

COME TO MASS IN YOUR FAMILY OF PARISHES IN LENT 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

Mon 27 Feb: St Gregory of Narek, monk of the Armenian Church, declared a doctor of the Church in 2015.

Wed 1 March: St David, patron of Wales, teacher of several of Ireland's saints.

Fri 3 March: First Friday. Communion calls to the sick. World Wildlife Day (UN).

Sat 4 March: St Casimir, patron of Poland.

THINGS TO DO FOR LENT

— Try something new every day —

DAY 5, MON 27: Do a random act of kindness for someone you meet today

DAY 6, TUES 28 : Feed the birds.

DAY 7, WED 1 MARCH: Gather paper and cardboard for recycling.

DAY 8, THURS 2: Pray the Rosary today or say your favourite prayer.

Day 9, Fri 3: Miss one meal today, give the money saved to Trócaire.

Day 10, Sat 4: Walk today instead of driving — but be safe.

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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

FINANCE CORNER, SUN 19 FEB

AUGHADOWN: €935 CASTLEHAVEN: €910

KILMACABEA: €550 (Lourdes €350)

RATH & THE ISLANDS (12-19 Feb) €1730

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): €1,365

EASTER TRIDUUM (6 - 9 APRIL 2023)

The 40-day season of Lent prepares Christians to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and to renew their baptismal vows.

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Our Family of Parishes NEWSLETTER

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT VOL 1: NO. 13

GOD CAN TRANSFORM YOU THIS LENT

None of us, I'm sure, looks forward to the season of Lent with great anticipation. We can often associate Lent with words like 'sacrifice', 'discipline' and 'self-denial' – words which can deceive us into thinking that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.

Many of the great saints — people like St Padre Pio and Pope Saint John Paul II — saw Lent not just as a season of penance but also as a great opportunity to grow in holiness. And we too are invited by the Lord to follow their example in

seeing Lent as the season where God can transform us into the people he wants us to be. Lent is the perfect opportunity where we can leave go of things we are attached to in this world and simply trust Christ who beckons us in the scriptures to do penance: "I say to you: but unless you shall do penance, you shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

Christ desires to transform lives. The Scriptures and the lives of the saints teach us that one of the greatest ways Christ can transform our lives is firstly through prayer but also through acts of self-denial. So rather than seeing Lent this year as something painful that has to be endured, why not turn to Christ and say a little prayer, like:

"Lord, I deny myself this pleasure out of love for you; please transform me into the person you want me to be."

If we think like this, then this Lent won't just be a dour season, it will be something positive that God will use to place us on the path to becoming saints.

**Fr Evin O'Brien CC
Skibbereen**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (5 MARCH) Second Sunday of Lent

GENESIS 12:1-4 — God's promise to Abram who became Abraham is described; Abraham's trust is rewarded.

2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10 — Paul reminds us that God is on our side, that Jesus rose from the dead for us.

MATTHEW 17:1-9 — The Gospel gives a glimpse of the glory promised to Jesus after his death and resurrection.



Skibbereen Parish News

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Submitting items for inclusion in the parish newsletter – Please email Skibbereen

Parish Office: skibbereeparish@gmail.com no later than 5pm Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 25th to Sunday 5th March 2023

Saturday – 6.30pm - Mary Crowley Mill Road and
Archbishop Denis Hurley, Durban
Pat Cleary, Market Street

Sunday – 11.00am - Paddy O'Shea, Market Street
Denis Murphy, Ballybane East, Ballydehob

Monday - 9.30am – Danny O'Donovan

Tuesday - 9.30am - Joan Daly

Wednesday – 9.30am - Missa Pro Populo/People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am - Get Well Intention

Friday – 9.30am – Peter Nolan, Coolnagurrane

Saturday – 6.30pm - Leo Werner, Poundlick

Sunday – 11am - Mary Deasy, Union Hall
Florence Barnett, North Street

Michael Walsh, Dunmanway
Maureen Hollybrand (née O'Driscoll), Lisalohorig
(Month's Mind)

Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the family of Eileen Daly (née Cahalane) who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Trócaire Box - Since Ash Wednesday the Trócaire Boxes have been available in our churches. Why not take one home, leave it on the kitchen windowsill, drop in any change you find in your pocket (which will only wear a hole if you leave it there) or your bag (which will only give you back pain from carrying such a heavy load). You will be surprised by the end of Lent that your Box is full, and you have done something to help the most vulnerable in our world. Trócaire has, for over 50 years, worked with their partners to support the world's most at-risk communities, no matter who or where they are. This Lent, with your help, Trócaire can support families all over the world, not just with immediate life-saving assistance but also with the tools to rebuild their lives in a sustainable way. You can make all the difference just by having a Trócaire Box in your home!

The World Day of Prayer - Annual Service will take place this year in the **Methodist Church**, Mill Road on **Friday 3rd March at 8pm**. All are welcome.

Scripture Studies – using Matthew's Gospel, continue every Tuesday at **7.30pm** in the Presbytery, North Street. All are welcome.

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

Confessions available in the **Adoration Chapel** every **Saturday from 10am to 11am**.

The Stations of the Cross will be held in **St. Patrick's Cathedral** every **Friday** during the Season of Lent at **6.30pm**. All are welcome.

Meeting of Church Collectors – We are asking all existing Collectors and anyone who would be willing to help with this ministry to attend a short meeting on **Monday 27th February at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery, North Street.

World Youth Day – Lisbon, Portugal from **31st July to 7th August 2023**, for young adults (18-30). If you are interested in representing our parish, please contact the parish office or email connect@corkandross.org or call Miriam at 021 4902459 (**Mon to Fri 9-5**).

Cork and Ross Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from **22nd to 27th September 2023**, under the Patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin. Pilgrim booking available from Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 01-241800. Young Adult Helpers (18-25) are required (subsidised fares) to assist the sick on pilgrimage. For more information Tel: 085 2525040 or Email: lourdes@corkandross.org

The **Skibbereen Branch** of the Irish Red Cross Society wishes to thank the collectors, shop owners and all who contributed so generously to the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal. The amount collected was €11,843.00.

The February meeting of the **Bantry Cardiac Support Group** will take place on **Tuesday 28th February at 8pm in the Christian Fellowship Building, Bantry**. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. It will begin with the election of officers of the committee followed by a group discussion to plan the year's activities ahead. We look forward to seeing you all there. Any person who has suffered a cardiac event, has cardiac related concerns and/or their family members are welcome to attend.

The Bantry Memory Café will take place on **Wednesday 1st March, 11am to 1pm** in the library in the **Maritime Hotel**. After that, it will take place on the first Wednesday of every month in the Maritime Hotel for 2023. If you would like further information, please contact Juliette O'Donoghue on 087 9103036 or bantrymemorycafe@gmail.com. Bantry Memory Café is a member of the Irish Dementia Café network. To find out more go to www.dementiacafe.ie.



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Sunday 26th February – First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – John Connolly, Crow Hill

10.00am Cape Clear: Special Intention

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Wednesday 1st March - 10.15am Rath: Special Intention

Friday 3rd March – 10.15am Rath: Denis P and Catherine O’Driscoll, Kilkilleen

Saturday 4th March – 4.45pm Sherkin: Special Intention

Sunday 5th March – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Angela Sheehy, Creagh

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Report on February Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

The meeting opened with a presentation from Fr John on the ‘Community of the Baptised’.

Items discussed included:

St Patrick’s Day Mass at 9:30am will be followed by tea/coffee and cakes, weather permitting.

Easter Ceremonies - The only Easter Vigil in the Family of Parishes will be at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Skibbereen – it is hoped that all parishes will be represented.

Music: On a few Sundays, we have had singing during our Sunday Mass where the congregation did the singing. We are looking for a panel of people who will take responsibility for leading this singing. If you are interested in helping out please contact Maeve Devlin (mary.maeve.devlin@gmail.com) or 086 365 6054)

Children’s Mass: Plans are in progress to organise a Sunday Mass in March aimed at the children and teenagers in the parish with their active participation.

A big Thank you was extended to our Good Samaritan who cut the hedges on the church grounds.

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Skibbereen Community School presents “Hi School Musical” – TY Musical 2023 on 9th, 10th, 11th March at 7.30pm. Tickets available at School Office 028 51162 and Cathal O’Donovan Bookshop 028 21279

Ilen Rovers Quiz night – Saturday 4th March 8.30pm in The Síbín – 4 people per team - €10 per person.

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