

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2023

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 10 am

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday **11.00** am (no early Mass)

THIS WEEK

Mon 16 Jan: St Fursa (or Fursey). Born in Connacht, a missionary in East Anglia, with his brothers Faoillan and Ultan. Had a hermitage at Lagny-sur-Marne (near Paris), and died about AD 650, buried at Péronne, in the Somme valley.

• TODAY IS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY IN THE USA, IN MEMORY OF THE 'APOSTLE OF NON-VIOLENCE', ASSASSINATED IN 1968.

Tues 17 Jan: St Anthony of Egypt (Abbot), was known as the founder of the monastic life. His life was spent in prayer and solitude.

Wed 18 Jan: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today. The theme for 2023 is "DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE"; a theme taken from Isaiah 1:17. You can read more about this on the website of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity:

www.christianunity.va (click EN for English)

Sat 21 Jan: St Agnes, a wealthy and beautiful girl, was put to death for her faith in Rome in the early fourth century. Patron of engaged couples and young girls.

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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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 **Southdoc** 0818 355 999

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136 — westcorkwomensproject.ie

FINANCE CORNER, SUN 8 JAN. 2023

Aughadown €1,001, Castlehaven €970,

Kilmacabea €730, Skibbereen €1,290

Rath & The Islands €1187 (1st & 8th Jan)

FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

A meeting of this team takes place on Thurs 19 January at 8pm: feedback welcome via Editor of your local parish page.

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Our Family of Parishes NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2023, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VOL 1: NO. 7

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE?

After attending Mass, be it during the week or on a Sunday, can you remember what the Gospel was about? Perhaps we would take more from the readings in church if we took the time to reflect on the words written there.

But regularly reading the Bible alone is a difficult discipline for anyone! Once or perhaps twice we might go to the trouble, and take time to reflect on it. But if we had company, if we had someone to share our thoughts with, we might not only read the gospel, but get far more from reading it and mulling over it with others.

We invite you to join us as we discover the original words, world, teachings and

practices of the Christian Community through the Gospel of St. Matthew – the gospel currently being read at Sunday Mass during this year's liturgy.

Through reading, reflecting, questioning, discussing and shared insights, your inner life will be nourished and you will grow in familiarity and understanding.

Frances MacMahon

Aughadown parish

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A):

"SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD"

Isaiah 8:23 to 9:3 — A prophecy of the time when the light of the world is to come, a prophecy which Christians see fulfilled in Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 — Paul's appeal against the splintering of the community fits well with the themes of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which takes place from 18 to 25 January.

Matthew 4:12-23 — The Gospel describes the visit of Jesus to places on the fringes of Israel, just as the prophet Isaiah had foretold.

Scripture Studies in our

Family of Parishes

Every Tuesday at 7.30 pm,

at The Presbytery,

Cork Road,

Skibbereen

until 29 March

with Spiritual Director

Fr. Michael Curran MSC, Leap,
and Adult Educator, Frances MacMahon
BTheol, Lower Lisheen, Church Cross.



Skibbereen Parish News

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

Mass Intentions from Monday 16th January 2023

Monday - 9.30am – Jeremiah Daly, Kilcrohane

Tuesday - 9.30am – Eileen Collins, Lake Marsh

Wednesday - 9.30am – Kathleen Connolly, Townshend Street, Skibbereen

Thursday - 9.30am – Jerry and Eileen Forde

Friday - 9.30am – Pat Hurley, Glandore

Saturday - 6.30pm – Detta Carey, Derrylugga

Mary Kate Hurley, Gortnaclohy

Sunday – 22nd January 11.00am – Sean Connolly, Oldcourt

and Sharon Connolly, Ballincollig

John O'Mahony, '98 Street, Skibbereen

Recently Baptised: We welcome to our faith community – Flynn McKenna, Skibbereen

Deaths – We extend our condolences to the family of Joan Daly (nee O'Sullivan) late of Bishopstown (formerly of Lassanaroe, Skibbereen) who died recently

Liturgical Calendar - Ordinary Time - When we think of the liturgical seasons we typically think of the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. These seasons celebrate what could be thought of as “The Main Event.” Namely, the incarnation, birth, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. But since last Monday 9th January, we have returned to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time isn't ordinary. It's much more than that. The 33 (or 34 depending on how the feasts fall) weeks of Ordinary Time contain Jesus' earthly ministry and some of the major events of the Gospels we have come to know and love. The miracles, the parables, the calling of the twelve, the sermon on the mount, the bread of life discourse. . . we get all that and more during this season. Truly, there is much to celebrate.

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Here's a short list of ways you can fully embrace this liturgical season:

1. **Examine your habits.** Your day-to-day life is typically just a series of habits played out one after the other. If you want your life to change, the first place to look is your habits. A great new habit to start – read the daily Gospel.

2. **Gratitude.** Joy always finds its root in gratitude. Try starting each day by thanking God for five ordinary, everyday things. If you have a family, try going around the table at dinner time and list off things together.

3. **Use your imagination** to reflect on the daily life of Jesus. Imagine Jesus doing the simple things. Eating, walking, joking with his friends.

4. **Praying.** Make yourself a bystander to the Gospel stories in your imagination. Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. But the true power of the season is only unlocked if you live it!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to the 25th of January 2023 - The theme for Christian Unity week this year is Do good; seek justice, from Isaiah 1:17 – ‘Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.’ Isaiah challenged God's people in his day to learn to do good together; to seek justice together, to rescue the oppressed together, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow together. The prophet's challenge applies equally to us today. How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time? Let us be open to God's presence in all our encounters with each other. Let us engage in the struggle for justice in our society. After all, we all belong to Christ.

Ministers of the Word – We are seeking new Ministers to read at the **6.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass**. We have very few ministers for this Mass. If anyone who attends this Mass and is willing to become a Minister of the Word, please give your name and contact number to the parish office. Training will be provided.

We are **also seeking new Ministers to read at the 9.30am weekday Masses**. If you attend a weekday Mass and are willing to read, please come into the sacristy after Mass. We are also seeking **Ministers of the Eucharist for the 9.30am weekday Masses**. Again, if you attend a weekday Mass and would be willing to help with the distribution of communion please call into the sacristy after Mass. Training will be provided.

Children's Mass - The parish would like to reintroduce a “children's Mass”. However, before we can do this, we need a small group of interested people and parents who would be willing to work with the priests to organise such a Mass. If you are interested and would be willing to participate in this very worthwhile youth ministry, please contact us at the parish office.

The next Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection will take place on the **weekend of 14th/15th January**. This quarterly collection contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including the cost of personnel, utilities (*light & heat, phone, postage & stationery, repairs & maintenance, insurance*), professional fees, primary and secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry and levies paid by the Diocese for national hierarchy costs.

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Wednesday 18th January 2023

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Friday 20th January 2023

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4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

Sunday 22nd January 2023 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Rath: Agnes Davis, Lackahane, Baltimore

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New Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 10.00am – 1pm

Rath National School Table Quiz in Bushes Bar Thursday 26th January at 8.15pm. Teams of 4 - €40 per team. Please come and support Rath National School.

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 skibbereenparish@gmail.com