

MASSES ON SUNDAY 19 MARCH (LAETARE SUNDAY/ MOTHER'S DAY)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 6.30 PM Skibbereen (18 March), [4.45 pm Sherkin].
SUNDAY 9.30 AM MASS: Rath Parish Church.
SUNDAY 10 AM MASS: Glandore, Kilcoe & Oileán Cléire.
SUNDAY 11 AM: Skibbereen. Sunday 11.30 AM: Castlehaven & Lisheen
SUNDAY 12 NOON MASS: Leap Parish Church.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (19 MARCH)

• **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

SAMUEL 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 — God's choice of the young boy Samuel is described in the first reading.

EPHESIANS 5:8-14 — The second reading and Gospel both reflect on light and darkness, and the new sight that believers can have.

JOHN 9:1-41 — The healing of the man born blind is described: believers also need to go from blindness to new sight.

THINGS TO DO FOR LENT

— **Try something new every day** —

DAY 17 (MON 13) Pray for Pope Francis.

DAY 18 (TUES 14) Do a random act of kindness for someone you meet.

DAY 19 (WED 15) No meat today.

DAY 20 (THURS 16) Live simply, buy no non-essentials.

Day 21 (Fri 17) Enjoy St Patrick's Day, remember our emigrants everywhere — *agus iadsan imithe ar Shlí na Fírinne.*

Day 22 (Sat 18) Do some weeding or planting in your garden.

The Family of Parishes Newsletter is published at the Cathedral Presbytery, Skibbereen, by a team representing the parishes, with Fr Bernard Co-PP as overall Editor (frbernard1984@gmail.com).

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 5 MARCH

AUGHADOWN: €795 KILMACABEA: €830

CASTLEHAVEN: €720 (Dev fund €790)

RATH & THE ISLANDS €1230 (26 Feb/5Mar)

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): €1,610

• **Special collection next Sunday 19th** in all parishes, to support people affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey & Syria. Funds raised will be channelled through Trócaire to Caritas International.

FAMILY OF PARISHES INFORMATION

• Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP, Cathedral Presbytery, Skibbereen (Moderator)
PHONE: 028 22878

• Fr Evin O'Brien CC, Cathedral Presbytery, Skibbereen. PHONE 028 22877

• Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap
PHONE 028 33177.

EMAIL *kilmacabeparish@gmail.com*

• Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall
Text / WhatsApp: 087 901 0627

• PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Maura O'Flynn.

• SECRETARY: Annette Glanton,
Family of Parishes Office, 1 North St,
Skibbereen P81 K767.

Office open Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri.
from 10 am to 1 pm for Mass bookings
etc. Phone 028 22828.

Email *skibbereeparish@gmail.com*

Family of
Parishes
ICON

(being unveiled at
the **Easter Vigil**)

Our Family of Parishes

NEWSLETTER

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

DOMHNACH 12 MÁRTA 2023 AN TRÍÚ DOMHNACH AN CHARGHAIS VOL 1: NO. 15

TÁ MÓRMHEAS AG MUINTIR CHLÉIRE AR NAOMH CIARÁN AGUS NAOMH PÁDRAIG

Ar an 5ú lá de Mhárta (5 March), bhí Muintir Chléire ag ceiliúradh ár Naomh Patrún Oileánda, Naomh Ciarán, a saolaíodh san Oileán i 352. Islanders celebrated our Patron Saint's Day last Sunday, with visitations to the Shrine in North Harbour, Aifreann with Fr Des O'Driscoll sa seipéal ag 10 am, paidreacha ag an scrín ag 2.30pm agus beannú na mbád i Trá Ciaráin — all followed by a session in the Club with local musicians. Islanders proudly mark this special day which brings us back to the very beginnings of Christianity in Ireland: 'A Naomh Ciarán, Patrún Oileán Chléire, déan edarghuí chun Dé ar ár son. Cosain mé in am an éigin agus tab-

hair saor mé ó gach uile oic. Amen.'

Ar 17 Márta, Lá Le Pádraig, beidh Aifreann Lá Le Pádraig ag 11am, leis an tAth Des O'Driscoll agus ag 1pm tosnóidh an pharáid ag an mBrú.

St Patrick's Day Mass will be at 11 am instead of the more usual 10am. The parade starts at 1pm at the Hostel in South Harbour and Fr Des himself will be this year's Grand Marshal.

Following the parade, there will be a music session in the Club. On that evening, and on Saturday 18th, there will be music with visiting musicians in Ciarán Danny Mikes.

Séamus Ó Drisceoil
Oileán Cléire



POPE FRANCIS 2013-2023

To mark the 10th anniversary of the election of our Holy Father Francis, on Monday 13 March, people are asked to pray ten 'Hail Mary's for him.

No other phrase has been repeated by Pope Francis more than these seven words, at the end of almost every speech: **"Do not forget to pray for me!"** Remember Pope Francis on this happy anniversary.



Skibbereen Parish News

Contact numbers: Parish Office 028 22828

Priest on duty/emergency 086 785 2262

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

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

Mass Intentions from Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th March 2023

Saturday 6.30pm -	Patricia Long, Milleennahorna and Wales Mary O'Mahony, Dromig Aidan Jennings, Baltimore Road, Month's Mind
Sunday 11.00am -	Colm Crowley, Inchinagotagh Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen and Archbishop Denis Hurley, Durban
Monday - 9.30am -	Sr Fachanan O'Donovan
Tuesday - 9.30am -	Patrick and Kitty Hodnett, Goleen
Wednesday - 10.30am -	Confirmation
Thursday - 9.30am -	Tony Gallagher, Navan, Co Meath
6.30pm -	Vigil Mass, People of the Parish
Friday - 11.00am -	St Patrick's Day, People of the Parish
Saturday - 6.30pm -	James and Mary O'Brien, Home Rule Terrace Patsy, Margaret & John Joe O'Regan, Boulibawn Skibbereen
Sunday - 11.00am -	Geraldine Hurley, Poundlick D.F. O'Sullivan, Schull Road, Skibbereen

Recently Baptised: We welcome Grace Irena O'Neill into our faith community here in Skibbereen who received the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday.

Recently Married: Congratulations to Margaret O'Donovan and Ryan O'Neill who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday. We wish you both every happiness and blessings for your married life together.

Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the family of Nellie O'Mahony (Née McCarthy) of The Mills (formerly of Inchinagotagh) Skibbereen who died recently. May she rest in peace.

During Lent the three actions of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are very much in the forefront of our Lenten Journey. Let's look at Prayer this week. **Prayer** is the foundation of our relationship with God, and it is through prayers that we can deepen our understanding of God's will for our lives and seek God's guidance in all things. There are many different forms of prayer that we can engage in during Lent, each with its own benefits and challenges. One form of prayer that can be particularly helpful during this season is called contemplative

prayer, which involves silent meditation and reflection on the presence of God in our lives. Contemplative prayer can be challenging, as it requires us to let go of our thoughts and distractions and simply be present with God. However, it can be incredibly rewarding, as it can help us develop a deeper sense of connection and intimacy with God. Another form of prayer that can be helpful during Lent is intercessory prayer, which involves praying for the needs and concerns of others. This can be a powerful way to show love and compassion for those around us. Intercessory prayer can take many forms, from praying for our friends and family members, to praying for those affected by war, natural disasters, etc. It is important to approach all forms of prayer with a spirit of humility, openness, and surrender. We should strive to listen to God's voice in our hearts, and to be open to the ways in which he may be calling us to grow and change during Lent.

Sacrament of Confirmation – On **Wednesday 15th March** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 6th Class pupils. This celebration is unusual in the fact that it is only the 6th class pupils are being confirmed and it is out of sequence to the normal celebration of the sacrament of confirmation which takes place for the 5th and 6th classes for all schools every two years. This is a result of the disruption caused by the Covid -19 pandemic. Next year 2024, we will fall into our usual pattern. **Where did this Journey begin?** At Baptism. We became children of God...part of the faith family that is the Christian Community. It was our parents who accepted the responsibility for training us in the practice of the faith and who promised to bring us up to keep God's commandments as Christ through us, by loving God and loving our neighbour. **What is Confirmation?** It is one of the Seven Sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, Holy Orders and the Sacrament of the Sick) and is the third Initiation Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) we have in our church. Confirmation is –

- ❖ The 'sealing' of Baptism.
- ❖ It completes the sacramental graces we received at Baptism.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit strengthens us as witnesses of Christ.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder and Awe, are given in a special way to those who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These gifts are essential to be accepted and put into practice for our lives and for our faith. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish is an opportunity for us all to recall the true meaning of our Confirmation and how we are all called to be active members of our faith community. Please, remember to pray for our candidates in the coming days.

Spring Station Masses: Station areas which gather for their Station Mass in the **Rugby Club** will have their Spring Station Mass on **Tuesday 18th of April 2023 at 7.30pm**. Those who gather in the **GAA Hall** will have their Mass on **Wednesday 26th April at 7.30pm** and those who gather in **Cara House** will have their Mass on **Thursday 27th of April 2023 at 7.30pm**. More information later... **Anyone interested in hosting a Spring Station Mass for your Rural Station Area please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.**

NB No Stations of the Cross on St Patrick's Day

RATH & THE ISLANDS BALTIMORE, WEST GORK



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 12th March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Tessie Sheehy, Ballylynch

Jeremiah O’Driscoll, Rath – 1st Anniversary

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

Monday 13th March – 10.15am Rath – No Mass

Wednesday 15th March - 10.15am Rath – No Mass - Confirmation in Skibbereen

Friday 17th March – St Patricks Day - 9.30am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 18th March – 4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

Sunday 19th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Fiona Scully, Creagh and London

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

Meeting for **All Ministers of the Word** for Rath and the Islands will be held on Monday 13th of March at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room in Sacred Heart Church Rath.

St Patrick’s Day: Weather permitting there will be tea/coffee and cakes after 09:30 Mass, all welcome.

Second Collection this weekend – 11th/12th March for the Irish Bishops

Commissions - To help fulfil its aims more effectively, the Irish Bishop’s Conference has established various Episcopal Commissions which focus on areas of responsibility within the mission of the Church. These commissions include: Catholic Education and Formation / Pastoral Care / Planning, Communications and Resources / Social Issues and International Affairs / Worship, Pastoral Renewal and Faith Development. Day to Day operations are overseen by a secretariat based in Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Website: www.catholicbishops.ie

Special Collection for Turkey & Syria Earthquake will take place on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March at all Masses.

During Lent the three actions of **Prayer**, Fasting and Almsgiving are very much in the forefront of our Lenten Journey. Let’s look at Prayer this week.

Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God, and it is through prayers that we can deepen our understanding of God’s will for our lives and seek God’s guidance in all things. There are many different forms of prayer that we can engage in during Lent, each with its own benefits and challenges.

One form of prayer that can be particularly helpful during this season is called contemplative prayer, which involves silent meditation and reflection on the presence of God in our lives. Contemplative prayer can be challenging, as it requires us to let go of our thoughts and distractions and simply be present with God. However, it can be incredibly rewarding, as it can help us develop a deeper sense of connection and intimacy with God.

Another form of prayer that can be helpful during Lent is intercessory prayer, which involves praying for the needs and concerns of others. This can be a powerful way to show love and compassion for others, and can also help develop a deeper sense of empathy and understanding for those around us. Intercessory prayer can take many forms, from praying for our friends and family members, to praying for those affected by war, natural disasters, etc.

It is important to approach all forms of prayer with a spirit of humility, openness, and surrender. We should strive to listen to God’s voice in our hearts, and to be open to the ways in which he may be calling us to grow and change during Lent.

Youth 2000 Retreat: A Retreat for young people from the age of 18-35 will be held in St. Brendan’s College, Killarney from 24th – 26th March 2023.

See www.youth2000.ie for more information or make contact through our Parish Office, North Street, Skibbereen.

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

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Monday and Friday from 10am to 6pm in the Adoration Chapel of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Skibbereen. All are Welcome.

Confessions are available in the Adoration Chapel in St Patricks Cathedral every Saturday from 10am to 11am.

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

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