

# 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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**Parish Pastoral Assemblies:** Contact Telephone: 028 22828 (Parish Office)

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

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

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### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 St Fachtna, bishop

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Eileen Sheehan, Ardmanagh, Schull

7.30pm Rath – John Joe Geaney, Curravalley Months Mind

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Hannah, Florence, and Brendan O'Donovan, Lahernathee

10.00am Cape Clear - Paddy Timsy O'Driscoll, a bhean Mary agus a hinion Cait (Gort na Lobhar)

10.15 am Rath - Dr Michael Kelleher, Lough Hyne

Oliver Woods, Armagh & Carbery Terrace, Months mind

11.30 am Cathedral - Josie O'Shea, Market Street

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August

#### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

7.30pm Rath – Mary Barry, 48 Bridge Street, Skibbereen

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - St Stephen of Hungary

9.30am Cathedral – Thomas and Mary Dempsey, Inchinagotagh

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August - Our Lady of Knock

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

10.15am Rath – No Mass

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August - 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - John Bohane, Drishanebeg

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August - St John Eudes, priest

9.30am Cathedral - Ronnie Murphy

10.15am Rath - No Mass

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> St Bernard, abbot and Doctor of the Church

4.45pm – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Kathleen McCarthy, Bawnahow

7.30pm Rath – Maggie & Teddy Collins, Reengaroga

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August - Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Billy Twomey, Maultrahane, Leap

10.00 am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Joan Connolly, Deelish

11.30 am Cathedral - Pat Joe and Nora O'Sullivan, Derrylugga

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed next week Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Please leave a phone message on 028 22828 or email [skibbereenparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com).

### Feasts this week

15<sup>th</sup>: **The Assumption of Mary** honours the fullness of blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all humanity an exemplar and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfilment of our highest hopes. Their own future glorification is happily in store for all those whom Christ has made his own brothers and sisters by taking on their flesh and blood (*Marialis Cultus*). Patronal Day of France, India, Malta, Paraguay.

16<sup>th</sup>: **St Stephen of Hungary**, 975-1038, first King of Hungary and its patron saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

17<sup>th</sup>: **Our Lady of Knock**. The story of Knock began on the 21 August 1879 when Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. Knock is an internationally recognised Marian Shrine. Saint John Paul II visited Knock as part of his 1979 papal pilgrimage to Ireland. Pope Francis went to Knock and prayed at the Shrine before the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families at the Phoenix Park, Dublin, on Sunday, 26 August 2018. The date of the memorial is within the annual novena conducted at the Shrine. Pope Francis, on the Feast of St Joseph, 19 March 2021, declared Knock

19<sup>th</sup>: **St John Eudes**, 1601-80, from Normandy, France, spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory, then left to found a congregation to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He founded also the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

20<sup>th</sup>: **St Bernard**, 1090-1153, became a Cistercian monk at Cîteaux in 1113 and was chosen Abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar and beekeepers

**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.**

## The Story of Knock

The story of Knock began on the evening of the 21st of August 1879. Throughout the years, there have been many milestones which have seen this small rural village grow to become an international pilgrimage destination.



## The Apparition at Knock

On the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1879, a heavenly Apparition occurred at the gable wall of the Parish Church when Our Lady appeared, in the company of St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist. Unique to the Knock Apparition was the presence of the Eucharistic Lamb in front of a Cross, standing upon an altar and surrounded by angels. The Apparition lasted for about two hours and 15 official witnesses gave their testimonies to a Commission of Enquiry in October of that year.

‘In those days the railway was not constructed beyond Tuam and the journey thence to Knock was made in nine open side-cars, which must have been a trying ordeal in March weather.’

As news of the Apparition is reported in the national and international press, pilgrims begin to make their way to Knock from far and near. The first organised pilgrimages begin as early as 1880.

In March, a group of 50 pilgrims from Limerick travel by train to Tuam and then onwards by horse drawn open side car to Knock. In June, 240 young men come on pilgrimage from Cork and present the altar and sanctuary lamp, that are still present in Parish Church today.

Over 1000 Irish emigrants travel from Manchester in August 1880. Knock begins to attract international visitors, including some distinguished church officials such as Archbishop Lynch of Toronto in 1882, Archbishop Murphy of Tasmania and Archbishop Clune of Perth, all of who came in thanksgiving for a cure or favour received through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock.

‘Above all else, and this is I something that I would like to stress, I have always had a firm conviction that Providence guided our every step.’

*Dame Judy Coyne, ‘Providence, my guide.’*

December 2001 - Knock Shrine Society is established on the 21st August 1935 by Dame Judy Coyne and her husband Liam Ua Cadhain with the approval of the then Archbishop of Tuam, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Gilmartin. On that day, the principal witness to the Apparition at Knock, Mrs. Mary O’Connell (nee Byrne), is present at the Shrine for the ceremonies. The main reason for its establishment is to promote the Shrine of Knock at home and abroad so that it could take its rightful place with the other important Marian Shrines in Europe and elsewhere. Its first members also want to bring some formality into the ceremonies at Knock Shrine and to provide facilities for the protection and care of the Sick who were coming to the Shrine in large numbers. Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, Knock, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, F12 Y226, Ireland

[https://www.knockshrine.ie/history/?doing\\_wp\\_cron=1659860899.0656170845031738281250](https://www.knockshrine.ie/history/?doing_wp_cron=1659860899.0656170845031738281250)

## 40th Festival of Music, Castletownshend

“The Famous Moynihan Family” will perform a beautiful selection of popular, classical and traditional Irish music on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 8.00 p.m. Tickets €25. [www.barrahanemusic.ie](http://www.barrahanemusic.ie)

**The Rosary** will be recited at The Lake Cross Grotto on Sunday 14th Aug at 8pm in honour of the feast of The Assumption of Our Lady. All are welcome. Donations towards lighting of Grotto is gratefully appreciated.

## Recently Baptised

Twins - James Matthew & Olivia Jennifer Leung, Gortnaclohy Heights  
Hannah Grace O'Brien, Sydney, Australia  
Johnathan Glen O'Driscoll, Newbridge Park, 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

Jerry Connolly, Lissanuhig, 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*

## Baptism

(from Greek: βάπτισμα, romanized: *báptisma*) is a form of ritual purification -- a characteristic of many religions throughout time and geography. In Christianity, it is a Christian sacrament of admission and adoption, almost invariably with the use of water. It may be performed by sprinkling or pouring water on the head, or by immersing in water either partially or completely, traditionally three times, once for each person of the Trinity. The synoptic gospels recount that John the Baptist baptised Jesus. Baptism is considered a sacrament in most churches, and as an ordinance in others. Baptism according to the Trinitarian formula, which is done in most mainstream Christian denominations, is seen as being a basis for Christian ecumenism, the concept of unity amongst Christians. Baptism is also called **christening**, although some reserve the word "christening" for the baptism of infants. In certain Christian denominations, such as the Lutheran Churches, baptism is the door to church membership, with candidates taking baptismal vows. It has also given its name to the Baptist churches and denominations.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baptism>

**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**