

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.

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 29th October 2022 - St Colman, bishop

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Sheila Browne, The Mills

7.30pm Rath - Claire O'Neill, Oldcourt and Robert O'Driscoll Lackahane

Sunday 30th Oct - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral - Brian Foley, Bridge Street

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

10.15am Rath - Patrick O'Driscoll, Baltimore Hill

11.30am Cathedral Betty Sheehan and Shelia Horvath, Mardyke Street

Monday 31st October –Bl Dominic Collins, martyr

9.30am Cathedral - John O'Donovan, Carrigfadda

10.15am Rath – Kathleen McSweeney, Clonakilty

Tuesday 1st November - ALL SAINTS

9.30am Cathedral – All Saints

7.30pm Rath – All Saints

Wednesday 2nd November – All Souls - Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

9.30am Cathedral: Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath –Novena - All Souls

Thursday 3rd November - St Malachy, bishop

9.30am Cathedral - Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath Novena - All Souls

Friday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo, bishop

9.30am Cathedral– Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath – Novena - All Souls

Saturday 5th October - St Martin de Porres, religious

4.45pm Sherkin - Novena - All Souls

6.30pm Cathedral – Novena - All Souls

7.30pm Rath - Novena - All Souls

Sunday 6th Nov Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Cathedral – Novena - All Souls

10.00am Cape Clear – Novena - All Souls

10.15am Rath – Novena - All Souls

11.30am Cathedral - Novena - All Souls

Fr John and Fr Evin thank everyone who attended the station masses in Skibbereen and Rath, and were so generous with the autumn station envelopes.

May God bless you all.

Novena Envelopes for the Holy Souls - are now available at all church porches

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

Feasts this Week

31st: Bl. Dominic Collins was born around 1566 in the city of Youghal, Co. Cork. In 1598, after a military career, he entered the Society of Jesus as a Brother. He returned to Ireland in 1601, but on 17 June 1602 he was captured by the English who tried in vain to make him abjure his faith.

Condemned to death, he was hanged in his native city on 31 October 1602.

1st: All Saints. The ultimate object of veneration of the Saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man by conforming one's life fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were preeminent disciples of the Lord. Catechesis and other forms of doctrinal instruction should therefore make known to the faithful

that our relationship with the Saints must be seen in the light of the faith and should not obscure the "*cultus laetiae* due to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit, but intensify it"

2nd: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death. Death is the end of earthly life, but 'not of our existence' (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. 'Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life' (CCC, 1007). Seen from the perspective of the faith, 'death is the end of man's earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide his ultimate destiny'

2nd: All Souls. Indeed, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' (2 Mac 12:46) she offers her suffrages for them. These consist, primarily, in the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, and in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, alms deeds, works of mercy and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed'

3rd: St Malachy was born near Armagh in 1094. He became Vicar of Ceallach, the reforming Bishop of Armagh, and he continued this work of reform as Bishop of Connor and, later, Bishop of Armagh. Earlier he had restored the monastery of Bangor and in 1142 founded the monastery of Mellifont, the first Cistercian house in Ireland. He had visited St Bernard at Clairvaux on a journey to and from Rome in 1139. He introduced the Canons Regular into Ireland. In 1148 Malachy set out from Ireland to meet the Pope but died on his way at Clairvaux, where he caught fever and died in the arms of Bernard and is buried in the abbey church.

4th: St Charles Borromeo, 1538-84, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age of twenty-one, worked for reform in his diocese, drafting the Catechism of the Council of Trent. Patron saint of catechists and seminarians.

5th: St Martin de Porres, 1579-1 639, became a Dominican lay brother, spending his nights in prayer and penance, his days in the monastery, caring for the sick and the poor. He is renowned for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament

Blessing of Graveyards in November

Fr John Heinhold & Fr Evin O'Brien will Bless the following graveyards in Skibbereen and Rath and the Islands Parishes on **Sunday November 6th**.
Convent Graveyard, Skibbereen 12.15pm
Chapel Lane Graveyard, Skibbereen 1.00pm
St Patrick's Graveyard, Coronea, Skibbereen (New Cemetery) 2.00pm
Abbeystrowry Graveyard, Skibbereen (Famine Graveyard) 2.45pm
Tullagh Graveyard, Baltimore 2.45pm
Creagh Graveyard, Skibbereen 3.30pm

The Mass Schedule for the November Novena

Masses for the Novena will take place from Tuesday November 1st to Thursday November 10th at the following times.

All Saints Day Tuesday Nov 1st - 9.30am Skibbereen
All Saints Day Tuesday Nov 1st - 7.30pm, Rath
Novena Wednesday Nov 2nd - 9.30am Skibbereen
Novena Wednesday Nov 2nd - 7.30pm Rath
Novena Thursday Nov 3rd - 9.30am Skibbereen
Novena Thursday Nov 3rd - 7.30pm Rath
Novena Friday Nov 4th - 9.30am Skibbereen
Novena Friday Nov 4th - 7.30pm Rath
Novena Saturday Nov 5th - 6.30pm Skibbereen
Novena Saturday Nov 5th - 7.30pm Rath
Novena Sunday Nov 6th - 9am Skibbereen
Novena Sunday Nov 6th - 10.15am Rath
Novena Sunday Nov 6th - 11.30am Skibbereen
Novena Monday Nov 7th - 9.30am Skibbereen
Novena Monday Nov 7th - 7.30pm Rath
Novena Tuesday Nov 8th - 9.30am Skibbereen
Novena Tuesday Nov 8th - 7.30pm, Rath
Novena Wednesday Nov 9th - 9.30am Skibbereen
Novena Wednesday Nov 9th - 7.30pm Rath
Novena Thursday Nov 10th - 9.30am Skibbereen
Novena Thursday Nov 10th - 7.30pm Rath

Rath and the Islands Parish Assembly Nominations: The present Parish Assembly have served their 3 year term and it is now time for nominations from those wishing to serve our Parish for the next 3 years. We are looking for people who care about our Parish, are willing to listen to the views and needs of others, to work closely and creatively with others, to commit their time, talents and energy to the formation process. The nominations forms will be available at the church entrance on the weekend 29th/30th October 2022. A box will be available in the church for return of the completed forms.

Skibbereen Parish Pastoral Assembly Nomination Papers - A box for your Nomination Papers will be available at Mass times in the Cathedral. You can also drop your Nomination Papers in the Sacristy and Parish Office doors.

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

Shoe Box Appeal

We are delighted to let you know that the Shoebox Appeal will go ahead this year - the same procedure as previous years. To make up a shoebox: cover a shoebox with wrapping paper - lid and box separately - decide if it is for a boy or girl (ages 2-4, 5-9,10-14). Think of 4W's - Wash, Wear, Write and WOW Toys **especially soft Toys**. Please include €4 to cover transport etc and have boxes ready by 8th November.

Any queries please contact Sally Daly 087 6854489 or Team Hope 01 2940222. If anyone has any spare items Sally would be delighted to hear from you.

The Irish Catholic: The Skibbereen Legion of Mary would like to reintroduce the distribution of the weekly Irish Catholic in the parish. Individuals who would like to receive a copy of the Irish Catholic are now invited to make a subscription. If enough people sign up and pay for a three-month subscription in advance the Legion of Mary are willing to make available copies to these individuals. For now, if you are interested, please give your name and contact to the Legion of Mary or at the Parish Office. Details of payment will follow.

The Alliance of the Two Hearts

First Friday and First Saturday Devotion in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place from 8 pm to 12.15am on Friday November 4th in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. The evening will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Devotional Prayers, Silent Prayer with Holy Mass at 10pm. All this is done to make reparation to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary as requested by Heaven. All Are Welcome.

Recently Baptised

Siún Leahy, Russellstown, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny
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

Finbarr O'Driscoll "Janus", Riverdale, Skibbereen, Cork
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

Secretary Wanted

We seek applications for 'Family of Parishes Secretary' which includes Aughadown, Castlehaven, Kilmacabea, Rath and the Islands and Skibbereen Parishes. Based in Skibbereen, the successful applicant would be organised and friendly, used to working as part of a team, which will-developed people skills as well as organisational skills. Computer skills and bookkeeping essential. Up to 20 hours per week (four mornings and one afternoon). Apply with CV on or before 15th November 2022 to Fr. John Heinhold, Moderator, Skibbereen Parish Office, North St., Skibbereen.