

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

Priest on Duty: Emergency only 086-7852262.

Saturday 12th November - St Josaphat, bishop and martyr

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Skibbereen – Charles & Peggy McCarthy, Cullinagh

7.30pm Rath – Denis McCarthy, Reengaroga

Sunday 13th Nov - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Cathedral – Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

10.00am Cape Clear - Phil Riordan

10.15am Rath - Kathleen Scully, Creagh

11.30am Cathedral - Sean Hourihane, Ballyalla

Monday 14th November – St Laurence O'Toole, bishop

9.30am Cathedral -Tadgh and Michael Crowley, St Fachtna's Tce

10.15am Rath: Anthony O'Driscoll, The Cove

Tuesday 15th St Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church

9.30am Cathedral – David Barry, Coronea

Wednesday 16th November - St Margaret of Scotland

9.30am Cathedral – John O'Donovan, Carrigafadda

10.15am Rath - Shelia O'Brien, Clonakilty

Thursday 17th November -St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

9.30am Cathedral - Mary O'Driscoll, Coolnaclehy

Friday 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul

9.30am Cathedral – John, Josephine, John Joe and Terri O'Sullivan, North St

10.15am Rath –Ellen & Daniel Davis and Mary & George Walsh, Lackahane

Saturday 19th November - 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral – Charlie McCarthy, Chapel Lane

7.30pm Rath – McCarthy Family, Ardnagrena, Reengaroga

Sunday 13th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9.00 am Cathedral – David Hourihane, Lough Hyne Road

10.00am Cape Clear - Ellen Bean Ui Donnachu (Ardgort)

10.15am Rath - Joan Collins, Lahern

11.30am Cathedral - Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Faithcast is the weekly faith podcast from www.catholicnews.ie, the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Initially published fortnightly the podcast is now available weekly on Mondays. Presented by Brenda Drumm, Faithcast is a mixture of interviews and news from the Catholic Church in Ireland. You can get this podcast directly to your phone by subscribing to the RSS feed or to the iTunes link here. For more on these stories please see www.catholicnews.ie.

Recently Deceased

We extend our condolences to Bernie Kelly, Sacristan in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on the recent death of his Brother-in-law Tony Whelan, Ballincollig. RIP.

And our condolences go to the family of John Cadogan, Bishopstown, Cork and formerly of Market Street, Skibbereen who's funeral and burial took place recently. RIP

And our condolences go to the family of Maryann O'Neill (nee O'Driscoll), The Old Court Inn, Baltimore who's funeral and burial took place during the week. RIP

And our condolences go to the family of Betty Crowley (nee Daly) The Moorings, Skibbereen who's funeral and burial took place during the week. RIP

BEREAVEMENT MASS

If you have lost a Family Member, a Relative, a friend or neighbour in the past year, why not join us, The Family of Parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven, Kilmacabea, Rath and the Islands and Skibbereen, when we come together and offer a Mass for you who grieve their Death.

You are welcome to **St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen** on **Friday 25th November at 7.30pm**. You will be given the opportunity of writing the names of your departed on a candle and you can present the candle during the mass. There will be a cup of tea afterwards in the Presbytery. All Welcome.

World Day of the Poor

The sixth World Day of the Poor is celebrated today the 13th of November, with the theme of "For your sakes Christ became poor" (2 Cor. 8:9)

"That is precisely what solidarity is: sharing the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without. The sense of community and of communion as a style of life increases and a sense of solidarity matures."

Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, 2022

"Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters. inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labour and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command. And may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope."

Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs, IV:

Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good

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

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.

HOLY SOULS VIGIL: You are very welcome to join us for a special Vigil for the Holy Souls in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown on Wednesday 16th November from 3pm. Mass will be celebrated at 3.15pm and again at 8.30pm. There will be Adoration, Confessions, Rosary and prayers for the Holy Souls. Tea and coffee break at 6pm.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 31st May to June 7th, 2023. Cost €849.00 pps. €200 deposit secures place. Half board accommodation in Hotel Leone. Optional insurance €39.00. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 012410800.

TOTUS TUUS SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE 2022 IS LIVE ON RADIO MARIA IRELAND FROM 2PM ON SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER. Speakers include SR. CAITRIONA KAVANAGH OP, BRIAN O'DRISCOLL (PAVING THE WAY HOME), FR. JOHN MCCARTHY (CLOYNE DIOCESE) AND FR. TERENCE CROTTY OP. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

The Shoe Box appeal - extended for one more week
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 15th 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.

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

Mass Cards - Pre-signed mass cards are now available in the Parish Office, Skibbereen.

Feasts this Week

14th: St Laurence O'Toole was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare, in 1123. He studied at Glendalough, becoming a monk there and later its abbot in 1148. In 1162 he was chosen as the first native Archbishop of Dublin. He followed the reforming methods of Ceallach and Malachy, introducing the Canons Regular to minister in the Cathedral, upholding the rights of the Church, caring for the people. He attended the Third Lateran Council in 1179 and, returning as Papal Legate, he held synods to extend reform. He worked for peace and reconciliation and died on a mission of mediation with King Henry II and the Irish rulers at Eu in Normandy in 1180.

15th: St Albert the Great, c. 1206 -80, the Dominican theologian, who taught in Cologne, was called the 'Universal Doctor' for the vast range of his interests. Patron of scientists.

16th: St Margaret, 1045-93, wife of Malcolm III, King of Scotland, helped by her example and influence the work of reform in the Church.

17th: St Elizabeth of Hungary, 1207-31, queen at fourteen, widowed and exiled at twenty, Franciscan tertiary until her death at twenty-four. A woman of prayer and service of the poor.

The curse of St Laurence O'Toole: The return of a stolen relic has added another tale to the saint's legend.

By Jesse Harrington

This April (2018), in the choir-sung presence of the archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, and Garda Assistant Commissioner Pat Leahy, the metal-encased heart of St Laurence O'Toole was returned to Christ Church Cathedral.

The return followed a six-year investigation into the heart's theft in 2012 and was made possible by a tip-off that located the 800-year-old relic in the Phoenix Park. Intriguingly, several media outlets, including the *Irish Examiner*, reported that the thieves 'returned it because they thought it was cursed' and feared that it 'was responsible for the deaths of loved ones from apparent heart attacks'.

Whatever the thieves may have believed, Laurence is undoubtedly important as Dublin's principal patron saint. Along with St Malachy of Armagh, St Oliver Plunkett, and St Charles of Mount Argus, he remains one of only four Irish saints to have been formally canonised by the Catholic Church. He was also the last saint of medieval Ireland: after his canonisation, it would be another 400 years, precisely, until the birth of Oliver Plunkett. Most notably, he was a pivotal figure in the great turning point of medieval Irish history—the 1169 Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland, led by another figure interred in Christ Church, the Earl Richard de Clare ('Strongbow'). To subsequent generations Laurence became a political and spiritual touchstone imbued with miraculous power. Thus, the recovery of his heart (and its reputedly associated curse) represents a distinctly medieval turn to this modern tale.

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<https://www.historyireland.com/the-curse-of-st-laurence-otoole/>

St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698

SVP BINGO: every Monday night 8.30pm in the Abbeystrewy Hall. All Welcome!

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