

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June - St Barnabus, apostle

4.45pm – Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Special Intention

7.30pm Rath - Breeda Cahalane, Ballymacrown Months Mind

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June - The Most Holy Trinity

9.00am Cathedral – Special intention

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Mary O'Driscoll, Baltimore Hill

11.30am Cathedral - Rita Kinoulty, London and Kilnehera

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Margaret Geary, Cork and Bantry

10.15am Rath – No Mass

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - St Davnet, virgin

9.30am Cathedral – Elizabeth Betty Scannell

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

10.15am Rath – No Mass

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June - 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June - 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - No Mass

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June - 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Liam O'Sullivan

7.30pm Rath - Liam Fitzgerald, Baltimore & Carlow

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jun The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9.00am Cathedral – Special intention

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Paddy Burke, Lough Hyne

11.30am Cathedral -Michael & Teresa O'Donovan, Derrygool

### Feasts this Week

**12<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Trinity.** At the Last Supper, Christ explained to the Apostles that he could not teach them everything because they were not, during his lifetime, sufficiently receptive. The Holy Spirit will be charged with continuing Christ's work for all the days of the future Church. It is the love of the Father that gives us his Son, while the Holy Spirit is ever leading us to know more of the truth.

**13<sup>th</sup> St Anthony** died in Padua in 1231 at the age of thirty-six. Born in Portugal, he had joined the Franciscans and preached against heresy throughout France and Italy.

**14<sup>th</sup>: St Davnet** lived and died at Tydavnet at Sliabh Beagh, Co. Monaghan. Tradition speaks of St Davnet as a virgin and founder of a church or monastery. A bachall (staff) said to have been hers has been preserved and in the past, it was used as a test of truth.

### Recently Baptised

Daniel Philip Murphy, Gortnaclohy Drive  
Gaberial McCarthy Arnejo, England

*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.*

### Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 18th June

Organised by Adoration Group

Bus leaving Skibbereen @ 4:30am

For further information contact Phil 02838276 / 0861238356

### Corpus Christi Procession, Skibbereen

The Corpus Christi Procession will take place after 11.30am Mass on **Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>** and will leave the Cathedral at approximately 12.30pm via North Street, High Street and turning right onto The Still Mill with Prayers and Benediction at Cara House.

### Recently Deceased

Patrick Lynch, Licknavar, 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*

### Recently Married

Sonia Minihane and Seanie Cahalane

*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.*

**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.

**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 Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland

When consultations are launched there is inevitably some cynicism in the ether. “The outcomes have already been pre-determined”, “Same old, same old”, “We’ve been here before”, “Nothing but a talking shop”. And so it is with this Synod on Synodality. No sooner was the synod launched than a torrent of critique came crashing down quelling any flickers of hope. A further concern is that we have a series of echo chambers where people with the same views gather amongst themselves to have well-rehearsed conversations, that only the most vocal and articulate are heard, and at the end we have another carefully crafted document to sit on a bookshelf already bowing under the weight of its predecessors.

I’m not disputing that a dose of cynicism can be helpful, but we simply cannot allow it to be the prevailing narrative. Why? Because we are the People of God.

Who we are is central to our embrace of the synodal pathway? We are people for whom Faith, Hope and Charity is ingrained in our psyche. If it doesn’t feel that way in the Irish Church, then we might need to rediscover the joy of being the People of God. That is a journey worth undertaking. Indeed, this is the synodal journey we are embarking upon.

Many people consider this Synod as an outworking of the Spirit of the Second Vatican Council. If we turn to the Council documents, we read of the importance of listening to the story of people. In *Gaudium et Spes* we are reminded that is the experience of our brothers and sisters that will resonate within our hearts; “*The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts*” (GS, 1).

Pope Francis considers this Synodality as the way of life for the Church; “It is precisely this path of Synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” Indeed at the close of Jubilee year Pope John Paul II drew us to the need to cultivate communion at every level in the structure of the Church life and drew us to the pastoral wisdom of St Benedict; “By the Lord’s inspiration, it is often a younger person who knows what is best and St Paulinus of Nola; “Let us listen to what all the faithful say, because in every one of them the Spirit of God breathes”

<https://synod.ie/is-this-a-synod-for-everyone/>

The following piece was chosen by the Leaving Cert Class of Skibbereen Community School for their recent Graduation Ceremony. We keep them in our prayers and wish them well in their upcoming exams. *This reading is an extract from Bianca Sparacino’s book “The Strength in our Scars”*

Here’s what they don’t tell you – You’re never really going to figure it out.

You’re never going to figure out the world, or why the things that happened to you happened, or how to ensure that your future is faultless. You’re never going to figure out how to perfect your existence, because it was never meant to be perfected.

Instead, you will figure out how to move forward, day by day. You will figure out what kind of breakfast you like in the morning, and what kind of people you want by your side. You will figure out the places that make your soul feel at home, and sometimes those places will be human beings.

You will figure out what ignites your passion, the things that you could see yourself doing every single day for ten, or twenty or thirty years. You will figure out how to say no, and how to stand up for yourself. You will figure out how to forgive and let go. You will figure out exactly how you like your coffee. You will figure out how to walk away, how to heal. You will figure out how to live with yourself, how to be your own companion. You will figure out how to be kind even to the most broken parts of yourself.

See, you will figure out how to embrace life. How to truly accept it as it comes. And it won’t always be easy, or clean-cut; it won’t always make sense, and you won’t always have control. But it will be yours. It will be yours!

### Prayer to the Holy Family (Amoris Laetitia)

#### Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

in you we contemplate the splendour of true love;  
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again experience  
violence, rejection and division;  
may all who have been hurt or scandalised  
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,  
and its beauty in God’s plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

WMOF 2022, Rome, 22-26 June 2022. Theme: *Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness.* Conclusion of Year of Amoris Laetitia Family



HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS,  
MARY  
AND JOSEPH