

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 20th August 2022, St Bernard, abbot and Doctor of the Church

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Kathleen McCarthy, Bawnahow

7.30pm Rath – Maggie & Teddy Collins, Reengaroga

Sunday 21st August - Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral – Billy Twomey, Maultrahane, Leap

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Joan Connolly, Deelish

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

Monday 22nd - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Cathedral - Kathleen McCarthy, Bawnahow

10.15am Rath – Nora and Paddy Dick Leonard, Reengaroga

Tuesday 23rd August - St Eugene, bishop

9.30am Cathedral – Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

Wednesday 24th August - St Bartholomew, apostle

9.30am Cathedral – Sr Marie Therese Sheehy

10.15am Rath –Mary Beeson O'Sullivan, Rising Sun, Baltimore

Thursday 25th August - St Louis, of France

9.30am Cathedral - Patrick McCarthy, Tragumna

Friday 26th August - 21st Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Denis Cronin, Gortnamuckla Months Mind

10.15am Rath - Tony Conboye, Glanmire

Saturday 27th August - 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

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

11.30 am Cathedral - Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

Feasts this Week

22nd: The Queenship of Mary. During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's queenship with the assumption.

23rd: St Eugene (Eoghan) lived in the sixth century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnarnagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha), Co. Tyrone.

24th: St Bartholomew's name occurs in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles. He is probably to be identified with Nathanael of Cana, whom Philip brings to our Lord. Preached the Gospel in India. Patron saint of plasterers, tanners and leather workers.

25th: St Louis, 1214-70, King of France, father of eleven children, Franciscan tertiary, man of integrity, died in Tunisia on his second Crusade. Patron of French monarchy and military, and of barbers.

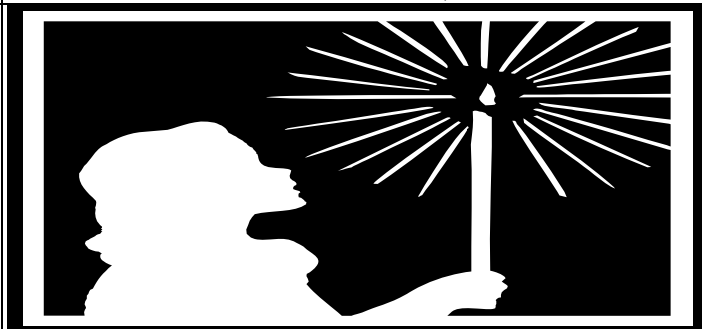
27th: St Monica, 332-87, converted her pagan husband, Patricius, to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son St Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers

Bishop Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross, has published a pastoral letter which outlines the context and vision for changes being made this summer.

The pastoral letter entitled *Putting Out into Deep Waters* introduces a new model for the relationship between parishes and a new emphasis on teams of priests, deacons and lay people ministering together in families of parishes.

See more by typing this into your computer search app. Printed copies of the pastoral letter will be available in parishes in the coming weeks

Bishop publishes pastoral letter setting a new direction for parishes in diocese | Diocese of Cork and Ross



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.

Why do we celebrate the Queenship of Mary?

Catholics celebrate the Queenship of Mary because her Divine Son is King. Pope Pius XII, having declared the dogma of the Assumption, that “the Immaculate Mother of God . . . was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory,” then established the feast of her Queenship. He set the date for the octave (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption, that is, August 22nd each year. In his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam*, the Pope proclaimed, “We are instituting a feast so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God. We are convinced that this feast will help to preserve, strengthen and prolong that peace among nations which daily is almost destroyed by recurring crises. Is she not a rainbow in the clouds reaching towards God, the pledge of a covenant of peace?”

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/queenship-of-mary-22577>



Jean Fouquet, *Coronation of the Virgin*, 15th century

Sign seen in a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES:
PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES
WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

Aug 23 – Saint Eoghan or Eugene of Ardstraw 6th century (Patron of Derry Diocese) 23 August 2012

Eoghan or Eugene of Ardstraw became a monk after training at St Ninian's monastery in Galloway, Scotland. His Irish foundations were at Kilnamanagh near Dublin and Ardstraw in west Tyrone.

Although now known as Eugene (from the Greek meaning “well-born”), his proper name is Eoghan, meaning “born under [the protection of] the yew tree”. This may refer to the hope that he would grow up “hardy”.

Carried off to Britain

According to his *Vita*, Eoghan was born in Leinster, the son of Cainneach and Muindeacha, who may have been an already Christian family. He was one of a large number of young people, including Tiarnach of Clones and Cairbre of Coleraine, who were captured by pirates and carried off the Britain, where they became students at Candida Casa (Whithorn in Galloway) founded by St Ninian. They may also have spent some time in Brittany (Armorica).

Kilnamanagh

Eoghan returned to Ireland and founded a monastery at Kilnamanagh, near Tallaght, Dublin. Here he stayed for fifteen years and trained “not a few bishops and very many priests”, including his nephew Caoimhín, St Kevin of Glendalough (d. c.618).

<https://www.catholicireland.net/saintoftheday/saint-eoghan-or-eugene-of-ardstraw-6th-century-patron-of-derry-diocese/>

Statement by Cardinal Seán Brady, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, in response to the judgement today issued by the European Court of Human Rights on A, B, and C v. Ireland:

“Today’s judgment leaves future policy in Ireland on protecting the lives of unborn children in the hands of the Irish people and does not oblige Ireland to introduce legislation authorising abortion” – Cardinal Brady

The judgement given today by the European Court of Human Rights regarding the legal position on abortion in Ireland raises profound moral and legal issues which will require careful analysis and reflection. Today’s judgment leaves future policy in Ireland on protecting the lives of unborn children in the hands of the Irish people and does not oblige Ireland to introduce legislation authorising abortion.

The Irish Constitution clearly says that the right to life of the unborn child is equal to that of his or her mother. These are the fundamental human rights at stake. The Catholic Church teaches that neither the unborn child nor the mother may be deliberately killed. The direct destruction of an innocent human life can never be justified, however difficult the circumstances. We are always obliged to act with respect for the inherent right to life of both the mother and the unborn child in the mother’s womb. No law which subordinates the rights of any human being to those of other human beings can be regarded as a just law.

At the beginning of Advent on 27 November last Pope Benedict spoke about the coming of Christ into our world in the womb of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Father reflected on the light that this sheds on the wonder of all human life. The embryo in the womb, he said, is not just a collection of cells but “a new living being, dynamic and marvellously ordered, a new individual of the human species. This is what Jesus was in Mary’s womb; this is what we all were in our mother’s womb.”

As a society we all have a responsibility to respond sensitively to any woman who finds herself dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. I urge anyone in this situation to contact CURA, the crisis pregnancy support service.

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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