

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 23rd July 2022 St Bridget of Sweden, religious and

PATRON OF EUROPE

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Bernard Newman, Ilen Villas

7.30pm Rath - Kitty Lyons, London & Skibbereen

Sunday 24th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Liam O'Flaherty, Chapel Lane

10.00 am Cape Clear – Eileen (Moriarty) and Richard Hengler

10.15 am Rath - Pat, Johanna & Donal Davis, Lackahane

11.30 am Cathedral - Michael McCarthy, Glandore
Pat Lynch, Licknavar Months Mind

Monday 25th July - St James, Apostle

9.30am Skibbereen - Micheal Nolan, Coolnagarrane

10.15am Rath – John O'Driscoll, Schull

Tuesday 26th July - Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM

9.30am Skibbereen – Michael & Kitty O'Driscoll and Rita &
Aidan Hanley, Chapel Lane

Wednesday 27th July - 17th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Skibbereen – DD Bohane, Drishanebeg

10.15am Rath – Anna, James, & Finbarr Nolan, Fastnet Hse, Baltimore

Thursday 28th July - 17th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - David Barry, Coronea

Friday 29th July - St Martha, Mary and Lazarus

9.30am Cathedral- John Berry, Thornhill & Michael Berry, Aughadown

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 30th St Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Dave Barry, Coronea

7.30pm Rath - John and Hannah Sheehy, Creagh

Sunday 31st July - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Joe Collins, Lissard - Months Mind

10.00 am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Carmel and Danny Doyle, Fenit & Reengaroga

11.30 am Cathedral - Mary McCarthy, 5 Ilen Street, Skibbereen

Sherkin Island - We congratulate Ellen Margaret and Lauren Eileen Murphy who received the Sacrament of confirmation in St Mona's Church, Sherkin Island recently.

COMMISSIONING OF FUNERAL TEAM MEMBERS. A commissioning of the Skibbereen Funeral Team will take place this weekend at the 6.30 pm Mass on Saturday July 23rd and the 9.00 am and 11.30 am Masses on Sunday July 24th in St Patrick's Cathedral. Over the past year or so volunteers from Skibbereen parish met with Maura O'Flynn and Michael O'Leary representatives from the Diocesan Funeral Team Ministry. The team of volunteers, who are now familiar with the Ministry, Prayers, and recommended Diocesan procedures, are available to assist and provide support to bereaved families in the parish at the time of a Funeral. The members of the Skibbereen Funeral Team are: Bebeanne Carey, Kathleen Courtney, Mary Croston, Jacinta Crowley, Jerome Dwyer, Patsy Hayes, Theresa Hickey, Betty Keane, Mary Keohane, Dan Minihane, Marian Neylon, Geraldine O'Hare, Eileen O'Sullivan, and Dolores Ruane.

Your prayers and support will always be welcomed for their generosity and commitment to the Funeral Team Ministry.

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

Feasts this Week

25th: St James, son of Zebedee and brother of John, called the Greater. He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.

26th: Ss Joachim and Anne (or Anna). Traditionally named parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord. The earliest reference to their names is the second-century apocryphal Gospel of James. Their feasts were celebrated separately until joined together in the Calendar reform of 1969. St Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers.

27th: Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus welcomed Jesus as a family friend. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.

30th: St Peter Chrysologus, died c. 450, Bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching.

Pilgrim's Mass

A Pilgrim's Mass is held in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela each day at 12:00 and 19:30. Pilgrims who received the *compostela* the day before have their countries of origin and the starting point of their pilgrimage announced at the Mass. The Botafumeiro, one of the largest censers in the world, is operated during certain Solemnities and on every Friday, except Good Friday, at 19:30. Priests administer the Sacrament of Penance, or confession, in many languages. In the Holy Year of 2010 the Pilgrim's Mass was exceptionally held four times a day, at 10:00, 12:00, 18:00, and 19:30, catering for the greater number of pilgrims arriving in the Holy Year.

Priest on Duty this week: Fr Michael
Emergency only
086-7852262.

BAPTISM- Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. *Gal 5:22-23*). When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: 'Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better'. In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love, 'like a bride bedecked with jewels' (*Is61:10*).
Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, 15

The Link between Liturgy and Life

Our society favours being practical and tends to evaluate people and institutions in this light. Practicality has led to numerous inventions that have made life more humane. It also asks people to draw a closer link between theory and everyday life, urging them to be more down-to-earth. But for some practical-minded people, religion appears to put too much emphasis on the next world rather than this one. Further, they claim that the time and effort devoted to ceremonies and otherworldly endeavours seems to have little value. They would want religion to confine itself to humanitarian deeds.

The Church has a vital role to play in shaping responsible citizens with moral character and with a willingness to contribute to the well-being of society. The liturgy and worship of the Church have much to do with these admirable goals. At divine worship, people receive the grace to help them to be formed ever more closely to Christ. The saving grace of the dying and rising of Christ are communicated to us in the Sacraments so that we might live more perfectly Christ's truth and virtues such as love, justice, mercy and compassion.

Every Mass ends with the mission to go forth and serve the Lord. This sending means that the love of God and neighbour and the moral implications of the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments should be witnessed by the participants in everyday life. People of faith know that their liturgical experience provides a unique spiritual vision and strength for making this a better world.

The lives of the saints provide ample evidence of this truth. Saints of every age have improved healthcare and education and fostered the human dignity of the poor, the oppressed and the society at large. Saints attribute their remarkable energies to the power that comes from prayer and above all from the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults, Irish Episcopal Conference, Veritas, 2014, pp. 194-195

Annual Padre Pio Mass - The annual concelebrated Mass commemorating the day of Padre Pio's ordination to the priesthood will take place on **Sunday 7th August** from **2.30pm**, in the **Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork**. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm. There will also be the anointing of the sick, benediction, and blessing with First Class Padre Pio relics.

Parish office will be closed next Wednesday July 27th, 2022

St. Barrahan's Church Festival of Music, Castletownshend on Thursday 28th July, 8 pm with Sharon Carty, mezzo soprano, Jonathan Ware, piano, in a programme of Schubert songs,
<http://www.barrahanemusic.ie>

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

MASS IN ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY, CORONEA

(New Cemetery) will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 3rd at 7.30 pm. The Celebrant will be Fr Teddy Collins and the organisers are the Members of the Legion of Mary. All our deceased friends and relatives will be remembered, especially those who died during the Covid/lockdown period. Seating on the night is available through the kind support of O'Donovan Rossa GAA Committee. A large gathering is hoped for; to mark this special Celebration of Mass for the deceased members of our community.

Recently Baptised

Zara Louise Sheehy, The Moorings, 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.

Recently Deceased

Carrie Cotter, Cork and 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

Mark O'Donovan and Clodagh Butler
Joanne O'Sullivan and Shane Bolger
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.

COUNCIL FOR CATECHETICS:

Relationships and Sexuality Education

The NCCA were asked to undertake a major review of RSE by former Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton TD.

The first phase of the review of RSE took place between June 2018 and March 2019 which produced a draft report. Further consultation followed to ensure the findings and related draft advice gathered in the first phase is reflective of the needs of students, schools and parents.

The deadline for completing the survey or emailing a written submission regarding the draft report is Friday 25th October 2019.

You can find more information by going to <https://www.ncca.ie/en/updates-and-events/consultations/review-of-relationships-and-sexuality-education-rse>.

After this phase of consultation is complete, a final report containing the advice for future directions will be completed and issued to the Minister for Education and Skills.

You might find a video from icatholic.ie helpful in considering some of the questions asked by the NCCA. See

<https://www.icatholic.ie/retv-rse-review-2019/>
<https://www.religiouseducation.ie/relationships-and-sexuality-education/>

BINGO! SVP Tombola: Coming soon; Line up for a hopeful houseful!