

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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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 16th April – Holy Saturday

10.30am Cathedral: Blessing of Food for the Easter table with the Polish Community

12 noon Cathedral: Confessions

7.30pm Rath: Easter Vigil

9.00pm Cathedral: Easter Vigil

Sunday 17th April - Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

9.00am St Mona's Church, Sherkin: Easter Sunday

9.00 am St Patrick's Cathedral: Easter Sunday

10.00am St Ciarán's Church, Cape Clear: Easter Sunday

10.15 am Sacred Heart Church, Rath: Easter Sunday

11.30 am St Patrick's Cathedral: Easter Sunday

Monday 18th April - Easter Monday

9.30am Cathedral - Derry Cahalane, Drimoleague

10.15am Rath - No Mass

Tuesday 19th April – Easter Tuesday

9.30am Cathedral – Jeremiah and Annie O'Neill, Coolnagarrane

Wednesday 20th April - Easter Wednesday

9.30am Cathedral – John and Mary Murphy, Bauravilla

10.15am Rath – No Mass

Thursday 21st April - Easter Thursday

9.30am Cathedral - Kathleen Ring, Coronea Drive

Friday 22nd April - Easter Friday

9.30am Cathedral - Tom and Mae Barry, Goleen

10.15am Rath - No Mass

Saturday 23rd April - Easter Saturday

6.30pm Cathedral - Billy Hurley, Gortnaclohy

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sunday 24th April - Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am Cathedral - Charlie and Hannah Davis, Home Rule Terrace

10.15 am Rath: Paddy Connolly, Kinsale and Skibbereen and Murty Fitzgerald, Lissaclarig, Kilcoe.

11.30 am Cathedral: Barney O'Connor, Gortnaclohy and Mary McCarthy, Lisalohorig. - Months Mind

Parish office will be closed on Tuesday 19th April and Wednesday 20th April to facilitate Easter Holidays

On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and somber thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous

Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast: "Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord!

Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward!

Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day.

Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread.

Fare royally upon it-the calf is a fatted one.

Let no one go away hungry.

All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith!

All enjoy the riches of His goodness.

Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared!

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let none fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free.

He has destroyed it by enduring it.

He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto.

Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!'

It is frustrated, for it is destroyed.

It is frustrated, for it is annihilated.

It is frustrated, for now it is made captive.

For it grabbed a body and discovered God.

It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven.

It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible.

O Death, where is your sting?

O Death, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down.

Christ is risen, and life is set free.

Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead.

For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep.

to Him be glory and power forever and ever!

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Easter Sunday - Easter / Lent - Catholic Online

Marriages: At least 3 months' notice; Please contact one of the priests or the office for further information.

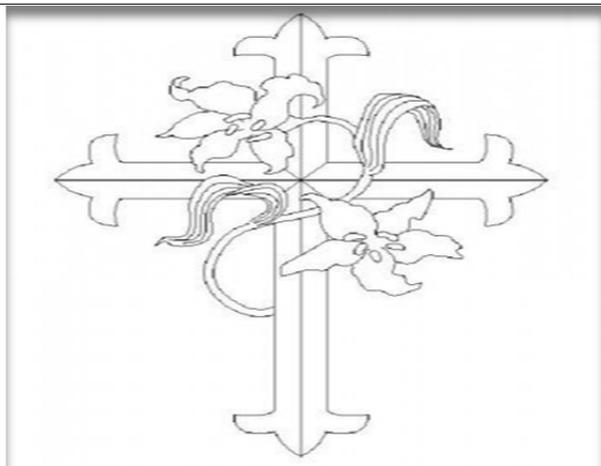
Baptisms: Please contact the parish office (028 22828) to arrange your child's baptism.

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 Michael
Emergency only
086-7852262.



HIS RIS'N

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

In the Gospels, the precise details of the Easter narrative vary slightly, but none of these variances are critical to the main story. In fact, it is argued that the variances are simply matters of style and not substance. Despite the variances, the key aspects of the Easter story all match. Above all, they agree that the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact.

Based on direct evidence from the mid-second century, it is believed that Easter was regularly celebrated from the earliest days of the Church.

The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Most Catholics attend Easter Vigil at midnight, although the services can be lengthy because many sacraments are performed, such as baptisms and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, during the Mass. Services during the daytime on Easter are shorter and well attended.

Easter Sunday - Easter / Lent - Catholic Online

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.

Recently Baptised

James Ryan Connolly, Brulea, Glandore
Jordan Michael O'Donovan, Lurriga, Skibbereen
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

Therese O'Driscoll, "Taormina", Baltimore Road, Skibbereen
Tommy O'Driscoll, Marsh Road, 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

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