

MASS SCHEDULE IN OUR PARISHES ON **SUNDAY NEXT 18 DECEMBER**
AUGHADOWN: Kilcoe 10 am, Lisheen 11.30 am
CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: Union Hall 10 am, Castlehaven 11.30 am
KILMACABEA: Glandore 10 am, Leap 6pm (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

THIS WEEK

Mon 12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron of the Americas. St Finnian (Clonard, Meath)
Tues 13 Dec: St Lucy, martyred in Sicily, patron of the blind and those with eye trouble.
Wed 14 Dec: St John of the Cross, Carmelite reformer, patron of mystics/contemplatives.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Isaiah 7:10-16 Contains Isaiah's prophecy of the events we celebrate at Christmas — words repeated in today's Gospel.
Romans 1:1-7 Paul sums up the message of Advent and Christmas.
Matthew 1:18-24 Matthew recalls some events that happened before the birth of Jesus.

REMINDER: PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR ADVENT ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL, SKIBBEREEN (7.30 PM)

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Samaritans Phone 116 123 free — www.samaritans.org **Southdoc** 0818 355 999
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FINANCE CORNER, SUN 4 DEC

Aughadown €805, Castlehaven €600,
Kilmacabea €950, Skibbereen €1,010
Rath & the Islands €606 (20-27 Nov)
— plus Standing Orders €200 per week

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Our Family of Parishes NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2022, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2023 EXPLAINED

Over the past number of months, the four priests in our family of parishes have been celebrating weekend masses in our ten churches. This allowed them to introduce themselves to the people, travel between churches and see the distances involved, note the attendance at each Mass and the involvement at each celebration. Not including Oileán Cléire, we had 13 weekend masses, four on Saturday evenings and nine

NEW SCHEDULE SUMMARISED

- One Vigil Mass each Saturday evening, at 6.30 pm in the Cathedral, Skibbereen
- One Mass in each church on Sunday mornings: 9.30 am in Rath, 11.00 am in Skibbereen, and Sunday Mass times as at present in the other churches.
- When only three priests are available, Aughadown, Castlehaven and Kilmacabea parishes will only have one Sunday Mass, in the parish church.

on Sunday mornings, 9am to 12 noon. After much discussion, and taking into consideration guidelines from the diocese, we have presented a new schedule to parish assemblies/pastoral councils over the past few weeks. They received the schedule with understandable sadness, but also with acceptance of the situation in which we find ourselves.

We understand that change is difficult; people become attached to certain masses. But we truly feel that this schedule is the best we can do, considering the number of priests we have, the distances we travel and the numbers attending masses. Each church will have one Mass each Sunday — along with one vigil Mass for the Family of Parishes, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. This reduction will help us enhance our eucharistic celebrations (more participation in the various ministries, etc). The new schedule will be reviewed in June 2023.

Fr John Heinhold Co-PP Skibbereen
<Moderator of the Family of Parishes>

LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE

On this Sunday, the third (pink) candle of the Advent wreath is lit, celebrating the joy this time of year brings. As you light the candle, say this special Advent prayer:

May the lighting of this candle bring me patience, renew my faith and draw closer to the joy that comes with the Saviour's birth. In His name I pray. Amen.



Skibbereen Parish News

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

Mass Intentions from 12th December to 19th December

Monday - 9.30am - Billy Lombard, Assumption Place
Tuesday - 9.30am - Sam Kingston, Connonagh
Wednesday - 9.30am - Special Intention
Thursday - 9.30am - John and Mary Murphy, Bauravilla
Friday - 9.30am - Josephine Palmer, Ringaskiddy
Saturday - 6.30pm - Rosie Dwyer, Cope Hostel, Cork Road.
Sunday - 9am - Paddy, Sheila, Thomas and Michael Herlihy, Coolnagrane.
Sunday - 11.30am - Eugene and Mary McCarthy and Sheila and Ted McCarthy, Ilen Street and New York.

Mass Cards: Pre signed Christmas Bouquet Mass Cards now available in the parish office.

Baptism: Jamie O'Driscoll, Ballincollig-We would like to welcome Jamie O'Driscoll, who received the sacrament of Baptism recently, into our faith community.

The Book of Remembrance: You are now invited to place the names of your deceased family members, neighbours, and friends in the book of remembrance. It will be available in the Cathedral from Saturday, the 10th December and will remain at the altar each day.

Memorial Mass: A Memorial Mass will take place for Conor O'Donovan, Brisbane, Australia son of Ger O'Donovan, formerly of Chapel Lane, Skibbereen and Majella O'Donovan (nee Hayes) formerly of Rosscarbery on Friday 16th December 2022 at 7 pm in St Fachtna's Church, Rosscarbery.

Confirmation Enrolment – will be held on **Saturday 17th December** in St. Patrick's Cathedral at the **6.30pm** Mass for all the Confirmation children and their families from St. Joseph's G.N.S., from St. Patrick's B.N.S. and the Gaelscoil. This is a very special year for these children and their families, so we ask all to remember them in prayer.

Carol Services - St. Patrick's B.N.S. is planning a Carol Service to be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Wednesday 14th December at 6.30 pm.**

Skibbereen Community School is planning a Carol Service to be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Thursday 15th December at 7 pm.**

Skibbereen Parish Pastoral Council – At the end of our Training Session last week the following people were nominated and accepted the positions of Chairperson – Jacinta Crowley, Vice Chairperson – Patsy Hayes, Secretary - Maria Groarke, Vice Secretary – June Kelly. Many thanks for their generosity and wish them well in their posts. We will have a commissioning of our New Parish Pastoral Council 2022-2025 early in the new year.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – We are hoping to reintroduce the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration in St Patrick's Cathedral, beginning the first week of January 23

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration

Invitation

from Jesus to keep Him company for one hour in Eucharistic Adorations
Yes! I will spend one hour with Jesus (tick what day and what hour)

Day	Morning	Afternoon
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 am to 11am	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 noon to 1pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> 11am to 12 noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pm to 2pm
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		<input type="checkbox"/> 3pm to 4pm
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4pm to 5pm
		<input type="checkbox"/> 5pm to 6pm

Name: _____

Postal Address:

Tel. Number: _____

Please remove this section and return to Parish Office before Christmas Day



Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th December 2022

4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

7:30pm Rath: Gerald Grace, Ballymacrown - 1st Anniversary

Maryann O'Neill, Oldcourt - Months Mind

Sunday 11th December 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10:15am Rath: Mary Burke, Lough Hyne

Monday 12th December 2022

10:15am Rath: Denis & Hannah Whooley

Wednesday 14th December 2022

10:15am Rath: Una & Liam Devlin, Reengaroga

Friday 16th December 2022

10:15am Rath: May & Barry Devlin

John & Mary Murphy, Bauravilla

Saturday 17th December 2022

4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

7:30pm Rath: Kieran & Hester Cotter, Cape Clear & Baltimore

Sunday 18th December 2022 – 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10:15am Rath: Mary Holland, Rath

First Holy Communion Enrolment: During Mass last Sunday, 4th December, a lovely First Holy Communion Enrolment ceremony took place for the following children from Rath National School and one child from Abbeystrewry: Aoife, Ella, Rathnaid, Hannah, Roisin, Sebastian, Stephen, Jimmy, Hugo, Liam and Cathal.

First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 14th May 2023.

Rath & The Islands Parish Pastoral Council

From a total of 34 nominations for the new Parish Pastoral Council only 4 nominees accepted – we welcome Agnieszka Lechtanaka, Breda Herlihy, Orla Leonard Lee, and Hugh O'Neill. They will be joined by Aidan Hurley, Carol Sheehy, Delphine Hallihane, Kevin Fitzgerald, Maeve Devlin, and Siobhan O'Neill who will remain on the council for a further 3 years.

A big Thank you to those who are retiring from the Council: Annette Cadogan, Catherine O'Driscoll, CornieBohane, Frank Whelton, Maire Corr-Kelly, and Majella O'Driscoll.

Please Note: The Parish Office must be informed of any changes in Mass times or of any Church events outside the normal planned events.

Christmas Masses:

Saturday 24th December: 8:00pm Rath

Sunday 25th December: 9am Sherkin / 10:00am Cape Clear / 10:30am Rath

Collection at the Weekend Masses: Basket Collections have been reintroduced during mass. Volunteer collectors will distribute baskets immediately following the Prayers of the Faithful and during any Announcements. If there is to be a second collection it will be taken up after communion.

Altar Servers: It was wonderful to welcome our Altar Servers back last weekend.

Confessions: will take place after Mass each weekday morning in Sacred Heart Church, Rath from Monday 19th December to Friday 23rd December.

Casey's of Baltimore Christmas Fair on Sunday 11th December 11am to 3pm

Baltimore, Rath and The Islands Community Council will have the Turning on of the Christmas lights in the village on Sunday 11th December at 5pm. Lots of fun planned including a special visit from Santa Claus.

Rath National School Christmas Concert will be held in the Community Hall, Baltimore on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm.

Skibbereen Community School Christmas Carol Service will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Thursday 15th December at 7pm.

Baltimore Community Market Christmas Fair will take place at Baltimore Sailing Club on Sunday 18th December from 11am to 2pm. The market will then take a short break for January and February. There is no market on Sunday 11th December.

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