

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 15 JANUARY**

AUGHADOWN: Kilcoe 10 am, Lisheen 11.30 am  
CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: Union Hall 10 am, Castlehaven 11.30 am  
KILMACABEA: Glandore 10 am, Leap 12 noon (**only**)  
RATH & THE ISLANDS: Sherkin, Sat 4.45pm, Rath **9.30am**, Oileán Cléire 10am,  
SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday **11.00** am (no early Mass)

**THIS WEEK**

**Mon 9 Jan:** Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith (fore-runner of Pontifical Mission Societies), and Living Rosary associations, beatified in Lyon, France, in May 2022

**Fri 13 Jan:** St Hilary of Poitiers, patron saint for children with disabilities.

**Visit Lourdes in 2023**

The Cork & Ross diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 22 to Wednesday 27 September next. Further details are available on [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org); information is also available from Joe Walsh Tours (01 241 0800) Cost is €849 to €899 with a choice of hotels.

People, families and parishes throughout Cork & Ross are invited to travel to Lourdes with the diocese in 2023. Those who may wish to travel as helpers, nurses or doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes should contact: [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org)

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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**  
**Samaritans** Phone 116 123 free — [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) **Southdoc** 0818 355 999  
**Women against Violence** Helpline 1800 203 136 — [westcorkwomensproject.ie](http://westcorkwomensproject.ie)

**St Matthew course begins Tuesday**

**REMINDER:** Studies in St Matthew's Gospel begin this Tuesday night, 10 Jan, at the Cathedral Presbytery, North St, Skibbereen (7.30 – 9.00 pm). All welcome

**FINANCE CORNER, SUN 1 JAN. 2023**

Aughadown €855, Castlehaven €870, Kilmacabea €945, Skibbereen €1,160

**• A Special Collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken next Sunday, 15 Jan.**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 2023, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE'RE SIX WEEKS INTO THE NEW YEAR ALREADY.....**

Today is the first day of the second week of the 'Calendar Year' of 2023. But we are beginning the **seventh** week of the Church's year (Liturgical Year). The year began with Advent at the end of November, a time of preparing a way for the Lord.

With Christmas Day having fallen on Sunday, Advent 2022 unusually had four full weeks. We are currently finishing the Christmas Season with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord — which is also the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, which then continues for almost seven weeks.

Ash Wednesday on 22nd February this year opens the Season of Lent, commemorating the 40 days our Lord spent in prayer and fasting in the wilderness. Lent con-

cludes with Holy Week which includes the Sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. This leads to the great feast of Easter (Resurrection of the Lord) on 11th April, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death, the principal feast of the liturgical year.

The Easter Season runs until Pentecost Sunday (28th May) when a further 27 weeks of Ordinary Time take us to the 34th Sunday (Christ the King).

And then Advent follows again.

**Fr Des O'Driscoll**  
Sherkin Island

**NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6** — God's Chosen One will bring salvation to all peoples.  
**1 Corinthians 1:1-3** — Includes the very start of Paul's first letter to the people of Corinth, who Paul says are called to take their place among the saints; we'll read from that letter each week until Lent.  
**John 1:29-34** — John the Baptist introduces Jesus to us as the Lamb of God, the Chosen One.

**For POPE BENEDICT XVI**  
**O God, immortal shepherd of souls,**  
**look on your people's prayers**  
**and grant that your servant POPE BENEDICT**  
**who presided over your Church in charity,**  
**may, with the flock entrusted to his care,**  
**receive from your mercy**  
**the reward of a faithful steward.**  
**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## Skibbereen Parish News

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

### **Mass Intentions from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Monday - 9.30am** – Special Intention

**Tuesday - 9.30am** – John and Julieanne O'Regan

**Wednesday - 9.30am** – Michael McCarthy, Glandore

**Thursday - 9.30am** – Judi O'Driscoll, Bawnlahan, Trugumna

**Friday - 9.30am** – Deceased members of the White Family, Cregg, Glandore

**Saturday - 6.30pm** – Bert Humphreys, Derrygool, Skibbereen

Tim Joe McCarthy, Townshend Street

**Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> January 11.00am** – Jeremiah and Catherine McCarthy,

Inchinagotagh, Skibbereen

Denis Crowley, The Moorings, Skibbereen

**Deaths** – We extend our condolences to the families of Kathleen Mullally, Mardyke Street, Skibbereen and John Long, Lissalohorig, Skibbereen, and Paul O'Connor, Mardyke Court, Skibbereen and Naas, Co Kildare. RIP Kathleen, John and Paul.

**Recently Baptised** – Hannah Leah Hayes, Cullinagh, Skibbereen

Liam Coakley, Sydney Australia

James McCarthy, London, England

We welcome them into our faith community

**Skibbereen Parish Pastoral Council** – Congratulations to the members of our new Parish Pastoral Council who are going to be commissioned this Sunday at the 11am mass in St Patrick's Cathedral.

**The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration** returned to the Adoration Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral this week. We have 30 adorers signed up to spend one hour per week in silent adoration (Mondays from 10am to 6pm and Fridays from 10am to 6pm). There are still hours with no one to cover so please, why not spend one hour a week in the company of Jesus in the blessed Eucharist? There are forms available at the doors of the church or just contact the parish office.

**New Parish office opening hours** from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 10am to 1pm.

**Second Collection:** First quarterly collection for Diocesan needs on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January

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**A word of thanks** and gratitude to all who minister in our church. Thanks to our sacristans, parish secretary, newsletter group and all who look after the various rotas. Thanks to our safeguarding group, funeral team, ministers of the word and ministers of the Eucharist our finance committee, and those who lead our morning rosary. Thanks to our altar group who look after the flowers, the group who cleans the church, our altar servers and those who look after them. Thanks to our choir and our Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. Thanks to our collectors, to those who look after our parish website and Facebook page. Thanks to all who served on our last parish pastoral council and those who have so generously agreed to stay on for another term of three years and to those who have just begun their term. I am sure there are others who do things quietly and without fuss. We say thank you and we ask for God's blessing on all for health happiness, and peace for the coming 2023.

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#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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#### Friday 13th January 2023

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#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023

4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Rath:

Josie Leonard, Rath

Jerome & Margaret Minihane, Creagh

Michael & Julia Forde, Creagh & London

10:00am CapeClear: Special Intention

### Recently Deceased:

Michael (Mick) McSweeney, Dunmore East and formally of Baltimore

Eileen Connolly, Birmingham, and formally of South Rath.

May they rest in peace.

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### Carol Service St Mona's Church, Sherkin.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Carol Service in St Mona's Church, Sherkin Island, on Sunday 18th December 2022. On the day, €1477.80 was collected for the Skibbereen Branch of the St Vincent de Paul.

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