

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 - St John Paul II pope**

**4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention**

**6.30pm Skibbereen –Patrick White, Gortnaclohy**

**7.30pm Rath - Maureen McCarthy, Bunlick**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00am Cathedral - Peter Lynch, High Street**

**10.00am Cape Clear – Special Intention**

**10.15am Rath -Patrick and Johanna O'Regan, Reengaroga**

**11.30am Cathedral -Teddy Hourihane, Lurriga**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop**

**9.30am Cathedral - Miriam Lynch, Ballygarvan**

**10.15am Rath –Special Intention**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Bl Thaddeus McCarthy, bishop**

**9.30am Cathedral – John O'Donovan, Carrigfadda**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am Cathedral - Mary White, Glandore**

**10.15am Rath –Sheila O'Regan, Keelahangil**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October - St Otteran, monk**

**9.30am Cathedral - Jerry Sheehy, Castlehaven**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - SS Simon and Jude, apostles**

**9.30am Cathedral -Thomas J Connolly, Townshend Street**

**10.15am Rath – Peg Hodnett, Rosscarbery &**

**Eileen O'Sullivan, Cork Rd, Skibbereen**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October - St Colman, bishop**

**4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention**

**6.30pm Cathedral – Sheila Browne, The Mills**

**7.30pm Rath - Claire O'Neill, Oldcourt**

**& Robert O'Driscoll, Lackahane**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.00 am 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 St**

**Second Collection this weekend - Propagation of the Faith**

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

**Recently Deceased**

Ricky Barrett, Lissane, Drimoleague

Anthony O'Connor, Drominidy South, Drimoleague, 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*

**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**

**24<sup>th</sup>: St Anthony Mary Claret, 1807-70,** founded the Claretians in Spain for missionary work. Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, then returned as chaplain to the Queen of Spain, and built schools and museums, before being exiled with the monarchy.

**25<sup>th</sup>: Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy** was born in 1455. **Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh** (Latinised and anglicised *Thaddeus McCarthy*) c. 1455 – 25

October 1492, was an Irish ecclesiastic. He was a bishop who never ruled his see, even though he was appointed to two of them: Bishop of Ross, Ireland in 1482 and Bishop of Cork and Cloyne in 1490. His feast day is 25 October.

His appointment as Bishop of Ross was opposed and Innocent VIII then appointed him Bishop of Cork and Cloyne. He set out as a humble pilgrim to Rome where he was confirmed as Bishop of Cork and Cloyne. On his return journey in 1492 he died at Ivrea in Italy.

**27<sup>th</sup>: St Otteran,** a descendant of Conall Gulban, is usually identified with Odhran who preceded Columba in Iona. His death is recorded in 548 and his grave was greatly revered in Iona. He was chosen by the Vikings as patron of the city of Waterford in 1096 and later patron of the diocese.

**28<sup>th</sup>: Ss Simon and Jude.** The teaching of the apostles is the living Gospel for all to hear. Their authority comes from their fidelity to Christ and his message. Saint Jude is patron saint of hopeless causes.

**29<sup>th</sup>: St Colman** hailed from Kilmacduagh, Co. Galway, in the seventh century. After studying in Aran, where he founded two churches on Inis Mor, here turned to make a foundation at Kilmacduagh.



**The Convent Graveyard - Clean up**

Looking for volunteers to help clean up the Convent graveyard (beside the Cathedral) on Friday afternoon October 28th from 4 - 6pm. It would be great to have the graveyard tidied up to accommodate the blessing of the graveyard in November. The graveyard is currently not accessible to the public due to the health and safety risks from the adjoining building.

## Message from Bishop Fintan Gavin

As we enter into the new pastoral year it appears that we will have to learn to live with covid in the safest way possible.

### Reception of Holy Communion

People may receive either in the hand or on the tongue.

### Face Coverings

While people are no longer obliged to wear face coverings in churches some may continue to do so by choice. However, for the distribution of Holy Communion, Priests, Deacons and Ministers of the Eucharist should continue to wear a face covering and to sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.

### Taking Up of Offertory and Second Collections

It is important that all offertory and separate second collections are restored and taken up as in pre covid times during the celebration.

### Parish Ministries

All ministries such as choirs, music ministry, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers, funeral ministry, baptism ministry and other such parish groups should be reinstated.

The 'Do This in Memory' parish programme in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion as well as parish based Confirmation preparation programmes are to resume.

### Livestreaming of Masses

While livestreaming of Masses was valuable during the pandemic, it's not a real substitute for being present in-person to participate in the gathering of the faith community. Understandably people with health or age-related restrictions will still need to participate in Mass via livestream and in order for this to happen, I would ask that parishes continue to livestream a limited number of Masses.

### Additional Weekend Masses

Additional Weekend Masses that were arranged during the pandemic should be finally discontinued.

### Holy Water Fonts

Holy Water should be available in Fonts.

### Station Masses

There is no reason why Station Masses cannot be restored. This again will depend on how the virus behaves during the winter months.

I appreciate that as we continue to live with covid this brings its own challenges so I would urge you to use common sense and your own judgement.

Yours sincerely in Christ

✠ Fintan Gavin

Bishop of Cork and Ross

**World Mission Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022:** Pope Francis chose this year's theme as 'You Will Be My Witnesses' (Acts 1:8) in his message. Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church.

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. As well as financial help, missionaries also need spiritual support. On World mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. Help right now. Donate 4 Euro by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young diocese grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God. Missio envelopes are available at all church porches.

**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 months 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 October meeting of the Bantry Cardiac Support Group** will take place on Tuesday October 25th. This month a member of the HSE Paramedic Team will join the group to discuss/demonstrate the benefits of knowing CPR and the locations and use of the Defibrillator Units located in the area.

The meeting will take place in the Christian Fellowship Building Bantry at 8 p.m. Blood pressure monitoring from 7.30 p.m. Any person that has suffered a cardiac event, have cardiac related concerns and / or their family members are welcome to attend.

### October - Safeguarding Month

As we start to see church activities increase, we are always looking at updating our policies, guidance and forms. We have updated all forms / templates to make them user friendly and we have introduced a Safeguarding Policy for Pilgrimages. These can be found on the safeguarding page of the Diocesan website – [www.corkandross.org/safeguarding](http://www.corkandross.org/safeguarding)

**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](mailto: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)

**South Doc: 1850 335 999**