

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 - 13<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Peter Nolan, Coolnagarraga

7.30pm Rath - Mary Leonard, Reengaroga

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - PJ Collins, Bauravilla

10.00 am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Paddy Holland

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

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July - St Elizabeth of Portugal

9.30am Cathedral- Josephine O'Reilly, Dunmanway

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - St Anthony Zaccaria, priest

9.30am Cathedral – Daniel & Mary Collins, Knocktaggart

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> St Monine Goretti, virgin and martyr

9.30am Cathedral – Bob & Michael Tadhg Crowley, St Fachtna's Terrace

10.15am Rath –Special Intention

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July - St Maelruain, bishop and abbot

9.30am Cathedral - Tom and Mae Barry, Goleen

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July - St Kilian, bishop and martyr

9.30am Cathedral - Nell Whooley, Mealisheen, Leap

10.15am Rath -Special Intention

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July - St Augustine Zhao Rong priest, and companions, martyrs

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral -Special Intention

7.30pm Rath – Jerome & May O'Sullivan and Jack Walsh, Bunlick

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral – Yvonne Gilmartin, Lucan & Skibbereen

9.00 am Cape Clear -Special Intention

10.15 am Rath -Special Intention

11.30 am Cathedral – Angela & Derry O'Byrne, Coronea

Skibbereen Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>

**Trócaire Lenten Appeal Collection:** Skibbereen Parish Collection €1732.00,  
Rath and the Islands Parish Collection €360.00

### Feasts this Week

4<sup>th</sup>: **St Elizabeth of Portugal**, 1271-1336, of the House of Aragon, had an unhappy marriage with the King of Portugal. She persevered in prayer and good works, and as a widow lived in poverty as a Franciscan tertiary.

5<sup>th</sup>: **St Anthony Zaccaria**, 1502-39, was a medical doctor before becoming a priest in Milan. He founded the Barnabites.

6<sup>th</sup>: **St Moninne** of Killeavy was one of Ireland's early women saints. After instruction on the religious life, she founded a community which initially consisted of eight virgins and a widow with a baby at Sliabh Gullion, Co. Armagh. They lived an eremitical life, based on that of Elijah and St John the Baptist. Moninne died in 517 or 518

7<sup>th</sup>: **St Maelruain (Maolruain)**, bishop and abbot, founded the monastery of Tallaght, Co. Dublin, in 774 which introduced a reform. Important liturgical and spiritual writings emerged from this movement known as the Cell De reform. He died in 792.

9<sup>th</sup>: **SS Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions**. St Augustine T'chao, born 1746, converted to Christianity, was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial also celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially during the Boxer Uprising.

### Submission to the pre-synodal process from the People of the Diocese of Cork and Ross; May 2022

This document can be seen on the diocesan website at <https://corkandross.org/diocesan/synodal-document-submitted-by-diocese/>

And on our parishes website under at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)  
The Diocesan website also has more information about the Synod; try <https://synod.corkandross.org> - Welcome - The Synodal Pathway in Cork and Ross.

Reading this will give us an opportunity to reflect on the relevance of what is being said in our name.

**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 Kilian**, also spelled Killian (or alternatively Irish: *Cillian*; Latin: *Kilianus*), was an Irish missionary bishop and the Apostle of Franconia (Franconia is nowadays the northern part of Bavaria), where he began his labours in the latter half of the 7th century. His feast day is 8 July.

There are several biographies of him. The oldest texts which refer to him are an 8th-century necrology at Würzburg and the notice by Hrabanus Maurus in his martyrology.

The name has several variations in spelling (e.g. Chillian,

Killian, Cilian, Kilian). In Ireland, the preferred spelling is Cillian; the name appears thus in the Irish liturgical calendar.

According to Irish sources, Kilian was born to noble parents in approximately the year 640 in Cloughballybeg, near Mullagh in the south-east of what is now County Cavan in Ireland. Some records state that Kilian served as a monk in the celebrated monastery at Hy, Hy being an early name for what was later known as Iona. He began his education in Rosscarbery (the School of Ross), County Cork, and completed it in Tuosist in County Kerry.

In the summer of 686 Kilian, with eleven companions, travelled through Gaul to Rome to receive missionary faculties from the Pope, arriving in late autumn and meeting with Pope Conon. From there they traveled to the castle of Würzburg, which was inhabited by the East Frankish ruler, *Herzog* (Duke) Gozbert [de], who was, like his people, still pagan.

The original group separated – some departing to seek other fields of missionary work, while Kilian with two companions, the priest Colmán (also called Colonan or Kolonat) and the deacon Totnan, remained in Würzburg. Kilian made this town the base of his activity, which extended over an ever-increasing area in East Franconia and Thuringen (Thuringia). He converted Duke Gozbert with a large part of his subjects to Christianity.

Kilian told the *Herzog* (Duke) that he was in violation of sacred scripture by being married to his brother's widow, Geilana. When Geilana, whom Kilian had failed to convert to Christianity, heard of Kilian's words against her marriage, she was so angry that, in the absence of the Duke, she had her soldiers sent to the main square of Würzburg, where Kilian and his colleagues were preaching, and had him beheaded, along with two of his companions, Colmán and Totnan.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Kilian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Kilian)



## Part of Pope Francis' letter about Grandparents

Dear Friends,

“In old age they will still bear fruit” (*Ps* 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true “gospel” that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the “throw-away culture”, which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from “them” and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the *revolution of tenderness* in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. “Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God”. Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be “the enduring ‘chorus’ of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life”.

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has “filled with days”. Let us celebrate it together! I ask you to make this Day known in your parishes and communities; to seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!

Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the *revolution of tenderness*, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.

To all of you, and to your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me!

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2022, Feast of the Apostles Philip and James. FRANCIS

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2022/06/29/pope-francis-message-for-the-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2022/>

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cura.ie)

**South Doc: 1850 335 999**