

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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

Office: 028 22828, E-mail: skibbereenparish@gmail.com- Office Hours: Tues Wed from 10am to 12. Please contact Margaret in advance by leaving a message - on 028 22828 or email skibbereenparish@gmail.com and she will respond to your request during office hours.

Priest on Duty: Emergency only 086-7852262.

Saturday 10th September 2022: St Peter Claver, priest

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Vera Buckley, Farranconnor, Castletownshend

7.30pm Rath – Special Intention

Sunday 11th Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Pat O Donovan, Cork Road

Michael McCarthy, Glandore

3.00pm Reilig Naomh Ciaran, Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Nancy Casey, Cork and Skibbereen

11.30am Cathedral - Paddy Walsh, Maultrahane

Monday 12th September - St Ailbe, bishop

9.30am Cathedral - John Keohane, Cullenagh

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Tuesday 13th September – 24th Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Cathedral – Eileen O'Callaghan, Assumption Place

Wednesday 14th Sept - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.30am Cathedral – John Pyburn, Durrus

10.15am Rath – John Walsh, Baltimore & London

Thursday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am Cathedral - Patrick Keohane, Poundhill

Friday 16th Ss Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

9.30am Cathedral - Eily & Tom Hayes, Assumption Place

10.15am Rath – Fred Chaplin, Baltimore & Dublin

Saturday 17th September - St Robert Bellamine.

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral - Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

7.30pm Rath – Don Lombard, Assumption Place

Sunday 18th Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral - Betty Crowley, Ardralla

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Special Intention

11.30 am Cathedral - Denis and Ita Crowley, Glencurragh

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

12th: St Ailbe is sometimes claimed as one of the pre-Patrician saints, but the annals note his death in 528. A tradition held that he went to Rome and was ordained bishop by the pope. He founded the monastery of Emly which became very important in Munster. A ninth-century Rule bears his name.

14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The discovery of the True Cross is dated September 320. On 13 September 335, the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

15th: Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary, standing by the Cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father (*Marialis Cultus*).

Stabat mater dolorosa iuxta crucem lacrimosa, dum pendebat filius.

(At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last.)

16th: St Cornelius became pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron for cattle and domestic animals.

St Cyprian, c. 210-58, Bishop of Carthage, teacher, and preacher, martyred.

17th: St Robert Bellarmine, 1542-1621, Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

Council for Finance and General Purposes of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

This Council comes under the Episcopal Commission for Planning Communications and Resources: Contact Details

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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.

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 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

Thank you from Skibbereen Parish Assembly

Skibbereen Parish Assembly wishes to acknowledge and say a big thank you to all who contributed to Fr Michael's farewell party. To the parishioners and Skibbereen businesses who donated food on the night and to all who helped to make Fr Michael's farewell Mass a very special occasion. We would like to welcome Fr John Heinhold to our parish and we wish Fr Michael every blessing in his new parish of Enniskeane.

A Committee for Bioethics was established in 1996 as a sub-committee of the Joint Healthcare Commission. It subsequently became an independent commission of the Episcopal Conference, under the umbrella of the Department of Catholic Education and Formation. In 2005 it developed into a Bishops' Consultative Group.

The modus operandi of the group is to draw on the expertise of a large interdisciplinary panel of consultants, drawn from the various healthcare professions, the natural sciences, philosophy, and theology. Bishop Kevin Doran (Chairman)

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The Annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 25th 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

The Men for Christ Conference 2022 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 17th September from 2pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr. Jamie Twohig SAC, John Pridmore, David Quinn and Fr. Marius O'Reilly.
Fiona Kiely 086 8760058

Saint Ailbe (Irish: [ˈalʲvʲə]; Latin: *Albeus, Alibeus*), usually known in English as St Elvis (British/Welsh), Eilfyw or Eilfw, was regarded as the chief 'pre-Patrician' saint of Ireland (although his death was recorded in the early 6th-century). He was a bishop. Little that can be regarded as reliable is known about Ailbe: in Irish sources from the 8th century he is regarded as the first bishop, and later patron saint of Emly in Munster. Later Welsh sources (from the 11th c.) associate him with Saint David whom he was credited with baptizing and very late sources (16th c.) even give him a local Welsh genealogy making him an *Ancient Briton*.

Saint Ailbe is venerated as one of the four great patrons of Ireland. His feast day is 12 September. He is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly. In a legend that goes back to the *Vita*, or 'Saint's Life', Ailbhe's father fled King Cronan before the child's birth and his mother's servants—ordered by the king to put the baby to death—instead placed him on a rock in the wilderness where he was found and nursed by a she-wolf. Long afterwards, when Ailbe was bishop, an old she-wolf being pursued by a hunting party ran to the bishop and laid her head upon his breast. Ailbhe protected the wolf and thereafter fed her and her cubs every day from his hall.^[5] Ailbe was discovered in the forest by visiting Britons: these British foster-parents were said to have planned to leave him in Ireland when they returned home but were constantly and miraculously unable to make the passage until they consented to take him with them. They then took Ailbe with them when they returned to Wales (*Vita Albei* 2). A tradition also going back to the earliest *Vita* (*Vita Albei* 9) held that he went to Rome and was ordained as a bishop by Saint Hilary who was then pope. Upon being ordained in Rome, he was said to have fed the people of the city for three days before returning home. At the end of his life, a supernatural ship came and he boarded to learn the secret of his death. Returning from the faerie world, he went back to Emly to die and be buried. The earliest *Vita* states that Saint Ailbe was baptised by Palladius (*Vita Albei* 2), something that might be compatible with the tradition that made him a 'pre-Patrician' evangelizer of Ireland (since Palladius was recorded as having been sent to Ireland in 431, most likely before Patrick's time). The year of his death – 528 – that is recorded in the 'Annals of Innisfallen' (compiled at Emly probably in 1092), is not, however, compatible with a 'pre-Patrician' career. It may well be, though, a reflection of the fact that many such *obits* (records of the date of death) of Irish saints were retrospectively added to the annals. Ailbhe was said to have founded the monastery and diocese of Emly (Irish: *Imlech*), which became very important in Munster. He was said to have been responsible for King Aengus's donation of island lands for Saint Enda's monastery. He is also associated with the 6th-century foundation of Clane Friary, in modern County Kildare.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ailbe_of_Emly



St Ailbe of Emly
(d. 528) the Patrick of Munster

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