

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 9th July 2022 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, Skibbereen

Sunday 10th July - Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral – Yvonne Gilmartin, Lucan & Skibbereen

10.00 am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Special Intention

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

Monday 11th St Benedict, abbot, PATRON OF EUROPE

9.30am Cathedral - Daniel Bohane, Drishanebeg

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Tuesday 12th July - 15th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral –Cornelius, Mary and Con O'Driscoll, Shreelane

Wednesday 13th July - St Henry

9.30am Cathedral – The Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 14th July - St Camillus de Lellis, priest

9.30am Cathedral - John Joe Murphy, Bauravilla

Friday 15th July - St Bonaventure,

bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Kate Mc Cann, Dublin & Schull

10.15am Rath - No Mass in Rath

Saturday 16th July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral -Patricia and Diarmuid White, Gortnaclohy

7.30pm Rath - Ellen & Michael Walsh, Old Post House, Baltimore

Sunday 17th July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral -Vincent O'Donovan, Market Street

10.00 am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Pat and Ellen Connolly, South Rath

11.30 am Cathedral - Maureen Spillane, Market Street

Please note * No morning Mass on Friday July 15th at 10.15 am in Rath

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday July 12th

Feasts this Week

11th: St Benedict, c. 480-547, after living as a hermit at Subiaco, founded the monastery of Monte Cassino. His Rule, observed by Benedictines and Cistercians, is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who lived by it did much to shape the Europe of today. Named patron of Europe in 1964

13th: St Henry, 973-1024, Duke of Bavaria and later emperor. A just ruler, humble man of prayer and reformer of the Church.

14th: St Camillus de Lellis, 1550-1614, rough-tempered and a gambler in his early life as a soldier, he was converted at the age of twenty-five. Guided by St Philip Neri, he became a priest and worked for the sick with two companions. His Servants of the Sick prospered and founded hospitals especially where others would not go. Patron of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

15th: St Bonaventure, 1221-74, born in Tuscany, Minister General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop of Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons.

16th: The Carmelite communities inherit the early hermits' devotions to Elijah and his solitary prayer, and to Mary under this title of Mount Carmel

Recently Deceased

Joe Collins, Lissard, Skibbereen

Kathleen Gill, (née Hurley) Mardyke Street

Mary O'Sullivan (née Daly) Townshend Street

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

Caoimhe Henderson and Andrew O'Donoghue, Dublin

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.



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. Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son to a Roman noble of Norcia and the twin to his sister, Scholastica. In the fifth century, the young Benedict was sent to Rome to finish his education with a nurse/housekeeper. The subject that dominated a young man's study then was rhetoric -- the art of persuasive speaking. A successful speaker was not one who had the best argument or conveyed the truth, but one who used rhythm, eloquence, and technique to convince. The power of the voice without foundation in the heart was the goal of the student's education. And that philosophy was reflected in the lives of the students as well. They had everything -- education, wealth, youth -- and they spent all of it in the pursuit of pleasure, not truth. Benedict watched in horror as vice unraveled the lives and ethics of his companions.

Afraid for his soul, Benedict fled Rome, gave up his inheritance and lived in a small village with his nurse. When God called him beyond this quiet life to an even deeper solitude, he went to the mountains of Subiaco. Although becoming a hermit was not his purpose in leaving, there he lived as a hermit under the direction of another hermit, Romanus.

One day, during his time living in a cave above a lake as a hermit, the Devil presented Benedict's imagination with a beautiful, tempting woman. Benedict resisted by rolling his body into a thorn bush until it was covered in scrapes. It is said through these body wounds, he cured the wounds of his soul.

After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted -- then tried to poison him when his warning proved true. The story goes, the monks attempted to poison Benedict's drink, but when he prayed a blessing over the cup - it shattered.

So Benedict was on his own again -- but not for long. The next set of followers were more sincere and he set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve.

He left these monasteries abruptly when the envious attacks of another hermit made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

But it was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.

After almost 1,500 years of monastic tradition his direction seems obvious to us. However, Benedict was an innovator. No one had ever set up communities like his before or directed them with a rule. What is part of history to us now was a bold, risky step into the future.

Benedict had the holiness and the ability to take this step. His beliefs and instructions on religious life were collected in what is now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict -- still directing religious life after 15 centuries.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=26

Diocese plans for parishes

Bishop Fintan has called meetings this month of parish representatives and clergy to discuss the future of the parishes of the diocese.

Since becoming bishop in 2019 this is the first opportunity Bishop Fintan has to hold meetings with laity and clergy from across the diocese.

The meeting for West Cork parishes was held in Rosscarbery on Sunday June 12th..

The meeting for representatives from city parishes and from the Kinsale area of the diocese took place in Cork on Sunday June 19th.

Between the two meetings, around 350 people are attending. The meetings are considering how to plan for present and future needs in the light of changes in society and church, the impact of the pandemic and fewer priests available to serve.

Bishop Fintan is also underlining the need for all people in the diocese to answer the call to be missionary disciples in our time and place.

<http://corkandross.org/>

GENEALOGY

Some Cork County Catholic parish registers survive from as early as 1748, though most go back to only the early 1800s. When you view the parishes section of this site, you will find information about when each parish's baptismal records begin. The original registers are usually still held by the parish and the Parish Priest is entrusted by Church law with the care of the registers. Due to the need to preserve the original registers, visitors are not allowed access to the books for browsing purposes. Because browsing the registers is very time consuming, local clergy are usually reluctant to search for records without very specific dates.

Some parishes have good computer databases of the records in their care and a request by post will usually be attended to. Written requests for information, giving as much specific information as you have, accompanied by a donation of €10 (equivalent to \$12) per search to defray some of the cost of time and postage, along with your return postal address (and email) will usually get a response and a Certificate of Baptism (if a record exists). As all records are kept in the local parishes, requests for such information must be made to the local parishes, the contact details of which are on our website, www.corkandross.org under the 'Parish' section.

If you do not have specific dates of birth or baptism, it is unlikely that the parish will have the resources to browse several years of records -- especially if they are not computerised.

The parish records of the city and surrounding parishes are currently being indexed by the Cork Ancestral Project. However, search services are not yet available. The Project has delivered printed indices to some parishes. This means that if you have a specific date of birth and a precise name of an ancestor, it is easier for the parish to locate the record and issue a Baptismal Certificate with all the relevant other data. The parishes with such indices include the Cathedral, Watergrasshill, Blackrock, St Patrick's.

At the Skibbereen Heritage Centre, a very useful index to the section of the 1901 Census for Skibbereen and surrounding areas has been compiled -- the Centre itself is well worth a visit. You can get a photocopy of the actual page completed in the household in 1901. If your ancestors came from North or East County Cork (the area coterminous with the Diocese of Cloyne) you need to contact the Mallow Heritage Centre. The government supported agency to coordinate the Irish Genealogical Project is Irish Genealogy Ltd. <https://corkandross.org/genealogy/>

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