

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2023

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 6.30 PM Skibbereen (Cathedral), [4.45 pm Sherkin].

SUNDAY 9.30 AM MASS: Rath Parish Church.

SUNDAY 10 AM MASS: Glandore, Kilcoe, Oileán Cléire & Union Hall.

SUNDAY 11 AM: Skibbereen. Sunday 11.30 AM: Castlehaven & Lisheen

SUNDAY 12 NOON MASS: Leap Parish Church.

THIS WEEK - PLUS

Mon 6 Feb: St Paul Miki and Companions, martyred in Nagasaki, Japan in 1597.

Wed 8 Feb: St Josephine Bakhita (1868-1947), born in Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian. The 'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING' is observed on her feastday every year.

Fri 10 Feb: St Scholastica, sister of Benedict (her twin), patron saint of convulsive children, and of twins.

Sat 11 Feb: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and St Gbournait (Ballyvourney), celebrated as World Day of the Sick.

Mon 13 Feb: Information evening for young people (aged 18-30) interested in travelling with Bishop Fintan to the World Youth Day in Lisbon in August. The Information Evening will be held at Mardyke Hse, Cork (T12 W8RP) at 8pm on 13 Feb.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 7:17-37.

The Beatitudes were part of the Gospel two weeks ago; today's Gospel elaborates on their meaning. The first reading invites us to make the choice that will bring us life, while the second reading tells us we have great wisdom available to us.

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — 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 **Southdoc** 0818 355 999

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136 — westcorkwomensproject.ie

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Our Family of Parishes NEWSLETTER

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

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ANOINTING IS A HEALING ACT

"IF ONE OF YOU IS ILL, HE SHOULD SEND FOR THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH, THEY SHOULD ANOINT HIM WITH OIL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD AND PRAY OVER HIM" (James 5:14)

This letter of St. James to the early followers of Christ, tells us that we have this precious sacrament of anointing in the Church, since its very foundation. The reason is found in the life of Jesus, who showed special care for the sick and told his followers to have the same concern.

The sacrament is administered by a priest, using the Oil of the Sick. This has been blessed by our bishop at the Chrism Mass in the cathedral, on Holy Thursday morning. The person receiving the sacra-

ment is anointed on the forehead and on the hands, with these words:

- 'THROUGH THIS HOLY ANOINTING, MAY THE LORD IN HIS LOVE AND MERCY HELP YOU WITH THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.'
- 'MAY THE LORD WHO FREES YOU FROM SIN, SAVE YOU AND RAISE YOU UP.'

God's particular care for the sick and vulnerable is celebrated by the Church. Anointing with oil strengthens the sick. It is a healing act, and can mean healing of body, mind and spirit.

If we face illness, God walks with us. He sustains and strengthens us with sacraments, and through the love and concern of the Church, families, friends and healthcare professionals. Pope Francis says: "A SOCIETY IS ALL THE MORE HUMAN TO THE DEGREE THAT IT CARES EFFECTIVELY FOR ITS MOST FRAIL AND SUFFERING MEMBERS... LET ... NO ONE FEEL ALONE, EXCLUDED, ABANDONED."

As we approach the Feast of the Sick on Saturday next, Lord, help us to remember your words: "**Whatever you do for the least of my people, you do it for me**".

Siobhan O'Brien [CATECHIST]
Rath & the Islands Parish

FINANCE CORNER

AUGHADOWN:

Sun. 22nd €755. Sun 29th €820.

CASTLEHAVEN:

Sun 22nd €970. Sun 29th €810.

KILMACABEA:

Sun 22nd €555. Sun 29th €630.

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL):

Sun 22nd €1,190. Sun 29th €1,310

• **Special collection on 11/12 Feb to support the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage.**



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 Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th February 2023

- Saturday 6.30pm** - Anna and Frank McCarthy, Coronea
John Collins, Chapel Lane
- Sunday - 11am** - Dan Collins, Lake Marsh
Michael McCarthy, Riversdale
- Monday - 9.30am** – Lucy Harnedy
- Tuesday - 9.30am** – Jeremiah and Mary O’Donoghue, Drishanemore
- Wednesday - 9.30am** – Special Intention
- Thursday - 9.30am** – Joan Daly, Skibbereen and Bishopstown
- Friday - 9.30am** – Greg Broderick, Cork
- Saturday - 6.30pm** – Paddy, Sheila, Thomas, and Michael Herlihy,
Coolnagurrane
Dan Griffin, Cork Road, Skibbereen
Elizabeth Weblin, Dublin and Skibbereen,
Month’s Mind
Marielyn O’Regan, Drinagh, Month’s Mind
- Sunday – 11.00am** – Pat Connolly, Deelish
Patrick and Margaret Caverly, Munnig

Recently deceased – We extend our condolences to the family of Sr Fachanan O’Donovan who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Scripture Studies – using Matthews Gospel, continue every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, North Street. All Welcome.

A Community of the Baptised – Something to think about! In the Christian Church everything begins with Baptism. Baptism is the starting point and foundation for all Christian life and for all Christian ministry. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are born into a new life with Christ which is lived out as an active member of the Church. We become members of the Body of Christ. So, our starting point is that being Christian is a together thing, being part of the Church. The Church of God is most visible when the parish community comes together each Sunday (or vigil for Sunday).

What symbol do we think of when we hear of baptism? For most of us it would be water. Water being poured over the head of an infant. But the holy oil used in Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination is often over-looked. The oil of Chrism. We seldom think

that the anointing with oil is also part of the coronation of royalty. In the rite of Baptism we hear, “as Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you always live as a member of his body”. This anointing signifies that through baptism we share in the royal priesthood of Christ. It may surprise you that, through our baptism we are all priests who are called to share in the priesthood of Christ. This is our Baptismal Priesthood.

We exercise our baptismal priesthood most fully and actively when we gather together and participate in liturgy. Liturgy is the outstanding means whereby the faithful express in their lives, and manifest to others with them, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church. (The Constitution of the Sacred Ministry 2). Liturgy is the official, communal action of the church, where we gather, pray, proclaim, and act in Christ’s name. So, together with the ordained priesthood we exercise our baptismal priesthood most fully and activity when we gather together and participate in liturgy. In liturgy there is one priest and that is Christ. As Christians, Christ invites us to join in his saving work and participate in his priesthood by acting out our various roles in liturgy. As baptised members of the royal priesthood of Christ, it is our right and duty to fully participate according to our various ministerial roles - Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of hospitality and collections, Altar Servers and the list can go on and on, all serving God, the Liturgy and particularly the Assembly. **Something to think about!**

Second Collection - There will be a **Second Collection next weekend the 11th & 12th February** in support of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place this year for the first time in three years. The Collection goes to support the efforts to bring as many sick people to Lourdes as possible along with the numerous Doctors, Nurses, Volunteer Carers, and Volunteer Youths and for all the equipment, medication, and care items needed. Please give generously as you always do.

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 from **10am to 11am**.

Confirmation – A combined service of light and reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday the 8th and Thursday the 9th of February** at 7pm for 6th class students from St. Patrick’s BNS, St. Joseph’s GNS and Gaelscoil Dr. Uí Shúilleabháin in preparation for celebration of Confirmation on 15th March 2023.

Skibbereen Flower & Garden Club are holding a garden talk with Deelish Garden Centre in Abbeystrewry Hall on **Wednesday 8th February at 8.15pm**. All welcome. Please support.

Skibbereen Tidy Towns are holding their AGM on **Wednesday 15th February at 8pm** in the Eldon Hotel. All welcome.



Mass Intentions

Monday 6th February - 10:15am Rath: Teddy Collins, Reengaroga

Wednesday 8th February - 10:15am Rath: Special Intention

Friday 10 February - 10:15am Rath: Special Intention

Saturday 11th February - 4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

Sunday 12th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Rath – Kieran O'Regan, The Bungalow, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

Rath and The Islands Parish Pastoral Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th at 7.30pm.

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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 10.00am – 1pm
Please note Parish Office will be closed Bank Holiday Monday 6th February.

Bauravilla Cheval Ride on Sunday 5th February 2023 at 12.30pm in aid of Co-Action leaving from Skibbereen Showgrounds with refreshments served in Skibbereen Rugby Club afterwards.

Baltimore Community Council Fundraiser Disco Friday 11th February in the Algiers Inn with DJ Kieron Walsh

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