

MASS SCHEDULE IN OUR PARISHES ON SUNDAY NEXT 4 DECEMBER

AUGHADOWN: Kilcoe 10 am, Lisheen 11.30 am

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: Union Hall 10 am, Castlehaven 11.30 am

KILMACABEA: Glandore 10 am, Leap 6 pm (Sat) & 12 noon.

RATH & THE ISLANDS: Sherkin, Saturday 4.45 pm,

Oileán Cléire 10 am, Rath 7.30 pm (Sat) & 10.15 am

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday 9 am & 11.30 am

FOR PEOPLE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

You are invited to a community gathering to receive information on the supports available for those affected or bereaved through suicide. It's on Wednesday next, 30 November at 6.30 pm in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery (Warren suite). Sponsored by Kilmacabea & Castlehaven-Myross parishes.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Advent is at its longest this year, with four full weeks of preparing, from this Sunday, 27 November, till Christmas Day, also a Sunday. Each week we light a candle and think of ways to prepare ourselves and our families to welcome the Saviour.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:

"For children who suffer": We pray for children who are suffering, especially those home-

less, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — alcoholicsanonymous.ie

Pieta House Free 24/7 Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444.

St Vincent de Paul, Market St, Skibbereen — Contact Number: 086 045 0726

Samaritans Phone 116 123 free — www.samaritans.org **Southdoc** 0818 355 999

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136 — westcorkwomensproject.ie

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Our Family of Parishes NEWSLETTER

(for the parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven & Myross,
Kilmacabea, Rath & The Islands, and Skibbereen)

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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FROM THE TEAM

Welcome to the Newsletter of our 'Family of Parishes'. Since Summer 2022, our five parishes have been bound closer together; over the past few months, you have met many of our priests at Sunday Mass, as they get used to our churches, roads, people and parishes: it's a learning experience for us all.

Your thoughts, views and reactions are welcome in these pages. And in the internal pages (overleaf), local parish news and notices, relevant to your community, will be found, and the means of getting notices published there. I hope you like what you read and that it helps us all grow in faith.

*Fr Bernard (EDITOR), on behalf of
Annette Glanton (Castlehaven & Myross),
Brenda Whooley (Kilmacabea), June Kelly
(Skibbereen), Michael Coleman (Rath & The Islands)
and Trish Barry (Aughadown).*

ADVENT WREATH

Every church, school and home, can have its own Advent wreath, with three purple and one pink candle in a wreath of evergreens and ribbons. Here's a prayer for the blessing of your Advent wreath:

*Father, all powerful Lord of Light,
bless our wreath of evergreens.*

*May the increasing light of these candles
brighten our minds and hearts*

*to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love,
so that we are ready to receive in true peace
Jesus, the Light of the World, who lives and reigns
with you, for ever and ever. Amen.*

• Then, sprinkle wreath with Holy Water.

THIS WEEK

Mon 28 Nov: Our Lady of Sorrows of Kibeho (apparition of Our Lady in Rwanda began today in 1981, where the genocide was foretold).

Tues 29 Nov: International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (UN).

Wed 30 Nov: St Andrew, Apostle (Patron of Scotland, Russia and fishermen).

Thurs 1 Dec: World AIDS Day (UN).

Fri 2 Dec: First Friday, a day of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Communion is brought to the sick and housebound.

Sat 3 Dec: St Barrahanne (*Bearchán*), patron of Castlehaven Church and the C. of I. church at Castletownshend. This was the Pattern Day at the ancient Holy Well.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Isaiah 11:1-10 Isaiah looks forward to the coming of a messiah, who will restore harmony and justice.

Romans 15:4-9 The scriptures were written to teach about God's promises.

Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist's call to repentance is described by Matthew.

FINANCE CORNER

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, 20 NOV

Aughadown €1,010, Castlehaven €725,
Kilmacabea €850, Skibbereen €975.

Rath & the Islands (6 & 13 Nov): €1,166



Skibbereen Parish News

Submitting items for inclusion in the parish newsletter – Please email Skibbereen Parish Office: skibbereenparish@gmail.com no later than 5pm each Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 26 November to Sunday 4 December

Saturday - 6.30 pm Liam Calnan, Coolnagarrane

Sunday – 9.00.am Theresa O’Donovan, Market Street

11.30am James & Bridget Keane, Poundlick and Mardyke Street

Monday – 9.30am Special Intention

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Thursday – 9.30am Michael John and Josephine Carey Derrylugga

Friday – 9.30am Liz Hurley, Cork

Saturday-- 6.30pm Declan Price, Market Street & Baltimore

Betty Crowley, The Moorings, **Months Mind**

Sunday -- 9.00am Nora Leonard, 5 Assumption Place

11.30am Kathleen O’Donovan, Mardyke Street

Recently Baptised: We welcome Oisín Jack Fitzgerald into our faith community here in Skibbereen who received the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 26th November.

Recently Married: Congratulations to Anna Connolly and Keith Rafferty who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Saturday 26th November. We wish you both every happiness and blessings for your married life together.

First Holy Communion Enrolment: We have begun meeting with the parents of our First Holy Communion Parents from our schools. These meetings are ongoing, and they are to present ways for parents to help their children prepare for their First Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) and for their First Holy Communion. This is a very special year for these families, so we ask all to remember them in prayer. On Saturday 3rd December at the 6.30pm mass we will have the Enrolment for the First Holy Communion Children from St. Joseph’s G.N.S. Also, on Sunday 4th December at the 11.30am mass we will have the Enrolment for the First Holy Communion Children from St. Patrick’s B.N.S. and the Gaelscoil.

Parish Council Skibbereen: On Wednesday night next the 30th of November from 7pm to 9pm we will have the training for our new Skibbereen Parish Pastoral Council 2023 - 2025.

Missalettes: From this weekend the First Sunday in Advent we are introducing Missalettes once again in the churches of our Family of Parishes. We also have our Newsletters which will have a new look. One side of the page will have the items of interest across our Family of Parishes and the other side will have local news particular to each parish. If you have anything for our newsletter, please send information to the Parish Office, North Street, Skibbereen or an email skibbereenparish@gmail.com

Collection at the weekend Masses: From next weekend the First Sunday in December we are also reintroducing the basket collection during each mass. Volunteer collectors will collect the baskets immediately following the Prayer of the Faithful and during any Announcements. If there is to be a second collection it will be taken up after Holy Communion.

A Thank you: Thanks to all who attended and participated in our Bereavement Mass held last Friday night in St. Patrick’s Cathedral Skibbereen. Special thanks to Sr. Eillish McGrath, of the Mercy Sisters Clonakilty, who spoke at the mass, to our Readers, to our Choir, to our Funeral Team, and our outgoing Parish Assembly who helped in the background so that all would run smoothly.

Altar Servers: We are happy to welcome back our Altar Servers. In the past week we visited the schools and talked to the pupils about serving as Altar Servers. If we missed any child who would like to be an Altar Server in our Parish, please make contact with us soon by emailing skibbereenparish@gmail.com

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 December 2nd 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.

Skibbereen Community News

Skibbereen Soccer Club: Are holding a 1000 Euro bingo fundraiser on Sunday 27th November at 3 pm in The West Cork Hotel



Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th November 2022

4:45pm Sherkin: Mort O'Sullivan, Baltimore Road, Skibbereen

7:30pm Rath: Richard & Eileen Bushe, The Cove

Sunday 27th November 2022 – 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00am Cape Clear: Ciaran G O'Drisceoil

10:15am Rath: Sheila Connolly, Crow Hill

Monday 28th November 2022

10:15am Rath: Special Intention

Wednesday 30th November 2022

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Friday 2nd December 2022

10:15am Rath: Denis O'Driscoll, Oxford & late of Rath – recently deceased.

Saturday 3rd December 2022

4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

7:30pm Rath: Peter & Mary Leonard, Reengaroga & Dingle

Sunday 4th December 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10:15am Rath: Mary & Dick Connolly, Lissanuhig

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Rath & The Islands Parish Pastoral Council

Nominations have been received for the new Council and the nominees are currently being contacted.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.30pm

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Baltimore Country Market: The Baltimore Country market will take place at Baltimore Sailing Club during December on Sunday morning 11am to 2pm.