

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**4.45pm Sherkin** – Special Intention

**6.30pm Cathedral** - Josephine and Michael John Carey, Derrylogga and Mary O'Sullivan, Townshend St, Months Mind

**7.30pm Rath** – Special Intention

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

**9.00am Cathedral** - Richard Palmer, Ringaskiddy

**10.00am Cape Clear** - Padraig O'Driscóil (Mayfield & Cilliecforathain)

**10.15am Rath** - Eugene (Eugie) Leonard, Rath

**11.3 am Cathedral** - Chrissie Crowley, Market Street

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August - St Dominic, Priest**

**9.30am Cathedral** - Special Intention

**10.15am Rath** – Special Intention

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, (Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr, PATRON OF EUROPE**

**9.30am Cathedral** – Dave Barry, Coronea

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August - St Lawrence, deacon and martyr**

**9.30am Cathedral** – Holy Souls in Purgatory

**10.15am Rath** – Special Intention

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August - St Clare, virgin**

**9.30am Cathedral** - Helen Kirou, Skibbereen

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August - St Attracta, virgin**

**9.30am Cathedral** - Joe and Sadie MacDonald, Mill Road

**10.15am Rath** – No Mass

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August - 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'Driscóil, a bhean Mary agus a hinion Cait (Gort na Lobhar)

**10.15am Rath** – Dr Michael Kelleher, Lough Hyne

Oliver Woods, Armagh & Carbery Terrace Months Mind

**11.30 am Cathedral** - Josie O'Shea, Market Street

**Feasts this week**

**8th: St Dominic**, 1170-1221, a Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy.

**9th: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**, born 1891 at Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at twenty-five. Became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power, but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in its gas chamber on 9 August 1942.

**10<sup>th</sup>: St Lawrence**, died 258, is seen as the cheerful giver since he was one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church in charge of the material needs of the faithful. Gifted with a sense of humour, he met his death cheerfully on a gridiron. From earliest times seen not only as a patron saint of the poor, but also of cooks.

**11<sup>th</sup>: St Clare**, born at Assisi in 1193, died 1253. She followed St Francis in his life of poverty and was founder and ruler of the Poor Clares. She led an austere life, abounding in works of piety and charity. Patron of television.

**12th: St Attracta** lived in the sixth or seventh century. Local tradition remembers her great healing powers. Her convents were famous for hospitality and charity to the poor.

**13th: St Fachtna** (also called Fachanan) founder of the monastery of Ross Carbery (Ross Ailithir). He died around 600. His monastery became the principal monastery of west Cork and later had a famous Scripture school. His monastery became the principal monastery of west Cork, and later had a famous Scripture school known as the School of Ross. Brendan, the Navigator, taught in this school, which was crowded by students from every land. It flourished for three hundred years and survived in some form until the coming of the Normans to Ireland. It was the centre from which the Diocese of Ross developed.

**MASS IN THE ABBEY GRAVEYEARD, SKIBBEREEN**

Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Abbey Graveyard. The celebrant will be Fr. Teddy Collins and the event is organised by the local Famine Commemoration Committee. In addition to remembering all those who died during the Great Famine, we will also, during this mass, remember all our deceased friends and relatives, especially those who died as a result of the Covid pandemic. It is hoped there will be a large turnout.

**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 UNIVERSAL PRAYER

In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is desirable that there usually be such a form of prayer in Masses celebrated with the people, so that petitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world (SC, 53). The series of intentions is usually to be:

- a) for the needs of the Church;
- b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
- c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
- d) for the local community.

Nevertheless, in any particular celebration, such as a Confirmation, a Marriage, or at a Funeral, the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion.

It is for the priest celebrant to regulate this prayer from the chair. He himself begins it with a brief introduction, by which he calls upon the faithful to pray, and likewise he concludes it with an oration. The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community.

They are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful (*Inter Oecumenid*, 56).

The people, for their part, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said in common after each intention or by praying in silence.

## Visiting Priest

Fr. Bryan Shorthall ofm.cap is visiting the area and will offer Mass in Rath at 10.15am on Monday August 8th and Wednesday August 10th. No Mass will take place in Rath on Friday morning August 12th.

## Volunteering Opportunities with NCBI

NCBI is currently recruiting volunteers to play a vital role in our retail stores. We are seeking volunteers to fill Retail Assistant and other roles in our furniture store at 23 Main Street, Skibbereen, Co Cork.

Please visit our store, contact [shopvolunteer@ncbi.ie](mailto:shopvolunteer@ncbi.ie) or visit the [www.ncbi.ie/supporting-us/volunteer/](http://www.ncbi.ie/supporting-us/volunteer/) to register your interest.

**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.

**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**

## Liturgical Formation

We cannot forget, first of all, that the liturgy is life that forms, not an idea to be learned. It is useful in this regard to remember that reality is more important than the idea (see Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, 231-233). And it is good therefore, in the liturgy as in other areas of ecclesial life, not to end up favouring sterile ideological polarisations, which often arise when, considering our own ideas valid for all contexts, we tend to adopt an attitude of perennial dialectic towards who does not share them. Thus, starting perhaps from the desire to react to some insecurities in the current context, we risk then falling back into a past that no longer exists or of escaping into a presumed future. The starting point is instead to recognise the reality of the sacred liturgy, a living treasure that cannot be reduced to tastes, recipes and currents, but which should be welcomed with docility and promoted with love, as irreplaceable nourishment for the organic growth of the People of God. The liturgy is not 'the field of do-it-yourself', but the epiphany of ecclesial communion. Therefore, 'we', and not 'I', resounds in prayers and gestures; the real community, not the ideal subject. When we look back to nostalgic past tendencies or wish to impose them again, there is the risk of placing the part before the whole, the 'I' before the People of God, the abstract before the concrete, ideology before communion and, fundamentally, the worldly before the spiritual.

## The Liturgical Formation of the People of God

The task that awaits us is indeed essentially that of spreading among the People of God the splendour of the living mystery of the Lord, Who makes Himself manifest in the liturgy. Speaking of liturgical formation in the People of God means first and foremost being aware of the indispensable role the liturgy holds in the Church and for the Church. And then, concretely helping the People of God to interiorise better the prayer of the Church, to love it as an experience of encounter with the Lord and with brothers and sisters who, in the light of this, rediscover its content and observe its rites.

## Recently Baptised

Callum Matthew O'Sullivan, Munig North, Skibbereen

CJ Michael Hurley, Innishannon

*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

Timothy (Ted) Hickey, Blarney and 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*