

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

Parishes website – [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

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**Notifications of anniversaries:** Please place these in the Sacristy letter box.

**Child Safeguarding:** Contact Telephone: (00353) 0 28 22828 (Parish Office)

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Skibbereen: - Chair; Dolores Ruane; Secretary – Brigid O'Driscoll.

Rath and the Islands: - Chair – Maeve Devlin; Secretary – Annette Cadogan.

**Parish Newsletter and website notices - Please note newsletter editorial email [skibrathisnews@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Hse, Baltimore

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Vincent O'Donovan, Market Street

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Pat and Ellen Connolly, South Rath

11.30am Cathedral - Maureen Spillane, Market Street

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July - 16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - John Joe Murphy, Bauravilla

10.15am Rath – No Mass today

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - 16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – John Breen, Market Street

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - St Appolonaris, bishop and martyr

9.30am Cathedral – Paddy and Miria Long, Lissalorhig

10.15am Rath – No Mass today

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral - Mary O'Regan, North Street

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - St Mary Magdalene

9.30am Cathedral - John Joe O'Sullivan, North Street

10.15am Rath - No Mass today

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 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 24<sup>th</sup> July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Liam O'Flaherty, Chapel Lane

10.00 am Cape Clear – Special Intention

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

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

**Please note there will be no morning Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Rath next week - Monday 18th,**

**Wednesday 20th and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.**

### Feasts this Week

**20<sup>th</sup>: St Apollinaris** in the second century preached the Gospel in the region of Ravenna. He was Bishop of Classis where he suffered martyrdom.

**21<sup>st</sup>: St Lawrence of Brindisi**, 1559-1619, Capuchin who preached the Counter-Reformation. He led German armies against the Turks in Hungary and gained peace for the people of Naples.

**22<sup>nd</sup>: St Mary Magdalene** stood by the Cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'. The gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the 'woman who was a sinner' who anointed Christ's feet (Lk 7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who also anointed him (Jn 12:3).

**23<sup>rd</sup>: St Bridget** was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373. She was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000. See over...

### Recently Baptised

Jake McEniry, Glanmire, Cork

Twins - Amelia & Dominykas Vismantaite, Pound Hill  
*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.*

**The Irish Bishops Conference** expressed their gratitude to His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo for his ministry since May 2017 as Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. Archbishop Okolo will soon take up his new mission as the Apostolic Nuncio to the Czech Republic. Bishops also conveyed their gratitude to Bishop Brendan Kelly, Bishop Emeritus of Galway, Kilmacduagh & Kilfenora, for his service to the Bishops' Conference and offered their prayerful good wishes and support to his successor Bishop Michael Duignan, Bishop of Clonfert.

**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:**

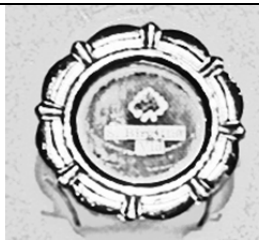
Fr Michael

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**Fifteen 'Our Father and Hail Mary prayers**

Saint Bridget's reliquary, holding a piece of her bone. Saint Bridget prayed for a long time to know how many blows Jesus Christ suffered during His terrible Passion. Rewarding her patience, one day He appeared to her and said, "I received 5480 blows upon My Body. If you wish to honor them in some way, recite fifteen Our Fathers and fifteen Hail Marys with the following Prayers, which I Myself shall teach you, for an entire year. When the year is finished, you will have honored each of My Wounds." The prayers became known as the "Fifteen O's" because in the original Latin, each prayer began with the words *O Jesu, O Rex, or O Domine Jesu Christe*. Some have questioned whether Saint Bridget is in fact their author; Eamon Duffy reports that the prayers probably originated in England, in the devotional circles that surrounded Richard Rolle or the English Brigittines. Whatever their origin, the prayers were quite widely circulated in the late Middle Ages, and became regular features in Books of Hours and other devotional literature. They were translated into various languages; an early English language version of them was printed in a primer by William Caxton. The prayers themselves reflect the late medieval tradition of meditation on the passion of Christ, and are structured around the seven last words of Christ. They borrow from patristic and Scriptural sources as well as the tradition of devotion to the wounds of Christ. During the Middle Ages, the prayers began to circulate with various promises of indulgence and other assurances of 21 supernatural graces supposed to attend the daily recitation of the 15 orations at least for a year. These indulgences were repeated in the manuscript tradition of the Books of Hours, and may constitute one major source of the prayers' popularity in the late Middle Ages. They promise, among other things, the release from Purgatory of fifteen of the devotee's family members, and that they would keep fifteen living family members in a state of grace. The extravagance of the promises made in these rubrics—one widely circulated version promised that the devotee would receive "his heart's desire, if it be for the salvation of his soul"—attracted critics early and late. In 1538, William Marshall enjoined his readers to "henseforth ... forget suche prayers as seyntBrigittes& other lyke, whychegreatepromyses and perdonshauefalslyauaunched."



Martin Luther strongly rejected the Roman Catholic belief in the 21 promises and nicknamed St Bridget *Die tolle Brigit* (The foolish Bridget). In the following decades, Protestantism sought to eradicate the devotion to similar angelic and spiritual entities claiming they were a 'popish' and 'pagan' The Vatican and the Lutheran Church jointly conceived a modern devotion to St Bridget which till then had remained a relevant factor of disagreement between the two churches. In 1954, the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office found the alleged promises (though not the prayers themselves) unreliable, and directed local ordinaries not to permit the circulation of pamphlets containing the promises.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridget\\_of\\_Sweden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridget_of_Sweden)

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service**

This agency comes under the Episcopal Commission for **Pastoral Care**. **Contact Details for Accord Head Office**, Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co Kildare  
TEL: 01-5053112, Email [admin@accord.ie](mailto:admin@accord.ie)  
Web [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Permanent Diaconate**

**The Council of the Permanent Diaconate of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference**

This Council comes under the Council for Clergy under the Episcopal Commission for **Worship, Pastoral and Faith Development**  
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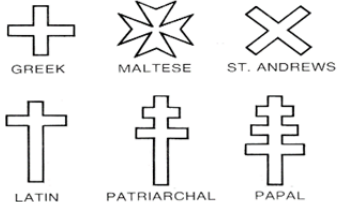
**National Focus Group on the Permanent Diaconate**

Bishop Raymond Browne and Bishop Michael Duignan

**National Training Authority for the Permanent Diaconate**, Bishop Raymond Browne (Chairperson)

In 2001 the Irish Episcopal Conference received permission from the Holy See to proceed with the restoration of the Permanent Diaconate in Ireland. In 2005 approval was received for the document *The Permanent Diaconate: National Directory and Norms for Ireland* and this document was subsequently published by the Irish Bishops. These norms were approved for a further five years in 2011. In March 2009 the Bishops appointed a national training authority to approve and monitor formation for permanent deacons in this country. This body ensures that the preparation of candidates for ordination to the diaconate is in keeping with the expectations of the Church.

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/diaconate/>



**Signs of the Cross variants**



A Catholic Church response to Institutional / Clerical / Religious Abuse

**Towards Healing** is an independent organization providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. All our helpline team members and the independent counsellors are professionally qualified and work in the context of an ethical code, which guarantees the safety and privacy of every client. Freephone 1800 303416

<https://towardshealing.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](http://www.cura.ie)

**South Doc: 1850 335 999**