

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

**Priests: Skibbereen and Rath and the Islands Parishes: Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP 028 22878, Fr Evin O'Brien CC 028 22877**

**Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP in Union Hall and Fr. Terry O'Brien Co-PP MSC in Leap will share the pastoral care of all these parishes.**

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**Priest on Duty: Emergency only 086-7852262.**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 St Robert Bellamine.**

**4.30pm Sherkin** – Special Intention

**6.30pm Cathedral** - Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

**7.30pm Rath** – Don Lombard, Assumption

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00 am Cathedral** - Betty Crowley, Ardralla

**10.00am Cape Clear** - Special Intentions

**10.15am Rath** - Special Intention

**11.30am Cathedral** - Denis and Ita Crowley, Glencurragh

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September St Januarius, bishop and martyr**

**9.30am Cathedral** - Kathleen Murphy, Drishane

**7.30pm Rath** – No Mass

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon,**

**priest, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and companions, martyrs**

**9.30am Cathedral** –Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – St Matthew Apostle**

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

**10.15am Rath** – No Mass

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am Cathedral** - Catherine Roberts, Carshalton, Surrey

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

**9.30am Cathedral** -Deceased members of the O'Sullivan family late of 45 High Street, Skibbereen

**10.15am Rath** – No Mass

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**4.30pm Sherkin** – Special Intention

**6.30pm Cathedral** - Catherine Hickey, Schull Road

**7.30pm Rath** – Donal Sheehy, Ballylynch

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00 am Cathedral** - Mary Burchill, Holly Hill, Aughadown

**10.00am Cape Clear** - Special Intentions

**10.15 am Rath** - Ailbe Gallagher

**11.30am Cathedral** - John and Mary Newman, Ilen Villas

The annual pilgrimage in honour of St. Finbarr will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of September, The Feast day of St. Finbarr. The rosary will be recited at 2.30pm and Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross at 3pm. This year marks the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra.

**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.

**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

**Parish Newsletter and website notices** - Please note newsletter editorial email [skibrathisnews@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Feasts this Week**

**19<sup>th</sup>:St Januarius**, Bishop of Benevento, was martyred at Naples in 305 with six companions.

**20<sup>th</sup>: Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon**, the first Korean priest, **Paul Chong Ha-sana**, a catechist, and 101 others were martyred during the persecutions of the Church in Korea, 1839-67.

**21<sup>st</sup>:St Matthew**, the tax collector, may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus, in Mark 2:13. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants, book-keepers, tax-collectors, customs officers and security guards.

**23<sup>rd</sup>: St Padre Pio:** See back page.

**Recently Deceased**

Mary (May) McCarthy, (née Burchill) Abbeystrewery House, The Abbey, Skibbereen

Mary O'Driscoll (née O'Sullivan), Coolnaclehy, Skibbereen

John Joe Connolly, Lisheenapingina, Skibbereen

Tom Collins, Townshend Street, 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*

**Priesthood Education Fund**

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up on weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> /25<sup>th</sup> September. This year two new students will begin studies for the Diocese of Cork and Ross at Valladolid in Spain and another candidate will begin studies for the Permanent Diaconate. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education of priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €34,364 was raised in this collection so you are invited to be generous to the Priesthood Education Fund Collection this year.

**Cork Autism Online Conference 2022 - Autism: Beyond.**

Sunday, October 23. Speakers include Dr. Temple Grandin, Dr. Stephen Shore, Dr. Peter Vermeulen and other international speakers. Suitable for autistic people, parents, families, teachers, other professionals and anyone with an interest in autism. Learn more: [www.autismcork.ie](http://www.autismcork.ie)

### Discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood

Discerning a call to priesthood cannot be done alone. It is important that you speak with somebody who is trained to facilitate you at this initial stage. Vocations Directors are appointed by the Bishop to enable men explore and reflect on their sense of being called to diocesan priesthood. Making initial contact with a Vocations Director is not a commitment to study for the priesthood. It should be seen as you creating a space where you can explore and reflect on your sense of being called.

After an initial contact is made, the Vocations Director will meet with you on a regular basis for discussion and discernment. During these meetings the Vocations Director will ensure that you have a good grasp of the demands of priestly life and of the training involved in studying for the priesthood. It is important to stress at the outset that the selection process takes place within the context of mutual vocational discernment and that non-acceptance of a candidate is not viewed as the candidate having 'failed'.

[https://seminary.maynoothcollege.ie/\\_home\\_/considering-priesthood](https://seminary.maynoothcollege.ie/_home_/considering-priesthood)

### The Annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to

**Knock** will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The bus will leave The Cathedral Skibbereen at 5AM and the expected return time is midnight. There will be a stop for Breakfast on the outgoing journey and for an evening meal on the return journey. Those interested are invited to contact as early as possible please for details. – Anne Power, 087 6255254 or Kathleen Courtney 086 4084688

### Presentation Sisters

The Diocese of Cork and Ross is known for a strong spirit of mission. Cork city is home to the Presentation Sisters founded by Nano Nagle in the heart of the city at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Religious sisters and brothers of many congregations have moulded much of the life of the diocese and their contribution has been enormous, especially in health and education

<https://www.presentationisters.org/>



### Padre Pio: A poor brother who prays

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours every day hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as "a poor brother who prays." "Prayer is the greatest weapon we have," he said. It is "a key to open the heart of God."



### An extraordinary meeting

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul's pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. During the rite of beatification, the Pope said that in the humble friar, we see the image of Christ suffering and risen. "His body," he said, "marked by the 'stigmata,' showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection... Not less sorrowful, and humanly much more scorching, were the trials he had to suffer as a consequence, one could say, of his singular charisms." For Padre Pio, "suffering with Christ" was a gift: "In contemplating the Cross on Jesus' shoulders," he said, "I always feel strengthened and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion; I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."

### "Relief from suffering"

The life of Padre Pio also shows an intense commitment to alleviate the sufferings of families. In 1956 he inaugurated the "Casa SollievodellaSofferenza" (the House of Relief from Suffering), a new state of the art hospital. "It is the apple of my eye," the friar said when the hospital opened. "This is the creation that Providence, with your help, has created. Gaze at it in wonder, and with me bless the Lord God. He has placed upon the earth a seed that He will warm with the His rays of love."

### Death

Padre Pio died during the night of 23 September 1968, at the age of 81. On 16 June 2002, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/09/23/st--pius-of-pietrelcina--priest-.html>

**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](http://www.cura.ie)