

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 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 & Theresa O'Sullivan, Townsend St

Monday 9th May - 4th Week of Easter

9.30am Cathedral - Cornelius, Mary Ellen and Con Murphy, High St, Skibbereen

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 10th May - St Comgall, abbot

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

Wednesday 11th May - 4th Week of Easter

9.30am Cathedral – Fr Eltin Daly, OFM, London

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 12th May - St Pancras, martyr

9.30am Cathedral - Sr Mary Connolly, Convent of Mercy

Friday 13th May - Our Lady of Fatima

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 14th May - St Matthias, apostle

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Stephen Buckley, Castlehaven

7.30pm Rath - Con Kelleher, Mardyke Street, Skibbereen

Sunday 15th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Fr Owen Cashman

11.30 am Cathedral - Tadhg and Mary Whooley, Shreelane

Skibbereen First Holy Communion

We congratulate the boys from St Patrick's BNS and the boys and girls from Dr Gaelscoil Dr. Uí Shúilleabháin who received their First Holy Communion this weekend in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen

Recently Deceased

Declan Newman, Skibbereen and formerly of Glenthorn, Dublin Hill, Cork

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

10th: St Comgall was born around 516 in Co. Antrim.

His father was a soldier and wished his son to follow in his steps but Comgall wished to become a soldier of Christ. He studied under Finnian of Moville and deepened his life of prayer to counteract his temptations to boredom and homesickness. He was persuaded to become a priest and then established a monastery at Bangor around 555-8,

which attracted people like Columbanus. He also founded a monastery at Tiree in Scotland. He died after a long illness at Pentecost 602 or 605.

12: St Pancras as a boy of fourteen suffered at the same time and was martyred in Rome in 304.

13th: Our Lady of Fatima: Is 61:9-11. Ps 44:11-12, 14-17, R/ v 11. Lk 11:27-28. Led 11:1431, 1426, 1448.

The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on 13 May when the 'Lady' asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the World War. In the final apparition on 13 October, the 'Lady' identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion

14th: **St Matthias**, like all the apostles, was chosen to become 'a witness with us of Christ's resurrection'. The story of his election as one of the apostles is given in the first reading. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now Turkey), where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans to the faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St Helena.

Spring Stations and Easter Clergy Dues

Thank you for your generous contributions in the Spring Stations and Easter Dues collections for the Priest of the Parish.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Fr Michael and Fr Evin

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.

Diocesan Synodal Process

The following is a message from Bishop Fintan Gavin asking us to make you aware of the Diocesan Synodal Process Central to our journey is prayer, listening and relationship. Pope Francis tells us that “*What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word ‘synod’.* *Journeying together*”.

I ask that the priests of the diocese along with our parishioners and religious communities would help to make the month of May a special month throughout the diocese in relation to this synodal journey. During May we will answer together the central question, ‘what is God asking of the faith community at this time?’

Representatives from Skibbereen and Rath and the Islands Parishes have been selected to participate at two meetings regarding the Diocesan Synodal Process.

1. The parishioners selected from Skibbereen and Rath and The Islands parishes will gather and join representatives from other parishes to pray, listen and discern at two facilitated Sunday afternoon meetings with the first meeting taking place on May 15th from 2pm to 5pm in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery.

2. All Parishioners are invited to have their say and respond the Synodal by filling out an online questionnaire which is anonymous and can be filled in from home, by individuals or by a family or a community. It is at synod.corkandross.org

3. There will also be focussed discussions with small groups, e.g. women’s’ groups, social action groups, young people etc. The responses from these three *pathways* will be collated and a summary document will be submitted to the national gathering which takes place in June 2022 in which a national document will be prepared for submission to the Synod in Rome in 2023. I ask you to promote the attached prayer for this synodal journey, to assist people in understanding what it is about, and to encourage as many people as possible to be involved. A newsletter insert/altar notice is also attached.

I appreciate that the time-frame is narrow but this is also a special opportunity for us all to discern what the ‘Spirit is saying to the churches’ this Easter time.

We are inviting everyone to respond to an online questionnaire which is anonymous and can be filled in from home, by individuals or by a family or a community. It is at synod.corkandross.org

A suggestion box will be available in Sacred Heart Church, Rath for those who wish to include a written submission.

Please see details posted on the Diocesan website with further information on the Synod // youtu.be/ZvOCdnHJ-fQ

People of Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to all our parishioners for their generous donations to the Diocesan Special Collection appeal for the people of Ukraine on the weekend of March 26th/27th.

Skibbereen Parish donated €3,505.00 and Rath and The Islands Parish donated €1,340.00

The contribution from the Diocese of Cork and Ross for the appeal was €237,729 and the overall amount Nationally was €3.25 Million.

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

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

THE FATIMA PRAYERS

These special prayers were given to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta at the time of the Fatima apparitions.

Prayers Given by the Angel of Peace

PARDON PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore,
I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon
for those who do not believe, do not
adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.
(Repeat three times)

ANGEL'S PRAYER

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly.
I offer Thee the most precious Body,
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the
world, in reparation for the outrages,
sacrileges and indifference by which
He is offended. By the infinite merits
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg the conversion of poor sinners.
Amen.

Prayers Given by Our Lady

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee!
My God, my God,
I love Thee in the Most
Blessed Sacrament!

SACRIFICE PRAYER

O Jesus, it is for love of You,
for the conversion of sinners,
and in reparation
for the sins committed against
the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

DECADE PRAYER

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell,
Lead all souls to Heaven, especially
those most in need of Thy mercy.
(Said after each decade of the Rosary)

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.