

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June - SS Charles Lwanga and companions

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Special Intention

7.30pm Rath - Patricia O'Mahony, Coronea House

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Pentacost Sunday

9.00am Cathedral – Special Intention

10.00 am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - John Davis, Lackahane

11.30 am Cathedral - Con O'Mahony, Coronea

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - B V Mary, Mother of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath – No Mass

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - St Colman, bishop

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – The Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath – No Mass

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June - St Columba, abbot and missionary

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> St Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - No Mass

### 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 Kinouly, London and Kilnehera

### Recently Deceased

Tim Collins, Gortnamuckla, Skibbereen

Kenneth Evans, Poundlick, Skibbereen

Mark O'Neill, Sherkin Island

*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

Ailbhe Buchan, Scotland, Oisín Séamus O'Neill, Pookeen, Lough Ine, Paulius Valaitis, Hillcrest, Skibbereen, Theodore Michael O'Sullivan, Leap, Tyler Jay Michael Stacy, Chapel Court, 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.*

### Feasts This Week

**6<sup>th</sup>: Mary, Mother of the Church.** From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children. Mary, present with the disciples at Pentecost, prayed with them as the Holy Spirit descended

**7<sup>th</sup>: St Colman** (Mocholmoc) of Dromore, Co. Down, spent most of his life in that area. Possibly he studied under Caetan of Nendrom, Co. Down, and was persuaded by St Mac Nissi to settle at Dromore c. 514

**9<sup>th</sup>: St Columba**, also known as Colum Cille, was born in Gartan, Co. Donegal, in 521 and was of royal lineage. He studied under St Finnian of Moville and St Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries in Derry, Durrow, Iona and possibly Kells. He left Ireland, either for penance or to be a pilgrim for Christ, but Iona became his principal foundation. From it missionaries undertook the conversion of Northumbria. Columba is noted for his great love for people and for all living creatures. He died 9 June 597



**10<sup>th</sup>: St Ephrem the Syrian**, c. 306-373, was a native of Nisibis in Mesopotamia, and became a monk and deacon near Edessa in modern Turkey. He wrote commentaries on scripture and several hymns which were later included in the liturgy, he defended the faith against Arianism and encouraged devotion to Our Lady.

**11<sup>th</sup>: St Barnabas** was born on the island of Cyprus. He was one of the first converts in Jerusalem and preached at Antioch. He became a companion of St Paul and went with him on his first missionary journey, and he took part in the Council of Jerusalem. He returned to his native land to preach the Gospel and died there.

**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 Road

**Priest on Duty** Fr Michael - Emergency only 086-7852262.

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!

### **Corpus Christi Procession, Skibbereen**

The 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.

**St Columba:** in Ireland, the saint is commonly known as Colmcille or Columbanus. Colmcille is one of the three patron saints of Ireland, after Patrick and Brigid of Kildare. Colmcille is the patron saint of the city of Derry, where he founded a monastic settlement in c. 540. The name of the city in Irish is *Doire Cholm Cille* and is derived from the native oak trees in the area and the city's association with Colmcille. The town of Swords, Dublin was reputedly founded by Colmcille in 560 AD. The Columba Press, a religious and spiritual book company based in Dublin, is named after Colmcille. Aer Lingus, Ireland's national flag carrier has named one of its Airbus A330 aircraft in commemoration of the saint. Columba currently has two poems attributed to him: "Adiutor Laborantium" and "Altus Prosator". Both poems are examples of Abecedarian hymns in Latin written while Columba was at the Iona Abbey.

The shorter of the two poems, "Adiutor Laborantium" consists of twenty-seven lines of eight syllables each, with each line following the format of an Abecedarian hymn using the Classical Latin alphabet save for lines 10–11 and 25–27. The content of the poem addresses God as a helper, ruler, guard, defender and lifter for those who are good and an enemy of sinners whom he will punish.

"Altus Prosator" consists of twenty-three stanzas sixteen syllables long, with the first containing seven lines and six lines in each subsequent stanza. It uses the same format and alphabet as "Adiutor Laborantium" except with each stanza starting with a different letter rather than each line. The poem tells a story over three parts split into the beginning of time, history of Creation, and the Apocalypse or end of time.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columba>

**The Knights of St Columbanus:** The Order was founded in Belfast in 1915 by Father James Kearney O'Neill. James K. O'Neill was a native of Ballycastle, where he studied at the Classical School in Downpatrick. He enrolled in St. Malachy's Diocesan College in February 1872 and entered Maynooth in September 1875. In 1906 he was appointed parish priest of the Sacred Heart Parish, Oldpark Rd., Belfast. Father O'Neill was at that time, greatly influenced by the Pope Leo XIII encyclical *Rerum Novarum* ('of revolutionary change'). This open letter from the Pope was passed to all Catholic patriarchs, primates, archbishops and bishops and addressed the misery and wretchedness pressing so unjustly on the majority of the working classes at that time. It struck a particular chord with Father O'Neill, who bore daily witness to the plight of oppressed and demoralised Catholics in Belfast and the wider area. With the approval of Bishop John Tohill, Father O'Neill circulated copies of Pius X's first regulations for the Lay Apostolate among the many conferences at that time under his supervision. He arranged regular meetings at which lectures were given on the social teachings of Leo XIII and Pius X, enlightening those in attendance, in turn plotting the course for a new organisation to rise. The nearest Council of Knights is in Clonakilty / Bandon.

### **Who may join?**

We welcome into our ranks, Catholic men in full communion with the Church, who want to serve Christ and use their talents and skills towards the promotion of Christian values and principles within society. We need men who want to make a difference and help restore Christian values and oppose an increasingly secular and relative Ireland.

Membership of the Order is open to Catholic males 18 years and older. Prospective new members are nominated by an existing member to join a particular Primary Council. They must be practising Catholics as defined by the Church and over eighteen years of age.

If you are prepared to give your time and effort without material reward, and you can offer full commitment a few hours a month and are interested in learning more about the Knights of Saint Columbanus, please contact the number or email below, for more information.

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