

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August** St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and Doctor of the Church.

9.30am Cathedral - Peadar Hayes, North Street

10.15am Rath –Special Intention

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August - St Peter Julian Eymard, priest**

9.30am Cathedral –Dan O'Regan, Castlehaven

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - 18<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**

9.30am Cathedral – Carrie Cotter, Glasheen and Skibbereen

10.15am Rath –Special Intention

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August - St John Vianney, priest**

9.30am Cathedral - Kate O'Donovan and Eileen Harvey, Lissanaroe

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August - St Mary Major**

9.30am Cathedral- Michael Maguire, Cork and Skibbereen

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August - The Transfiguration of the Lord**

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral -Josephine and Michael John Carey, Derrylugga

Mary O'Sullivan, Townshend Street, Months Mind

7.30pm Rath – Special Intention

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am Cathedral - Richard Palmer, Ringaskiddy

10.00 am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Eugene (Eugie) Leonard, Rath

11.30 am Cathedral - Chrissie Crowley, Market Street

**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.

### Feasts this Week

**1<sup>st</sup>: St Alphonsus Liguori**, 1696-1 787, founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life. He is remembered as a popular preacher and influential writer of theology.

**2<sup>nd</sup>: St Peter Julian Eymard**, 1811-68, a fervent disciple of the Eucharistic Mystery, established the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and, with the help of Marguerite Guillot, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

**The Indulgence of St Mary of the Portiuncula** may be gained on 2August, or on another day determined by the Ordinary for the convenience of the people, by visiting the parish church, reciting there the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, in addition to sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself.

**4<sup>th</sup>: St John Vianney**, 1786-1859, had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817, he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvellous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, the cure averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

**5<sup>th</sup>: St Mary Major**: Apoc 21:1-5. Ps Jdt 13:18-19, R/ 15:9. Lk 11:27-28. *Lect* 11:1129

The basilica was built by Pope Sixtus III after the Council of Ephesus (431). It is the first church in the West named in honour of the Mother of God

**6<sup>th</sup>: The Transfiguration**. The cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die.

### Recently Baptised

Alice Elizabeth Walsh, Virginia, Co Cavan  
*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.*

**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.**

**John Vianney** (born **Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney**; 8 May 1786 – 4 August 1859), venerated as **Saint John Vianney**, was a French Catholic priest who is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint and as the patron saint of parish priests. He is often referred to as the "**Curé d'Ars**" (i.e. the parish priest of Ars), internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Vianney was born on 8 May 1786, in the French town of Dardilly, France (near Lyon), and was baptized the same day. His parents, Matthieu Vianney and his wife Marie (Belize), had six children, of whom John was the fourth. The Vianneys were devout Catholics who helped the poor. Vianney's paternal grandparents once gave hospitality to Benedict Joseph Labre, the patron saint of the homeless, who passed through Dardilly on his pilgrimage to Rome in 1770.

By 1790, the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced many loyal priests to hide from the regime in order to carry out the sacraments in their parish. Even though to do so had been declared illegal, the Vianneys traveled to distant farms to attend Masses celebrated on the run. Realizing that such priests risked their lives day by day, Vianney began to look upon them as heroes. He received his First Communion catechetical instruction in a private home from two nuns whose communities had been dissolved during the Revolution. He made his first communion at the age of 13 in a neighbor's kitchen; during the Mass, the windows were covered so that the light of the candles could not be seen from outside.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Vianney](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Vianney)

**BINGO! SVP Tombola: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August: 8.30pm, Abbeystrewry Hall, Line up for a hopeful houseful! All welcome!**

**Baltimore Tidy Towns- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Morning Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12 noon. Cake Stall, Great Raffle At Baltimore Sailing Club; all welcome**

**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.

**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.

**COMMISSIONING OF FUNERAL TEAM MEMBERS.**

A commissioning of the Skibbereen Funeral Team took place last 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.

**Grandparents:** Bishop Nulty said, "Grandparents and the elderly need to know they are valued and cherished by us – in our families, in our parishes and by the wider society. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly offers us a new opportunity to celebrate them and to let them know how much they mean to us. We need them. They have much to offer us and we have much to learn from them.

"Pope Francis' message for this year's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly very much makes this point. He encourages the elderly to persevere in hope, to embrace the power they have to transform the world through prayer and a revolution of tenderness.

"The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is from the Psalms 'In old age they still bring forth fruit' (Ps 92:14). Pope Francis says that old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness in which a new mission awaits us."

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2022/07/18/grandparents-and-the-elderly-need-to-know-they-are-valued-and-cherished-by-our-parishes-and-by-the-wider-society-bishop-denis-nulty/>