

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 14th May - St Matthias, apostle

4.45pm Sherkin Island – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Stephen Buckley, Castlehaven

7.30pm Rath - Con Kelleher, Mardyke Street

Sunday 15th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am Cathedral - Catherine & Mary O'Driscoll, Coronea and Cape Clear

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Fr Owen Cashman

11.30am Cathedral: Tadhg and Mary Whooley, Shreelane

Monday 16th May - St Brendan, abbot

9.30am Cathedral - Margaret and John McCarthy, Derrygool and the Abbey, Skibbereen

10.15am Rath - Helen Prout, Ringaskiddy

Tuesday 17th May - 5th Week of Easter

9.30am Cathedral – John O'Donovan, Cork Road

Wednesday 18th May - St John 1st pope and martyr

9.30am Cathedral – Susan Collins, 98th Street and Drinagh, Sonnie Collins, Drinagh and Mike Collins Rineen

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 19th May - 5th Week of Easter

9.30am Cathedral Special Intention

Friday 20th May - St Bernadine of Sienna, priest

9.30am Cathedral Special Intention

10.15am Rath Special Intention

Saturday 21st May - Ss Christopher Magallanes,

4.45pm Sherkin Island – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Frank Galvin, The Abbey

7.30pm Rath - Paddy Cahalane, Ballymacrown

Sunday 22nd May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am Cathedral - Mary Hurley, Market Street

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

11.30am Cathedral - Pat Cleary, Market Street

Feasts this week

16th: St Brendan

was a Kerryman who was born in 486. He studied at Clonard under Finnian. His name is connected with many places in Kerry such as Ardfert and Mount Brandon. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly areas beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert in 568 and died there in 578.

18th: St John I

was the first Bishop of Rome to visit

Constantinople. He was involved in Arian controversies and imprisoned at Ravenna, where he died in 526.

20th: St Bernardine was born in Siena in 1380. He became a Franciscan, travelled through Italy, preaching with great success. He promoted devotion to the Holy Name and to St Joseph. He died in 1444.

21st: Ss Christopher Magallanes and Companions. These twenty-five priests and laymen were executed in 1927 in Mexico.



Recently Deceased

Breeda Cahalane (née O'Sullivan)

Ballymacrown, Baltimore

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

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

For those who still have Trocaire boxes to return please hand them into the Sacristy or Parish Office by next week, Thank you.

Rath First Holy Communion

We congratulate the boys and girls from Rath National School who received their First Holy Communion this weekend in Sacred Heart Church, Rath

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.

St Brendan: There is very little secure information concerning Brendan's life, although at least the approximate dates of his birth and death, and accounts of some events in his life, are found in Irish annals and genealogies. The earliest mention of Brendan is in the *Vita Sancti Columbae* (Life of Saint Columba) of Adamnan written between AD 679 and 704. The earliest mention of him as a seafarer appears in the *Martyrology of Tallaght* of the ninth century.

The principal works regarding Brendan and his legend are a "Life of Brendan" in several Latin (*Vita Brendani*) and Irish versions (*Betha Brenainn*) and the better known *Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abbatis* (Voyage of Saint Brendan the Abbot). Unfortunately, the versions of the *Vita* and the *Navigatio* provide little reliable information of his life and travels; they do, however, attest to the development of devotion to him in the centuries after his death. An additional problem is that the precise relationship between the *Vita* and the *Navigatio* traditions is uncertain.

The date when the *Vita* tradition began is uncertain. The earliest surviving copies are no earlier than the end of the twelfth century, but scholars suggest that a version of the *Vita* was composed before AD 1000. The *Navigatio* was probably written earlier than the *Vita*, perhaps in the second half of the eighth century. Aengus the Culdee, in his *Litany*, composed in the end of the eighth century, invoked "the sixty who accompanied St. Brendan in his quest for the Land of Promise".

Any attempt to reconstruct the facts of the life of Brendan or to understand the nature of his legend must be based principally on Irish annals and genealogies and on the various versions of the *Vita Brendani*.

Early life: Brendan was born in AD 484 in Tralee, in County Kerry, in the province of Munster, in the south-west of Ireland. He was born among the Altraige, an Irish clan originally centred around Tralee Bay, to parents called Finnlug and Cara. Tradition has it that he was born in the Kilfenora/Fenit area on the North side of the bay. He was baptised at Tubrid, near Ardfert by Erc of Slane, and was originally to be called "Mobhí" but signs and portents attending his birth and baptism led to him being christened 'Broen-finn' or 'fair-drop'. For five years he was both educated and given in fosterage to St. Íte of Killeedy, "The Brigid of Munster". When he was six he was sent to Jarlath's monastery school at Tuam to further his education. Brendan is considered one of the "Twelve Apostles of Ireland", one of those said to have been tutored by the great teacher, Finnian of Clonard.

Brendan - Wikipedia

Recently Baptised

Daisy Deirdre O'Regan, Chapel Court, Skibbereen
Lily Josie Ring, The Quay's Off Main Street, Skibbereen
Oliver John McCarthy, 15 High Street, Skibbereen
Eoin Pat McCarthy, Mallavonea, 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 Married

Julie O'Neill and Jack Hawkins in Sacred Heart Church, Rath
Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, bless each day of their married life. Renew your blessing within them, as they choose each day, by your grace, to be a living sign of your eternal love.

Vocation to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Cork and Ross

Please contact Fr Cian O'Sullivan on 021 4876171 for further Information regarding a Vocation to Priesthood in the Diocese. There are cards providing more details at all church doors. You are welcome to take one.

Pope at Audience: Elderly's talents and charisms must be celebrated:

Continuing his catechesis on the elderly at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis praises the Biblical heroine Judith, and suggests she can serve as an example of how to properly use the gifts God has given us.

"We must celebrate all the talents and charisms of the elderly."

The Holy Father stressed this message during his Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square, as he continued his series of catecheses "on the meaning and value of old age in the light of God's Word." He reflected this week on the Old Testament heroine Judith and all the lessons that can be learned from her. When she was young, Judith had saved her people by slaying the Assyrian general Holofernes. After this victory, she returned home and spent the rest of her life with her family. The Holy Father suggested that Judith can serve as an example for all those older people who, in retirement, find themselves adjusting to a new chapter of life and new opportunities for personal growth.

The Pope said Judith's time of retirement had come, as it does for many people, after "an intense life of work," of "great dedication," or "after an adventurous existence."

Retirement can be unsettling, how to make most of it "Heroism," the Pope pointed out, "is not only that of great events that fall under the spotlight: it is often found in the tenacity of love poured into a difficult family and on behalf of a threatened community."

"*Judith lived to be over 100 years old, a particular blessing. But it is not uncommon today to have so many years left to live after the season of retirement. How should we interpret this time we have at our disposal; how should we make the most of it?*"

The Pope recognized that for many, the prospect of retirement coincides with a well-deserved, and much-desired, rest from demanding and tiring activities, but often it is also accompanied by trepidation, where some ask themselves: "What am I going to do now that my life will be emptied of all that has filled it for so long?"

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-05/pope-francis-heroine-judith-general-audience.html>

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