Ryan, North Street

Wednesday 4th May - St Conleth, bishop

9.30am Cathedral – Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath – Ellen Cadogan, Oldcourt

Thursday 5th May - Bl Edmund Rice, religious

9.30am Cathedral Jane Croston, Gortnamuckla

Friday 6th May - 3rd Week of Easter

9.30am Cathedral - Deceased members of the O'Sullivan family, Lisheenroe and Therese O'Driscoll, Taormina, Baltimore Road, Skibbereen - Months Mind

10.15am Rath Denis & Mary O'Driscoll, Knockanoulty, Lough Hyne

Saturday 7th May - 3rd Week of Easter

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Jerome Hodnett, St Fachtna's Tce

7.30pm Rath: Special Intention

Sunday 8th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00 am Cathedral - Joe and Sadie Mac Donald, Mill Road

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15am Rath: Special Intention

11.30am Cathedral: Denis and Theresa O'Sullivan, Townsend St

Recently Baptised

Jack William Thornton, Rossa Rd, Skibbereen

Zac Reian Smith Hunt, Pairc Goodman, Poundhill

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

Richard (Dick) Fitzgerald, Glencurragh and formerly of Dromig, Skibbereen

Kitty Murnane (nee Hayes) Skibbereen and Glandore

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

Feasts this Week

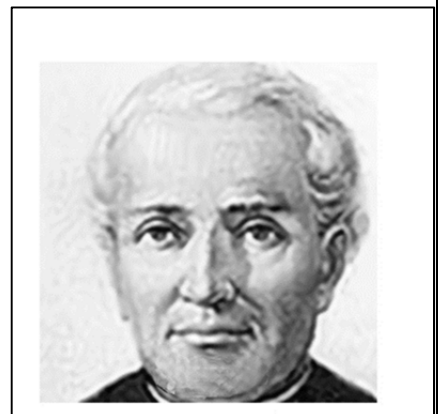
2nd: St Athanasius. Born at Alexandria around 295, he fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ. As a result, he had to endure much tribulation and he was several times sent into exile

3rd: St Philip asks to see and, having seen, he tells the good news to others. He was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. **St James**, the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.

4th: St Conleth is believed to have come from the Wicklow area. While living as a hermit he was persuaded by Brigid to act as priest for her community in Kildare. He was venerated as a great saint and Cogitosus, in his Life of Brigid, calls him bishop and abbot of the monks of Kildare. He was buried beside Brigid in the great church there. **St Conleth** is the patron saint of Droichead Nua (Newbridge), Co Kildare. He was a metal-worker in silver and gold who had a hermitage there. St Brigid called him to assist her at her foundation in Kildare and to be its bishop. He is also said to have been the sculptor of the crozier of St Finbar of Termonbarry, Co Roscommon.

5th: Bl. Edmund Rice (1762-1844) came from Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance the work, he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of the sufferings God sends, a true lay apostle and a deeply committed religious.



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.

The Women of Faith Conference 2022 is LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 7th May from 2pm. We are blessed to have the following speakers. Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire), Wendy Grace (Catholic Speaker) Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA, Sister Susan Evangelist (Sister of Mercy) Dr. Edward Sri (Scripture Scholar). Please join us for this blessed event sponsored by Totus Tuus Magazine.

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Rath Confirmations

We congratulate the young people from Rath National School who received the Sacrament of confirmation this week.

Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Edmund Rice: The founder of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, often called the Irish Christian Brothers. Edmund was born in Wescourt, Ireland, in June, 1762, the fourth of seven sons in a farming family. At seventeen he began working at his uncle's import-export business in Waterford. He later inherited the business. Married at twenty-five, Edmund lost his wife two years later and was left with a sickly infant daughter. A devout man, Edmund dedicated himself to charitable works. Though he saw how the economic and political storms of the day were impacting Ireland, he desired a religious vocation in the contemplative life. However, the Bishop of Waterford drew Edmund's attention to the bands of ragged youth in the streets, asking Edmund if he, too, planned to abandon them. Encouraged by Pope Pius VII and Bishop Hussey, Edmund sold his business, arranged for his daughter's care, and opened his first school in 1802. He had three other schools in operation by 1806, and took the name Ignatius as a religious with companions in 1808 in a pontifical institute. Edmund established the Catholic Model School and saw the founding of eleven communities in Ireland, eleven in England, and one in Australia, with requests coming from the United States and Canada. He resigned as Superior General in 1838 and died at Mt. Sion, site of his first school, on August 29, 1844. Pope John Paul II beatified him on October 6, 1996.

Bl. Edmund Ignatius Rice - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork June 15th - 22nd. Last 8 places available. Cost €749.00 pps. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours on 012410800 to book with this group.

Pope: Transform mindsets of war into plans for peace



In a video message to the US National Catholic Congress on Hispanic Ministry - taking place in Washington, DC - Pope Francis invites participants to reflect on the need to be Christians who can create bridges in all sectors of society

Pope Francis has again seized the opportunity to call on humanity to change its mindset and to plan for peace.

Addressing participants in a Catholic National Congress on Hispanic Ministry, he notes that we are living an "absurd time in which, without having yet come out of a pandemic that has afflicted all humanity with great suffering and sorrow, we find ourselves in the midst of the suffering and tragedy of a war."

"Every war is born of injustice, every war, including those that at times we wage in our families and communities, which are fought in silence; they too are born of injustice."

The Congress, entitled *Raíces y Alas 2022* [Roots and Wings 2022], has been convened from 26 to 30 April on the theme "Prophetic Voices: Being

bridges for a new era".

"You have chosen a good theme," the Pope says, inviting participants to be actors in transforming mindsets of war into "mindsets and plans of peace."

Building bridges

The Pope goes on to invite believers to reflect on the need to be "Christians who transform the structure and who can create bridges in all sectors of society, illuminating thought, so that it may lead to actions that can bring peace and unity at all levels, starting from our families and communities."

"I need peace, you need peace, the world needs peace, breathing peace is healthy. We need tangible signs of peace. Christians must set the example."

"I ask you to be bridges," Pope Francis concludes before imparting his apostolic blessing, "to create bridges, to pray and work for peace, and not to forget to pray for me."

Pope: Transform mindsets of war into plans for peace - Vatican News

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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