

MASS SCHEDULE IN OUR PARISHES ON SUNDAY NEXT 11 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

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:**  
**"Volunteer Not-For-Profit Organisations":**  
We pray that these organisations, committed to human development, might find people dedicated to the common good, and always seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION (8TH DECEMBER)**  
You are invited to come to Mass in the Family of Parishes for the feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception:  
6.30 pm Wednesday (vigil), Skibbereen  
9.30 am **Thursday:** Leap & Skibbereen;  
10 am: Kilcoe; 11.30 am Castlehaven;  
7.30 pm Rath Parish Church.

#### FINANCE CORNER

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, 27 NOV  
Aughadown €885, Castlehaven €820,  
Kilmacabea €620.50, Skibbereen €1125.

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#### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — [alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://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: **087 918 2698**  
— Apologies for wrong number given last week - please note correct number above.  
**Samaritans** Phone 116 123 free — [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) **Southdoc** 0818 355 999

#### REMINDER

People who bring Holy Communion home from Mass are asked to leave Communion containers (called 'pyxes') on the altar for Mass and collect them there afterwards.

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## Our Family of Parishes NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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#### MISSING ICON

You might wonder about the icon for our Family of Parishes (see above). We seek a name for this new church unit, and an icon reflecting that name. The students at Skibbereen Community College are helping with that search. Some have suggested calling our Family of Parishes after St Ciarán, the earliest saint of our area, or after the group of Irish saints after which seven of our churches are named: Patrick, Brigid, Fachtna, Barrahan, Comghall, Mona and Ciarán. You may have your own suggestion for a name for our Family of Parishes: please share it here.

Hoping you are enjoying Advent.

*Fr Bernard (Editor)*

#### LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE

On this Sunday, the second (purple) candle of the Advent wreath is lit. This second candle reflects on the peace promised by Christ's birth and the faithfulness of those who played a part in the Christmas story. As you light the candle, say this special Advent prayer:

**Praise be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds. As I light the second Advent candle, may God's Spirit prepare my heart to receive Jesus as my king. May God's grace abound in my life in this season of holy anticipation.**

#### THIS WEEK

Mon 5 Dec: International Volunteer Day for Development (UN)  
Tues 6 Dec: St Nicholas, fourth-century Bishop of Myra (Turkey), patron of Russia, Galway, sailors — and all children.  
Wed 7 Dec: St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan from AD 374, patron of bee-keepers  
Thurs 8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Defined by Pius IX in 1854.  
Fri 9 December: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, visionary at Guadalupe  
Sat 10 Dec: Our Lady of Loreto  
Also: Human Rights Day (UN)

#### PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR ADVENT

Celebrate God's mercy this Advent at the Cathedral, Skibbereen at 7.30 pm on Monday 19 December. Priests from local parishes will attend for Confessions.

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)  
**Isaiah 35:1-6, 10** Isaiah looks forward to the Day of Joy, when God's power will be seen on earth.  
**James 5:7-10** James reminds us to be patient, for the Lord's coming in glory will be soon.  
**Matthew 11:2-11** Today's Gospel tells us that what Isaiah prophesied came to pass in the life of Jesus.



## Skibbereen Parish News

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

**Mass Intentions from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Monday- 9.30am** Liz and Ellen Lane, Ringaskiddy

**Tuesday – 9.30am** Mary Scanlon, Cork

**Wednesday 9.30 am** Timothy P. O'Donovan and Mary Simpson, Lassanaroe

**Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Vigil Mass - 6.30pm** John Keating, Lisheen and Church Cross and Special Intention

**Thursday -9.30 am Solemnity Mass** Eileen O'Sullivan, Dunbeacon  
**7.30 pm – Rath**

**Friday - 9.30am** Special Intention

**Saturday -6.30pm** Brian O'Donovan, 74 North Street & formerly of Clohane

**Sunday - 9.00 am** William O'Driscoll, 17 Poundhill, Skibbereen

**11.30 am** - Gerry and Paddy McCarthy, Skibbereen and Schull.  
Larisa Nikolajev

**Deaths** –We send our condolences to the family of Krzysztof Wiacek whose funeral took place this week.

**Collection Baskets return this weekend** - You will find Collection Baskets distributed throughout the Cathedral. Please begin passing the Collection Baskets along the rows of seats from person to person at the end of the prayer of the faithful and while the announcements are being given. The Collection Baskets will make their way forward and Volunteers will be there to collect them as they reach the top.

**Altar Servers** – We will soon be welcoming back Altar Servers to our weekend masses. We have visited the schools and talked to the pupils about becoming an Altar Server but if there is a child who we have missed and would like to become an Altar Server please make contact with us as soon as possible by emailing [skibbereeparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereeparish@gmail.com)

**First Holy Communion-** First Holy Communion Enrolment this weekend– **on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Confirmation Parents Meeting – On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a short meeting for the Parents of the Confirmation children from St. Joseph's G.N.S. in the meeting room of the Priests House (The Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen) **at 7pm**. 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 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**.

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

**Choir** - St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir are looking for new members to join. If you would like to sing and become one of the Choir, please join us on **Sunday 11.30am Mass** or make contact with Nancy Long, Choir leader after Mass.

**First Holy Communion Pyxes:** - For those who borrowed and no longer need their First Holy Communion Pyx please return to the parish sacristy.

### Community Notes

**Skibbereen Geriatric Society** - Skibbereen Geriatric Society are holding their annual Christmas draw on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. All support would be greatly appreciated. Please return all tickets before **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December to Cara House, Market Street**.

**Rosary:** - The Rosary will be recited at The Lake Cross Grotto on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm** in honour of the feast of The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady which falls on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Skibbereen Parish Pastoral Council** meeting will be held in the meeting room in the Presbytery at 7 pm on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 3rd December 2022

4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

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

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

2.00pm Cape Clear: Special Intention

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

10:15am Rath: Special Intention

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

10:15am Rath: Special Intention

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

7.30pm Rath: Special Intention

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

10:15am Rath: Special Intention

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022

4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

7:30pm Rath: Gerald Grace, Ballymacrown - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Maryann O'Neill, Oldcourt - Months Mind

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

10:15am Rath: Mary Burke, Lough Hyne

**First Holy Communion Enrolment:** First Holy Communion Enrolment for the children from Rath National School will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm

The Training for the New Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Mass in Sacred Heart Church Rath at 7.30pm Thursday evening

**Missalettes:** Since last week we have introduced Missalettes 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 any items for inclusion in our newsletter, please submit no later than 5pm on Tuesday of each week to the Parish Office, North Street, Skibbereen or email [skibbereeparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereeparish@gmail.com)

**Collection at the Weekend Masses:** From this weekend the First Sunday in December we are reintroducing the basket collection during each mass. Volunteer collectors will collect the 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 Holy Communion.

**Altar Servers:** We are delighted to welcome back our Altar Servers to Sacred Heart Church, Rath. The Altar Servers will begin serving at Masses this weekend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**Church Cleaners:** Many thanks for our dedicated team of cleaners who keep our church so welcoming and clean. We are delighted to have some younger energetic people joining the team. The new rota is now available from the sacristy or if you would like an email copy, please contact Maeve Devlin on [mary.maeve.devlin@gmail.com](mailto:mary.maeve.devlin@gmail.com).

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

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