

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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Saturday 18th June - 11th Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Liam O'Sullivan

7.30pm Rath - Liam Fitzgerald, Baltimore & Carlow

Sunday 19th The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9.00am Cathedral – Paddy O'Donoghue, Chapel Lane

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Paddy Burke, Lough Hyne

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

Monday 20th June - The Irish Martyrs

9.30am Cathedral - Pat Lynch, Licknavar

10.15am Rath – Paddy O'Donovan, Squince, Union Hall

Tuesday 21st June - St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

Wednesday 22nd June - Ss John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyr

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

10.15am Rath – Luise Schmid

Thursday 23rd -The Nativity of St John the Baptist

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

Friday 24th June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.30am Cathedral - Nan Baldwin, Townshend Street

10.15am Rath - Margaret Murphy, Bantry

Saturday 25th June - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45pm – Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Corinna O'Donovan, Gortnaclohy

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sunday 26th Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Rita and Jim Crowley, Bunalun

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

11.30am Cathedral - Marie Keane, Coomnageehy

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Recently Deceased

Timothy David Barry, Coronea,

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



Feasts this Week

20th: The Irish Martyrs. Seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, cleric and lay, put to death for the Catholic faith between 1579 and 1654 were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992:

Dermot Hurley, Archbishop of Cashel, hanged 20 June

1584 at Hoggan Green. Conor O'Devany, Bishop of Down and

Connor, hanged, drawn and quartered. Patrick O'Loughran,

chaplain to the O'Neill family, and Maurice McKenraghty, chaplain

to the Earl of Desmond, both hanged. Also hanged were

Dominicans Terence O'Brien and Peter Higgins, Franciscans John

Kearney, Patrick O'Healy and Conrad O'Rourke, Augustinian

William Tirry, and a Jesuit lay brother, Dominic Collins. Lay

people Francis Taylor, Mayor of Dublin, and Margaret

Birmingham died of ill treatment: the Wexford martyrs, a baker,

Matthew Lambert and a group of sailors, Robert Meyler (Tyler),

Edward Cheevers and Patrick Cavanagh were hanged, drawn and

quartered on 5 July 1581. Six Catholics of Irish birth or connection

executed for the faith in England had already been beatified in 1929

and 1987: John Roche (alias Neale), John (Terence) Carey, Patrick

Salmon, John Cornelius (alias John Conor O'Mahoney), Charles

Meehan, Ralph Corby (Corbington).

21st: **St Aloysius Gonzaga** joined the Jesuits and as a model novice

he worked in the plague hospital and caught the fever, dying in

1591 at the age of twenty- three. Patron of youth.

22nd: **St John Fisher**, 1469 -1535, as Vice-chancellor, built Christ's

and St John's Colleges, Cambridge. Bishop of Rochester. His love

of truth brought about his death.

St Thomas More, 1478-1 535, the first commoner to be Lord

Chancellor of England, suffered martyrdom also under Henry VIII.

Patron of lawyers and those in public life.

24th: **The Sacred Heart of Jesus.** 'Understood in the light of the

Scriptures, the term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire

mystery of Christ: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity,

principle of the salvation and sanctification of

mankind' (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 166).

25th: 'The Church celebrates the liturgical memorial of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary the day after the Solemnity of the

Sacred Heart of Jesus. The contiguity of both celebrations is in

itself a liturgical sign of their close connection: the

mysterium of the Heart of Jesus is projected onto and reverberates

in the Heart of his Mother, who is also one of his followers and a

disciple'

(*Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy*, 174).

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.

23rd: John the Baptist, the son of Zachary and Elizabeth, straddles both Old and New Testaments. His parents were reckoned as 'just before God' (Lk 1:6). John the Baptist is a major figure in the history of salvation. While in his mother's womb, he recognised the Saviour (cf. Lk 1:39-45); his birth was accompanied by great signs (cf. Lk 1:57-66); he retired to the desert where he led a life of austerity and penance (cf. Lk 1:80; Mt 3:4); 'Prophet of the Most High' (Lk 1:76), the word of God descended on him (Lk 3: 2); 'he went through the whole of the Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins' (Lk 3:3); like the new Elijah, humble and strong, he prepared his people to receive the Lord (cf. Lk 1:1 7); in accordance with God's saving plan, he baptised the Saviour of the World in the waters of the Jordan (cf. Mt 3:13-16); to his disciples, he showed that Jesus was 'the Lamb of God' (Jn 1:29), 'the Son of God' (Jn 1:34), the Bridegroom of the new messianic community (cf. Jn 3:28-30); he was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod for his heroic witness to the truth (cf. Mk 6:14-29), thereby becoming the Precursor of the Lord's own violent death, as he had been in his prodigious birth and prophetic preaching. Jesus praised him by attributing to him the glorious phrase 'of all children born to women, there is no one greater than John' (Lk 7:28).



Baptising Jesus
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Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 224

Sunday

Every seven days, the Church celebrates the Easter mystery. This tradition goes back to the time of the Apostles. It takes its origin from the actual day of Christ's Resurrection. Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year. It is meant to be illumined by the glory of the Risen Christ. It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ. Sunday also recalls the creation of the world. The Genesis account of creation, expressed in poetic style, is a hymn of awe and adoration of God in the presence of the immensity of creation.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council explained how we should celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, or its vigil on Saturday evening: The Church, therefore, earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at this mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators. On the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers they should take part in the sacred action, conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration. They should be instructed[^] by God's word and be nourished at the table of the Lord's Body. They should give thanks to God. Offering the immaculate victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also together with him, they should learn to offer themselves. Through Christ, the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all. (SC, no. 48)

Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults, Irish Episcopal Conference, Veritas, 2014, pp. pp. 401-2

Corpus Christi Procession, Skibbereen

Corpus Christi Procession will take place after 11.30am Mass on Sunday June 19th 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.

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!

Corpus Christi Sunday 2022: Inspiring words from the saints about the Eucharist

St. Thomas Aquinas: "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

St. Francis de Sales: "When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious food."

St. John Chrysostom: "It is not the man who is responsible for the offerings as they become Christ's Body and Blood; it is Christ Himself who was crucified for us. The standing figure belongs to the priest who speaks these words. The power and the grace belong to God. 'This is My Body,' he says. And these words transform the offerings."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem: "Since Christ Himself has said, 'This is My Body,' who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?"

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/251543/corpus-christi-sunday-2022-inspiring-words-from-the-saints-on-the-eucharist>

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