

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 25th June 2022 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3.30pm Cape Clear – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Corinna O'Donovan, Gortnaclohy

7.30pm Rath - Special Intention

Sunday 26th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral – Rita and Jim Crowley, Bunalun

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

11.00am Sherkin - Mass in Sherkin Abbey

11.30am Cathedral - Marie Keane, Coomnageehy

Monday 27th June - St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Tuesday 28th June - St Irenaeus, bishop and martyr

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

Wednesday 29th June - SS Peter and Paul, apostles

9.30am Cathedral – Pauline Butler, Galleyhead Lighthouse

10.15am Rath – Irene Coughlan

Thursday 30th First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

Friday 1st July - St Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Barry St John Ryan, Barry Ryan and Niamh O'Connor

Saturday 2nd July - 13th Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Peter Nolan, Coolnagarrane

7.30pm Rath - Mary Leonard, Reengaroga

Sunday 3rd July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - PJ Collins, Bauravilla

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Paddy Holland

11.30am Cathedral - Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen and Archbishop Denis Hurley, Durban

Please Note Change to Sherkin Island Mass this weekend June 25th/26th – There is no Mass in St Mona's Church on Saturday June 25th. Mass will be held at 11.00am Sunday June 26th in Sherkin Abbey.

Mass in Cape Clear this weekend will be on Saturday June 25th at 3.30pm. No Mass on Sunday 26th June

Feasts this Week

27th: St Cyril, 370-444, patriarch of Alexandria, fought against Nestorianism at the Council of Ephesus, 431, which proclaimed Mary the Mother of God.

28th: St Irenaeus lived just after the time of the apostles and knew those who had seen and talked with them. He became Bishop of Lyons, the largest trading centre in Gaul. The note of moderation, the desire to win people to Christianity by love rather than by fear, was apparent in all of Irenaeus' work.

29th: On this day, traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. **St Peter**, originally called Simon, a fisherman who became leader of the apostles and the rock on which the Church is built, died by crucifixion in Rome around the year 64.

St Paul, Saul the Pharisee who became the 'Apostle of the Gentiles', was martyred by beheading around 67. Both proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

30th: The First Martyrs of Rome, in addition to Ss Peter and Paul, died under Nero in the year 64

1st: St Oliver Plunkett see over.

The National Pre-Synodal Assembly took place in Athlone on Saturday 18th June.

The submissions from each Diocese in the country were brought to the Assembly and collated together for the National submission to be sent to the Holy See ahead of the 2023 synod

If you would like to read submission that was made on behalf of Cork and Ross Diocese, please go to

The diocesan website at

<https://corkandross.org/diocesan/synodal-document-submitted-by-diocese/>

It is also available on our parishes website under

Notices on <https://www.skibbereenandrath.ie/>

The Diocesan website also has more information about the Synod; <https://synod.corkandross.org> - Welcome - The Synodal Pathway in Cork and Ross.

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 Oliver Plunkett was born on 1 November 1625 (earlier biographers gave his date of birth as 1 November 1629, but 1625 has been the consensus since the 1930s) in Loughcrew, County Meath, to well-to-do parents with Hiberno-Norman ancestors.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_Plunkett - cite_note2

A grandson of James Plunket, 8th Baron Killeen (died 1595), he was related by birth to a number of landed families, such as the recently ennobled Earls of Roscommon, as well as the long-established Earls of Fingall, Lords Louth, and Lords Dunsany. Until his sixteenth year, the boy's education was entrusted to his cousin Patrick Plunkett, Abbot of St Mary's, Dublin and brother of Luke Plunkett, the first Earl of Fingall, who later became successively Bishop of Ardagh and of Meath. As an aspirant to the priesthood he set out for Rome in 1647, under the care of Father Pierfrancesco Scarampi of the Roman Oratory. At this time the Irish Confederate Wars were raging in Ireland; these were essentially conflicts between native Irish Catholics, English and Irish Anglicans and Nonconformists. Scarampi was the Papal envoy to the Catholic movement known as the Confederation of Ireland. Many of Plunkett's relatives were involved in this organisation.

He was admitted to the Irish College in Rome and proved to be an able pupil. He was ordained a priest in 1654 and deputed by the Irish bishops to act as their representative in Rome. Meanwhile, the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland (1649–53) had defeated the Catholic cause in Ireland; in the aftermath the public practice of Catholicism was banned and Catholic clergy were executed. As a result, it was impossible for Plunkett to return to Ireland for many years. He petitioned to remain in Rome and, in 1657, became a professor of theology. Throughout the period of the Commonwealth and the first years of Charles II's reign, he successfully pleaded the cause of the Irish Catholic Church, and also served as theological professor at the College of Propaganda Fide. At the Congregation of Propaganda Fide on 9 July 1669 he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh, the Irish primatial see, and was consecrated on 30 November at Ghent by the Bishop of Ghent, Eugeen-Albert, count d'Allamont. He eventually set foot on Irish soil again on 7 March 1670, as the English Restoration of 1660 had begun on a basis of toleration. The pallium was granted him in the Consistory of 28 July 1670.

After arriving back in Ireland, he tackled drunkenness among the clergy, writing: "Let us remove this defect from an Irish priest, and he will be a saint". The Penal Laws had been relaxed in line with the Declaration of Breda in 1660 and he was able to establish a Jesuit College in Drogheda in 1670. A year later 150 students attended the college, no fewer than 40 of whom were Protestant, making this college the first integrated school in Ireland. His ministry was a successful one and he is said to have confirmed 48,000 Catholics over a 4-year period. The government in Dublin, especially under the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Duke of Ormonde (the Protestant son of Catholic parents) extended a generous measure of toleration to the Catholic hierarchy until the mid-1670s. Plunkett was executed in Tyburn, England on the 1st July 1681. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered for treason and "promoting the Roman faith." He was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn, and the first of the Irish martyrs to be beatified in 1920. He was canonised by Pope Paul VI on 12 October 1975. He is buried at Downside Abbey, England; his head is venerated in St Peter's Church, Drogheda.

Oliver Plunkett - Wikipedia

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

Thank you

We wish to thank all those who attended the Eucharist Procession last Sunday and to our many parish volunteers who helped make it a special day.

Second Collection

Second Collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence.

Part of POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

St Peter's Square, Wednesday, 15 June 2022

Catechesis on Old Age: 14. *The joyful service of faith that is learned in gratitude* (cf. Mk 1, 29-31)

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age in the light of God's word, we now consider the healing of Saint Peter's mother-in-law. The Gospel of Mark tells us that as she lay in bed with a fever, Jesus took her by the hand and the fever left her; and she began to serve them (cf. 1:29-31). The fact that Jesus wished to heal her in the company of the disciples reminds us that the entire Christian community is called to be present to our brothers and sisters in need. We proclaim Christ's salvation and the hope offered by the Gospel precisely by reaching out to those who, like so many elderly people in our communities, feel isolated and even abandoned. Peter's mother-in-law then responds with gratitude for the gift of God's mercy by getting up and immediately serving her guests. Within the Christian community, the elderly offer a precious service by their own example of gratitude for the gift of faith and the experience of the Lord's healing touch in their lives. They teach us that Christian discipleship is expressed in acts of charity, inspired by gratitude for the merciful love that touches and transforms our lives.

General Audience, 15 June 2022 - Catechesis on Old Age: 14. The joyful service of faith that is learned in gratitude (cf. Mk 1, 29-31) | Francis (vatican.va)

Recently Deceased

John Joe Geaney, Curravalley, 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 Baptised

Frank John Paul Shaw, Essex

Tom Barry, Rochestown, Cork

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

Alexandrea Kayla Neil and Evan Lawrence Kennedy Davis

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.