

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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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)

Skibbereen - Jacinta Crowley, Theresa Hickey, Eileen Ryan; **Rath** - Maura Collins, Dee Griffiths, Siobhan O'Brien.

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.

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 3rd September 2022 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 M Mind

7.30pm Rath – Special Intention

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

9.00am Cathedral - David Hourihane, Coronea

10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention

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

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

Monday 5th September - 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral - Pat McCarthy, Tragumna

10.15am Rath – Con O'Donovan, Drinagh

Tuesday 6th September – 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – John Goggin and Mary Sweeney, London and Skibbereen

Wednesday 7th September - 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – Holy Souls in Purgatory

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 8th Sept - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Cathedral - Special Intention

Friday 9th September - St Ciaran, abbot

9.30am Cathedral - Jane Keohane, Cullenagh

10.15am Rath – No Mass

Saturday 10th September - St Peter Claver, priest

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Vera Buckley, Farranconnor, Castletownshend

7.30pm Rath – Special Intention

Sunday 11th Sept - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road and Michael McCarthy, Glandore

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intentions

10.15 am Rath - Nancy Casey, Cork and Skibbereen

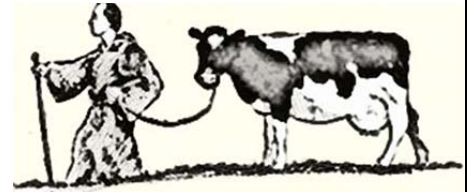
11.30 am Cathedral - Paddy Walsh, Maultrahane

Parish Accounts: Certified accounts for Skibbereen Parish & Rath and the Islands Parish having been approved by the Diocesan accountant can now be found on the parish website www.skibbereenandrath.ie - also on the website is the information on the income received for the Parish Clergy

Feasts this Week

8th: We celebrate the **Nativity of Mary**, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

9th: **St Ciaran** was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.



10th: **St Peter Claver**, born in Verdu, Catalonia in 1580, a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). In 1610 he was sent to Cartagena in Colombia and worked for thirty-three years among the slaves until his death in 1654. Cartagena was a flourishing centre of the slave trade, as many as 10,000 arriving each year from Africa. During a tireless ministry he is said to have baptised more than 300,000.

Recently Baptised

Ellie Anna O'Neill, Hawthorns, 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

Brian Fitzsimons, Baltimore Road, Skibbereen & formerly of White Hall, Dublin

John O'Donovan, Carrigfadda, 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

Recently Married

Claire O'Donovan & Conor Breen

Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, bless each day of their married life. Renew your blessing within them, as they choose each day, by your grace, to be a living sign of your eternal love.

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 monastery at Clonmacnoise became one of the most important centres of learning and religious life in Ireland. Unusually, the title of abbot – which included the title "Comarba of Saint Ciarán" – at the community was not hereditary, which reflected the humble origins of its founder. It managed to survive the plunderings of the Viking raids and the Anglo-Norman wars, and was only destroyed during the Dissolution of the Monasteries, in 1552. The ruins still exist and remain a centre of civic and religious activity to this day. The treasures of Ciarán's shrine were dispersed throughout the Medieval era; although the Clonmacnoise Crozier still exists and is stored in the National Museum of Ireland.^[10]

The Celtic scholar Charles Plummer suggested that Ciaran of Clonmacnoise was the patron saint of Cornwall Saint Piran challenging the broadly accepted belief that he was Ciaran of Saigir. The difference in spelling is for dialect or linguistical reasons between the two Insular Celtic languages. Brytonic was categorized as P-Celtic, as it replaced the harder 'c' or k sound in the Goidelic languages with the softer letter 'p'. On the other hand, Goidelic was seen by scholars as being Q-Celtic, as the earliest Ogham inscriptions used a 'Q' transcribed by Queirt, which represented the Apple Tree to phonetically pronounce the k sound, although Q was later replaced by the letter 'C' in the Old Irish alphabet.

Saint Ciarán of Clonmacnoise has a strong connection with Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute in Scotland. Campbeltown was formerly known as Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain which means "head of the loch by the kirk of Ciarán" Pilgrims frequently take place were

tourists visit a cave associated with the Saint near Island Davaar. The Saint is believed to have lived for a time in an area that would later become known as Campbeltown at the same time as the legendary king Fergus Mór was establishing the kingdom of the Scottish Dál Riata, after invading Argyll from Ireland. .



<https://www.twinkl.com/kw/illustration/st-ciaran-of-clonmacnoise-black-and-white-1> and <https://www.google.com/search?source=univ&tbm=isch&q=st+ciaran&client=firefox-b->

Announcement: (3rd-4th September 2022)

Bishop Fintan has made the following appointments for the Family of Parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven, Kilmacabea, Rath and The Islands, and Skibbereen.

Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP,

Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP,

Fr Terry O'Brien MSC Co-PP and

Fr Evin O'Brien CC will share the pastoral care of these parishes.

These appointments take effect on 10th September 2022.

Fr. John Heinhold SPS is also appointed Moderator of this Family of Parishes, an appointment which forms part of the plan of renewal of the diocese. The plan puts more emphasis on co-responsibility and shared leadership — with lay people and priests working together towards mission.

Fr John Heinhold SPS and Fr Evin

O'Brien CC will reside in Skibbereen,

Fr Bernard Cotter in Union Hall and

Fr. Terry O'Brien MSC in Leap.

As these appointments come into effect, the priests ask you for your support and prayers, as they try to serve the pastoral care of every person in our new Family of Parishes — with faith, and to the best of our abilities.

Fr John, Fr Evin, Fr Bernard & Fr Terry (Family of Parishes team)

SVP Weekly Bingo resumes:

Monday 5th September, Abbeystrewery Hall, 8.30pm. All welcome! Eyes Down for a full house, line up here!

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