

# 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**

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**Priest on Duty: Emergency only 086-7852262.**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**4.45pm Sherkin – Special Intention**

**6.30pm Cathedral– Charlie McCarthy, Chapel Lane**

**7.30pm Rath – McCarthy Family, Ardnagrena, Reengaroga**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov -Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**9.00am 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**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**10.15am Rath - Mary & John O'Donovan, Cullenagh**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – St Cecelia, virgin and martyr**

**9.30am Cathedral –Eily May Wall, Mill Road**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - St Columban, abbot and missionary**

**9.30am Cathedral – David & Gillian Morrison, Riversdale**

**10.15am Rath - Margaret & John O'Driscoll and Family, Bantry**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov -Ss Andrew Dúng-Lác and companions, martyrs**

**9.30am Cathedral - Martin Connolly, Derrylugga**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - St Colman, bishop**

**9.30am Cathedral– O'Driscoll Family Coolbawn and Aughaville**

**10.15am Rath – Nora & John O'Rourke & Family, Dunmanway**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November - 34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**4.45pm Sherkin – Mort O'Sullivan, Baltimore Road**

**6.30pm Cathedral– Liam Calnan, Coolnagarrane**

**7.30pm Rath –Richard & Eileen Bushe, The Cove**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November - First Sunday of Advent**

**9.00 am Cathedral –Theresa O'Donovan, Market Street**

**10.00am Cape Clear - Ciaran G O'Driscóil**

**10.15am Rath -Shelia Connolly, Crow Hill**

**11.30am Cathedral -James and Bridget Keane, Poundlick and Mardyke Street**

**Feasts this Week**

**20th: Christ, King of the Universe.** We celebrate Christ as a crucified King. Through his cross he has won a holy nation and a royal people. In his kingdom he has reconciled all things to himself and through himself. He is the true shepherd-king who leads his people to peace

**21<sup>st</sup>:** The feast of the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit.

**22<sup>nd</sup>: St Cecilia,** the patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third-century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded.

**23rd: St Columban** (also known as Columbanus)

was born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to go on pilgrimage for Christ, he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine

according to the severe

Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest

foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

**24<sup>th</sup>: St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions.** In the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Vietnam, many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19 June 1988, Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these - ninety-six native Vietnamese men and women, eleven Dominican missionaries from Spain and ten French missionaries.

**25th: St Colman** was born around 530, probably in west Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to east Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.



**For those bereaved through Suicide**

"Everyone is invited to come to a community gathering to receive information on the supports available for those effected or bereaved through suicide."

This talk is in collaboration with your local Parish Supports, HSE, Pieta, HUGG.ie Samaritans and West Cork Counselling Services. Date: 30th November, 2022 Time: 6.30pm Venue: Rosscarbery - The Celtic Ross Hotel - Warren Suite Refreshments available on the night

**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

### Recently Baptised

Aodhla Ita Cahalane, Upper Bridge Street, Skibbereen  
*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

Gay O'Driscoll (née Hamilton) Monkstown Co. Dublin and formerly of Skibbereen and Cavan  
Teresa Wills (née O'Driscoll), Crogue, Tipperary Town, Tipperary and formerly of Skibbereen  
*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*

### Altar Servers

We are looking to bring back the role of Altar servers in the Cathedral. We invite the boys and girls of our parish to join. We ask the parents to contact Frances 0863706615

### Castlehaven Carol Service

Castlehaven Christmas Carol Service will take place in St Barrahanes Church on Tuesday December 13th @ 7.30pm  
Special Guest Tenor - Dan Twomey. We extend a warm welcome to our fellow parishioners from Aughadown, Kilmacabea, Skibbereen and Rath and the Islands parishes.

The annual memorial Mass to remember deceased personnel of **An Garda Siochaná** in Cork will take place on Tuesday, 22nd November at 7.30 pm at St Joseph's SMA Church Wilton, Cork. The Mass will also be live streamed on <https://www.churchservices.tv/smawilton>

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

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Skibbereen Historical Society** - *The life of Kate McCarty (Sr Marie Laurence) from Drominidy North, Drimoleague* by Catherine Fleming in the O'Donovan Rossa GAA Pavilion, Skibbereen on Thursday 24 November 2022 @ 8pm. Sr Marie Laurence spent much of her working life in France. During World War II she aiding Allied troops escaping from Nazi-occupied France. As a result, she was arrested by the Gestapo and subsequently imprisoned in the notorious Ravensbrück Concentration Camp. After the war, she was honoured by both the French and the British governments. This talk by Catherine Fleming will examine her life and work.

**St Colman:** Irish genealogies generally agree that Colmán had a father called Lénín. Through his father, Colmán appears to have been descended from the Rothrige, an obscure people who are known elsewhere as a subject people of the Déisi of Munster. Irish genealogies, however, go some way to associating Colmán's lineage with the Éoganachta, the leading ruling dynasty in Munster. One early item of genealogical information, which specifically identifies the Mac Léníni and Mac Duinich as sub-branches of the Rothrige (though it does not name Colmán), achieves this by making their eponymous progenitor Eochaid Rothán a son of the Éoganacht ancestor Mug Nuadat. The saint's genealogies later come to trace Colmán's ancestry to Mug Nuadat through seven generations. This prominence accorded to the Éoganachta in the genealogies is to be seen in the light of Colmán's monastic career and the position of Cloyne after his death.

The text *Conall Corc and the Corco Loigde* includes a brief triad in which Colmán is named as one of the three "ex-laymen" (*athláich*) of Ireland, along with Énna of Aran and Móchammas of Inis Celtra (though it also adds a fourth, Bishop Erc in Sláne of Mag Breg). The use of the word *athláech* here has been taken to suggest that Colmán became a cleric at a somewhat later age than was usual at the time. Later tradition claims that it was the Connacht saint Brendan of Clonfert who finally persuaded him to do so.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colm%C3%A1n\\_of\\_Cloyne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colm%C3%A1n_of_Cloyne)

### St Columbanus in Frankish Gaul

Columbanus set sail with twelve companions: Attala, Columbanus the Younger, Gallus, Domgal, Cummain, Eogain, Eunan, Gurgano, Libran, Lua, Sigisbert and Waldoleno. They crossed the channel via Cornwall and landed in Saint-Malo, Brittany. Columbanus then entered Burgundian France. Jonas writes that:

At that time, either because of the numerous enemies from without, or on account of the carelessness of the bishops, the Christian faith had almost departed from that country. The creed alone remained. But the saving grace of penance and the longing to root out the lusts of the flesh were to be found only in a few. Everywhere that he went the noble man [Columbanus] preached the Gospel. And it pleased the people because his teaching was adorned by eloquence and enforced by examples of virtue.

Columbanus and his companions were welcomed by King Guntram of Burgundy, who granted them land at Anegray, where they converted a ruined Roman fortress into a school. Despite its remote location in the Vosges Mountains, the school rapidly attracted so many students that they moved to a new site at Luxeuil and then established a second school at Fontaines. These schools remained under Columbanus' authority, and their rules of life reflected the Celtic tradition in which he had been educated.

As these communities expanded and drew more pilgrims, Columbanus sought greater solitude. Often he would withdraw to a cave seven miles away, with a single companion who acted as messenger between himself and his companions.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbanus>

**Slide Show at Gaggin Hall** (Eircode P72 DP38) on "The West Cork Railway" by Chris Larkin on Sunday 27th November at 3pm. No cover charge. Opportunity to purchase "West Cork Railways" hardback book at €25. Everyone is very welcome to this FREE community event. Queries (086) 4540981.

### 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**