

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 27th August 2022 St Monica

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral – Paddy Kissane, Dunbeacon

7.30pm Rath – Special Intention

Sunday 28th Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Dan Hurley, Market Street

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Daniel & Bridie O'Driscoll, Ballylynch

11.30am Cathedral - Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

Monday 29th August - The Passion of St John the Baptist

9.30am Cathedral - Eileen O'Sullivan, Dunbeacon

10.15am Rath – John O'Driscoll, Church Cross

Tuesday 30th August – St Fiacre, monk

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

Wednesday 31st St Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary

9.30am Cathedral – Special Intention

10.15am Rath – Marion and John Browne, Lough Hyne

Thursday 1st September - 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Con Sexton, Cork

Friday 2nd September - 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Bridie Crowley, St Fachtna's Tce

10.15am Rath - Betty and John Finn, Ballylynch & Longford

Saturday 3rd St Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Cornelius O'Donovan, Northampton &

Coornishal, Leap and Ted Hickey, Assolus & Blarney Months Mind

7.30pm Rath – Special Intention

Sunday 4th Sept - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - David Hourihane, Coronea

10.00 am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Hannah O'Driscoll, The Prairie, Schull

11.30 am Cathedral - Remembering the deceased member of the Skibbereen Branch of the St Joseph's Young Priest Society and pray for the present members.

Fr Michael's Farewell

Fr Michael's farewell Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday September 3rd at 6.30pm.

Refreshments will be served in the Presbytery, North Street after Mass. All are welcome.

Feasts this Week

29th: The Mass Preface lists the favours shown to **St John the Baptist** and the vocation given him. He is found worthy of the martyr's death, his last and greatest act of witness to Christ.

30th: **St Fiacre** was an Irishman who went abroad to seek a hermitage. He passed through Normandy and eventually met Faro, who was a great patron of Irish pilgrims at Meaux. Fiacre was given a hermitage near Breuil and there he stayed until his death around 670.

31st: **St Aidan of Lindisfarne** was of Irish descent and was a monk of Iona. When Oswald, the exiled King of Northumbria who had fled for refuge to Iona, returned to his throne in 634, he invited Aidan to come to reconvert his people. Aidan made his headquarters at Lindisfarne. With the aid of the king as interpreter he was very successful in his mission. He died in 651.

1st September: the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our orthodox brothers. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective (Pope Francis).

3rd: **St Gregory the Great**, 540-604, Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As pope he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come, calling himself 'servant of the servants of Christ'. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England. Patron of musicians

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Fintan Gavin

"Putting out into Deep Waters" - Transforming Parishes together into Mission-Centered Faith Communities letter, is available for you to take home at all church porches this weekend

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.

Aidan of Lindisfarne (Irish: *Naomh Aodhán*; died 31 August 651) was an Irish monk and missionary credited with converting the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity in Northumbria. He founded a monastic cathedral on the island of Lindisfarne, known as Lindisfarne Priory, served as its first bishop, and travelled ceaselessly throughout the countryside, spreading the gospel to both the Anglo-Saxon nobility and the socially disenfranchised (including children and slaves).

Bede's meticulous and detailed account of Aidan's life provides the basis for most biographical sketches (both classical and modern). Bede says virtually nothing of the monk's early life, save that he was a monk at the ancient monastery on the island of Iona from a relatively young age and that he was of Irish descent. According to Catholic tradition, in Aidan's early years, he was a disciple of Saint Senan on Inis Cathaigh. Aidan was known for his strict asceticism.

Possibly born in Connacht, Aidan was originally a monk at the monastery on the Island of Iona, founded by St Columba.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aidan_of_Lindisfarne



Fiachra is an ancient pre-Christian, Irish name. It has been interpreted to denote "battle king" or to derive from *fiach* ("raven"). The name is found in ancient Irish folklore and stories such as the *Children of Lir*.

The appellation "of Breuil" can in present times be misleading: the site of the hermitage, garden, oratory, and hospice of Saint Fiacre was in the place denominated "Brogillum" in ancient times and later renamed "Breuil", forming his epithet. However, Breuil was then again renamed "Saint-Fiacre" in his honor, which is the name of the present commune on the same site, in the Department of Seine-et-Marne, France. The commune of Breuil, Department of Marne, France is located far from and is not the same as the commune of Saint-Fiacre (formerly named "Breuil"), although the two communes probably were both in the ancient French Province of Brie, which adds to the confusion.

"Though not mentioned in the earlier Irish calendars, Fiacre was born in Ireland at the end of the sixth century AD. He was raised in a monastery where he became a monk and imbibed knowledge of herbal medicine." Fiacre was ordained a Catholic priest at some point, and elevated to the rank of abbot. "In time he had his own hermitage and perhaps a monastery, possibly near St. Fiachra's Well at Cill Fiachra (Kilferagh), Sheastown, in the barony of Shillelogher near Bennetsbridge, County Kilkenny, Ireland. As crowds flocked to him because of his reputation for his holiness and cures, he sailed to France in search of greater solitude."

He arrived in Meaux, France in AD 628. Saint Faro, the Bishop of Meaux, was "well-disposed to him due to kindnesses he and his father's house had received from the Irish missionary Columbanus," and so "granted him a site at Brogillum (Breuil), in the province of Brie" (presently Saint-Fiacre, Department of Seine-et-Marne, France) when Saint Fiacre approached him and manifested his desire to live a life of solitude in the forest. There Saint Fiacre built a hermitage for his dwelling, a vegetable and herb garden, an oratory in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a hospice in which he cared for travellers. He lived a life of great mortification devoted to prayer, fasting, keeping vigils, and manual cultivation of his garden. "His fame for miracles was widespread. He cured all manner of diseases by laying on his hands".

He died on 18 August AD 670, and his body was interred in the local church of the site of his hermitage complex, which church became his original shrine. The site of his hermitage complex developed into a village, which was later named Saint-Fiacre and is presently in the Department of Seine-et-Marne, France.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Fiacre



St Fiacre is the patron saint of gardening

**St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698:
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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