

**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.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023**

Bishop Fintan will travel to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon (31 July to 7 August) with 20 young people (18 - 30 years) from around the diocese. Two to four million young people are expected to attend with Pope Francis. A special information evening will take place this Monday 13 February at 8pm in Mardyke House, Cork City (T12 W8RP).

The pilgrimage cost is €500 per person including flights, accommodation, food vouchers etc. Places are limited so if you are interested, please come along on 13 February to register your interest.

**THIS WEEK'S SAINTS:** Tuesday 14 Feb is the feast of Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop, apostles of the Slavic peoples and Patrons of Europe.

**TRADITIONALLY** today is celebrated as St Valentine's Day, patron of love and lovers, engaged couples and happy marriages.

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**FINANCE CORNER (SUN 5 FEB)**

AUGHADOWN: €970  
 CASTLEHAVEN: Offertory €700  
 Development Fund €620  
 KILMACABEA: €777  
 SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): €1,590  
 RATH & THE ISLANDS:  
 (Sun 1st & 8th Jan) €1385, which includes €200 given in Standing Orders each week.

**ALERT: LENT BEGINS IN 10 DAYS, ON 22 FEB.**

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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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**A CHURCH MARRIAGE:  
 — CHECKLIST FOR COUPLES**

In many countries of the world, the second Sunday of February is celebrated as World Marriage Day. Its closeness to St Valentine's Day is probably part of the reason. That celebration of love could also serve as an invitation to faithful Catholics to consider a church marriage. To help them on their way, the Irish church agency, ACCORD, has provided an 18-month checklist for couples preparing for their wedding day:

- 18 MONTHS: Contact the priest, book the church. Before you make any other places, contact the parish where you plan

to be married. Inter Church and faith couples should meet their priest at this stage

- 12 MONTHS: Music, pre-marriage course: At this stage, discuss the music with your priest and book the musicians. The priest will also advise you on the pre-marriage course he recommends.

- 9 MONTHS: Attend the pre-marriage course and make an appointment to meet your priest to arrange the paperwork.

- 6 MONTHS: State notification, Mass booklet, music. Notify the state, meet your musicians and discuss the Mass booklet with the priest (completing it three months before the wedding).

- WEDDING DAY: Enjoy your day, your Mass, your reception, your gathering of family and friends. Your preparations will make your day memorable.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 (LAST BEFORE LENT, TEMPERANCE SUN)  
**LEVITICUS 19: 1-2, 17-18** Love for the Lord is seen in love for all God's people.  
**1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23** We belong to Christ. Christ is God's, so we belong to God.  
**MATTHEW 5:38-38** Continuing to read from the Sermon on the Mount, we hear Jesus explain how Christians should live.

**ACCORD was established by the Irish bishops, and provides pre-marriage courses, and marriage counselling, in person and online. See WWW.ACCORD.IE for full details.**



## 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 5pm Tuesday. **Mass Intentions from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Saturday 6.30pm -** Paddy, Sheila, Thomas & Michael Herlihy, Coolnagurrane  
Dan Griffin, Cork Road, Skibbereen  
Elizabeth Weblin, Dublin and Skibbereen, Month's Mind  
Marielyn O'Regan, Drinagh, Month's Mind

**Sunday - 11am -** Pat Connolly, Deelish  
Patrick and Margaret Caverly, Munnig  
Pauline Nazerath, Month's Mind

**Monday - 9.30am -** Tadhg Crowley, Cork

**Tuesday - 9.30am -** Nora Deasy, Union Hall

**Wednesday - 9.30am -** Michael O'Riordan Riverdale, Skibbereen

**Thursday - 9.30am -** Annie and Mary Daly, Kilcrohane, Bantry

**Friday - 9.30am -** Paddy O'Regan, Coronea

**Saturday - 6.30pm -** Mary Elizabeth Humphreys, Derrygool  
Denis Kelleher, Home Rule Terrace

**Sunday - 11.00am -** Kerry and Richard Hodnett, Gortnaclohy  
Annie Margaret Kelly, Gortnadihy, Leap

**Recently Baptised:** We welcome Jamie Gerard O'Sullivan into our faith community here in Skibbereen who received the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday.

**First Ever European Continental Assembly of a Synod Within the Catholic Church** – Archbishop Eamon Martin, President of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and 13 other delegates will attend the first ever European Assembly of a Synod within the Catholic Church. There are seven continental assemblies taking place across five continents in a new stage of the synodal process and the European Assembly is taking place in Prague in the Czech Republic from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023. For all the latest information and to follow any of the livestreams from Prague please visit the assembly website [prague.synod2023.org/EN](http://prague.synod2023.org/EN)

### Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Annual Collection

The annual collection for the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage fund will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September this year. People are encouraged to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage as helpers, nurses, and doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes. Details are on the Diocesan website or from [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org). A launch for the Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place in March, one in Cork City and the other in West Cork, where

more detailed information will be made available to those who wish to be involved in the pilgrimage. Arrangements for this launch will be confirmed in the next few weeks. There has always been great support towards the Diocesan Pilgrimage Fund financially and your support on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February is much appreciated.

**Second Collection** - There will be a **Second Collection this weekend** in support of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Nurses, Volunteer Carers, and Volunteer Youths and for all the equipment, medication, and care items needed. Please give generously as you always do.

A **meeting** for all **ministers of the Eucharist** will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at **7pm** in the Presbytery, North Street. It is important that all ministers of the Eucharist attend this meeting.

**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**.

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

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork** – Group Leader, Jim Keogh -The pilgrimage travels to Medjugorje from Cork on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 with Aer Lingus. Full daily programme which includes a visit to all the apparition sites where Our Lady first appeared to the six children in June 1981. Our 4\* hotel is conveniently located close to the village centre and St James Church. Coach transfer to Medjugorje on arrival. Seven nights 4\* hotel accommodation. Half board: breakfast and dinner each day. Coach transfer from your hotel to airport for return flight. Check-in assistance at airports. 1x20kg check-in bag and one small cabin bag. For further information and details please contact Jim Keogh 021 4885371. You will be most welcome, but please note that our places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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

**Skibbereen Community Playgroup CLG & Afterschool Club AGM & Enrolment Night- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 8pm** in **The West Cork Hotel**. Please come and enrol your child for September 2023 - All Welcome.

**Afternoon crafts on Wednesdays** for retired ladies in **Cara House** (at the back) **2.30pm – 4.30pm** – do come along. All welcome

**Patchwork & Quilting group** - On **Monday** nights from **7pm** we meet in **Cara House** (at the back). We welcome new or renewed members where we work on our projects together.

**Red Cross Flag Day Appeal for Turkey & Syria Earthquake Thurs. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**.



#### Mass Intentions

##### **Sunday 12th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

**Monday 13th February** - 10:15am Rath: No Mass

**Wednesday 15th February** - 10:15am Rath: No Mass

**Friday 17th February** - 10:15am Rath: Flo Devlin

**Saturday 18th February** - 4:45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

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