

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 23rd April - Easter Saturday

4.45pm Sherkin Island – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Billy Hurley, Gortnaclohy

7.30pm Rath – Sheila & Shay Gallagher

Sunday 24th April - Second Sunday of Easter

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

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

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

11.30am Cathedral: Barney O'Connor, Gortnaclohy

Mary McCarthy, Lisalohorig, Months Mind

Monday 25th April - 2nd Week of Easter

9.30am Cathedral - John and Mary Murphy, Bauravilla

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 26th April – 2nd Week of Easter

9.30am Cathedral – Charles and Vincent Hodnett, Rosscarbery

Wednesday 27th April - 2nd Week of Easter St Asicus, bishop

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 28th April - St Peter Chanel, priest and Martyr

9.30am Cathedral - Murty Fitzgerald, Lissaclarig

Friday 29th April - St Catherine of Sienna, virgin and Doctor of the Church: Patron of Europe

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - No Mass due the Confirmation

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 Church due to Skour Well Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday 1st May - Third Sunday of Easter

9.00 am Cathedral - Ellen and Joe Harnedy, Mardyke

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

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

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

Skour Well Mass Saturday 30th April at 7.30pm – Please note there will be no 7.30pm Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Saturday 30th April

Special collection at this weekend's Masses is for the Quarterly Diocesan Collection

Feasts this Week

27th: St Asicus was St Patrick's expert craftsman in metal work and accompanied him on his journeys. He was left in charge of the church in Elphin which Patrick is said to have founded

28th: St Peter Chanel, 1803-41, is honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

29th: St Catherine of Siena, 1347-80, humble and

dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth-century Europe, spent all her energies on the Church, being able to achieve the pope's return from

Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

Three genres of work by Catherine survive:

- Her major treatise is *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*. This had probably begun in October 1377 and was certainly finished by November 1378. Contemporaries of Catherine are united in asserting that much of the book was dictated while Catherine was in ecstasy, though it also seems possible that Catherine herself may then have re-edited many passages in the book. It is a dialogue between a soul who "rises up" to God and God himself.

- Catherine's letters are considered one of the great works of early Tuscan literature. Many of these were dictated, although she herself learned to write in 1377; 382 have survived. In her letters to the Pope, she often addressed him affectionately simply as *Babbo* ("Daddy"), instead of the formal form of address "Your Holiness". Other correspondents include her various confessors, among them Raymond of Capua, the kings of France and Hungary, the infamous mercenary John Hawkwood, the Queen of Naples, members of the Visconti family of Milan, and numerous religious figures. Approximately one third of her letters are to women.

- Twenty-six prayers of Catherine of Siena also survive, mostly composed in the last eighteen months of her life.

Wikizero - Catherine of Siena



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.



Daily Prayer for Strength

Oh Lord my God, You give me all the [strength](#) that I need in life. As I undergo this trying moment, offer me a yoke that is good to bear and a burden that is light. Dear Father, You may take away this burden that I have, but if it is Your will that bear it, then shower me with Your strength and fortitude. Dear Lord, do not leave me alone for sometimes I feel like letting go. The fear and the pain that engulfs me is a bit too much, and I feel that I do not have the strength to push through on my own. Lord Jesus, You have assured us that when we turn to You, You will always hear our prayers. I know that I am undergoing this because of a sin I have committed or for preparation for higher service to You. Therefore Lord God, grant me the strength that I need today, and may Your will be done in my life. Forgive me my sins and guide me so that I do not fall into temptations. Focus Your eyes on me for all my hopes rest in You. I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen

Daily Prayer for Today - Catholic Prayers (catholicreadings.org)

Youth 2000 Munster Retreat in St Munchin's College, Corbally, Limerick on the 29th of April - 1st of May. This retreat is for age 16-35 and all the information can be found on www.youth2000.ie

Recently Deceased

Mary Sheehy Hussey, Market Street, 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

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.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Eastertide (also known as **Eastertime** or the **Easter season**) or **Paschaltide** (also known as **Paschaltime** or the **Paschal season**) is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday, which initiates Easter Week in Western Christianity, and Bright Week in Eastern Christianity.

There are several Eastertide customs across the Christian world, including sunrise services, exclaiming the Paschal greeting, clipping the church, and decorating Easter eggs, a symbol of the empty tomb.

Western Christianity

Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter. In some traditions, Easter Sunday is the first Sunday of Eastertide and the following Sunday (Low Sunday) is the second Sunday of Eastertide and so on.

Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach (פסח) and the holiday of Shavu'ot (שבועות). In the Jewish tradition, the 49 days between these holidays are known as Counting of the Omer (רִהוּמוֹ סְפִירָה). The first eight days constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.

Since 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. The name "Low Sunday" for this Sunday, once common in English, is now used mainly in the Church of England. The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day of Eastertide (a Thursday), except in countries where it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. In such countries it is celebrated on the following Sunday (the 43rd day of Eastertide). The nine days from that feast until the Saturday before Pentecost (inclusive) are days of preparation for the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, which inspired the form of prayer called a novena.

Before the 1969 revision of the calendar, the Sundays were called First Sunday *after* Easter, Second Sunday *after* Easter, etc. The Sunday preceding the feast of the Ascension of the Lord was sometimes, although not officially, called Rogation Sunday, and when the Ascension had an octave, the following Sunday was called Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension. When this octave was abolished in 1955, it was called Sunday after the Ascension. Pentecost was followed by an octave, which some reckoned as part of Eastertide.

Eastertide - Wikipedia

St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698:

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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