

### 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

**Tues 24 Jan:** St Francis de Sales, bishop of Geneva, doctor of the church, patron saint of writers, editors and journalists.

**Wed 25 Jan:** Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, on the road to Damascus (concluding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity).

**Thurs 26 Jan:** Sts Timothy & Titus, companions of St Paul. Timothy is the patron saint of those with stomach complaints.

**Fri 27 Jan:** INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION IN MEMORY OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST. 'Holocaust remembrance prompts us to remember our humanity, and our responsibility to combat hate speech, anti-Semitism and prejudice - to do all we can to prevent genocide' (UNITED NATIONS).

**Sat 28 Jan:** St Thomas Aquinas (nicknamed the 'Angelic Doctor' commemorated in the Angelicum in Rome). Patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

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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)

#### FINANCE CORNER

The Sunday collections of 15 January are given (with the special collection for Diocesan Needs noted in brackets). Thank you for your generosity to your parish and diocese.  
AUGHADOWN: € 800 (+ € 590)  
CASTLEHAVEN: € 940 (+ € 700)  
KILMACABEA: € 525 (+€ 275)  
SKIBBEREEN: € 1290 (+ € 620)

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## Our Family of Parishes NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VOL 1: NO. 8

## WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU TODAY?

Since November, we've been using a new type of Mass leaflet in our churches. It's smaller, more concise — a handy size. It fits nicely in my shirt pocket, but it could be folded into a wallet also, or a handbag. You could bring it from Mass and use it to read over the readings again during the week.

Sometimes what's read at Mass really strikes you — that's God sending you a message. Even one word or a phrase can strike home. It's said that when the readings are proclaimed at Mass, 'God speaks to his peo-

ple', so it's not surprising it touches us: it's the living word of God.

To remind Catholics of the significance of the readings at Mass, Pope Francis has named one Sunday each year as 'the Sunday of the Word of God' — it falls on **this** Sunday in 2023.

So do: take God's word seriously. Bring the Mass leaflet home with you and read it again. You can also get next Sunday's leaflet in the church (like 'a sneak preview' of what you'll hear).

If you don't understand what you hear, ask questions. If you find it challenging, take it to heart. And heed God's word. I try to.

**Fr Bernard Co-PP**  
Castlehaven & Myross

#### Catholic Schools Week 2023

23-27 January 2023

THEME: WALKING TOGETHER  
IN FAITH AND LOVE

**MONDAY:** Our schools walk together in faith: children learn there to have faith in themselves, in others and in God.

**TUESDAY:** We walk together in love: at school, we learn to show kindness.

**WEDNESDAY:** GRANDPARENTS DAY

**THURSDAY:** In school we learn to walk together — to transform our world.

**FRIDAY:** We walk together in hope. The world can be a scary place but we are never alone. God is with us.

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS (29 JAN.)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13** — Describes the kind of people who find favour with God.

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31** — We are to rely not on our own efforts, but on God's power.

**Matthew 5:1-12** — The Beatitudes begin the Sermon on the Mount, in Chapter Five of Matthew's Gospel.



## 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 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

**Sunday - 11am** – Sean Connolly, Oldcourt and Sharon Connolly, Ballincollig  
John O’Mahony, ’98 Street, Skibbereen,  
John Long, Lissalohorig, Month’s Mind

**Monday - 9.30am** – Ted Harnedy, Shepperton

**Tuesday - 9.30am** – Ena O’Donoghue, Paddock

**Wednesday - 9.30am** – Donal O’Donovan, Poundlick & Sarah O’Donovan, Limerick

**Thursday - 9.30am** – Tom and Mae Barry, Goleen

**Friday - 9.30am** – Mary and William O’Regan, Schull and  
Dominic Hodnett, St Fachtna’s Terrace

**Saturday - 6.30pm** – Derry McCarthy, Convent Hill and  
James O’Shea, Ballydehob

**Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> January 11.00am** – Teresa & Patrick O’Donovan, Lassanaroe  
Denis O’Shea, Drishanemore  
Kathleen Mullally, Mardyke Street, Month’s Mind

**Deaths** – We extend our condolences to the families of Elizabeth Weblin late of Dublin (formerly of Gortnaclohy)  
Michael Glanton late of Belgooly (formerly of Skibbereen)  
John Fitzgerald, Riverdale (formerly of Heir Island)  
Finion O’Driscoll, late of St Raphael’s Youghal (formerly of Assolus)  
who died recently

### Sunday of the Word of God

Now in its fourth year, the Sunday of the Word of God falls today on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023. Back on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St Jerome, (the great saint who translated the bible into Latin and wrote a commentary on the bible) Pope Francis announced that the third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God.

In the introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church: In the hearing of God’s word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God’s wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that His word may speed on and be glorified and that His name be exalted among the nations. Whenever, therefore, the

Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the Word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ’s faithful into messengers of God’s word. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives. The Word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God’s mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus, God’s Word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie. (Preamble, 7).

### Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2023 (22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January)

The theme for this year’s Catholic Schools Week is “Walking Together in Faith and Love”

Each of us is on a journey in faith. For us, this journey begins and ends with God. Each moment of that journey gives us a chance to come to know and love God, who has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ. As we walk along our journey, God is with us every step of the way.

Our Church is currently in the process of synodality, which means “journeying together” or “walking together”. We are called to come together and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to do and be. In this Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the unique contribution our schools make to the lives of our pupils, community and Church. May we always walk together in faith and love.

There is a meeting for all existing Ministers of the Word and anyone who feels they are being called to this ministry to attend on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm** in the Presbytery, North Street. There will be an opportunity to hear what is involved, introduction to training, and reviewing how best we can make this ministry beneficial for our faith community.

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place every **Monday and Friday from 10am to 6pm** in the Adoration Chapel of the Cathedral. All welcome. Confessions are available in the Adoration Chapel every Saturday morning from 10am to 11am.

**Finance** – Bi-monthly Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January in the Presbytery at 7pm.

**Scripture Studies** continue every **Tuesday at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery, North Street. All welcome.



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday 23rd January 2023

10:15am Rath: Special Intention

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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#### Friday 27th January 2023

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#### Saturday 28th January 2023

4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

#### Sunday 29th January 2023 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Rath: Eugene & Peggy Davis, Church Strand

John Stanley Holland, Highfield

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

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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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 [skibbereeparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereeparish@gmail.com)

