

MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY, 9 APRIL (RESURRECTION DAY)

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.

THINGS TO DO FOR LENT/HOLY WEEK

— **Try something new every day** —

DAY 35 (HOLY MONDAY, 3RD APRIL) Write an overdue card / letter / text.

DAY 36 (HOLY TUESDAY, 4TH) Prepare your donation for Trócaire and send it.

DAY 37 (SPY WEDNESDAY, 5TH) Pray for someone whose forgiveness you need.

DAY 38 (HOLY THURSDAY, 6TH) An act of kindness honours Jesus who washed feet.

DAY 39 (GOOD FRIDAY, 7TH) Fast from food today, abstain from meat.

DAY 40 (HOLY SATURDAY, 8TH) Keep your lenten promises till the Easter Vigil. Then enjoy Easter — Sunday and Season!

- SPECIAL COLLECTIONS THIS WEEK •

Good Friday — for the Holy Places

Easter Sunday — for the Parish Clergy

EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

ACTS 10:34, 37-43 — Peter sums up the paschal mystery - the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 — We too can share the glory of Christ.

JOHN 20:1-9 — Mary Magdalene is the first to witness the empty tomb.

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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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 report (17-19 March)

- AUGHADOWN

17 March € 710 19 March: € 790

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal: € **2,645**

- CASTLEHAVEN

17 March € 470 (UH) 19 March: € 490 (CH)

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal: € **1,010**

- KILMACABEA

17 & 19 MARCH: € 1485.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal: € **1296**

- SKIBBEREEN

17 March € 1135 19 March: € 2380

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal: € **2,340**

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*(being unveiled at
the **Easter Vigil**
on Sat. 8 April)*

SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023

Our Family of Parishes

NEWSLETTER

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

PALM SUNDAY

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COME TO THE CATHEDRAL FOR EASTER VIGIL 2023

As part of the Easter Triduum from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday, we will have a number of celebrations in the churches of our Family of Parishes. We'll celebrate Holy Thursday in each place, and also Good Friday.

But this year, instead of having Easter Vigils in every church (often with many empty seats), our Family of Parishes is coming together to celebrate the Easter Vigil in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen — the most significant liturgy of our year.

Each parish will participate in this joint celebration; this night will stand out above all other nights. We will joyfully praise Christ's victory over death, redeemed from sin.

Easter is the central holiday of Christianity, followed by Christmas. It honours

Recent Bereavement

The sympathy of the Family of Parishes is extended to our Pastoral Assistant, Maura O'Flynn, on the death of her mother, Mrs Nancy Twomey, Ballingearry. May she rest in peace.

the Resurrection of Jesus after his death by crucifixion. It's the joyful conclusion to the Lenten season of devoted prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The definition of Easter is:

'an annual Christian festival in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox'.

The significance of Easter is Jesus Christ's triumph over death, and eternal life granted to all who believe in him. Easter confirms fully all that Jesus taught and preached during his three-year ministry. His resurrection provides final and undeniable proof that he is the Son of God. It affirms Jesus of Nazareth as the prophesied Messiah of Israel and the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.

So, let's join together on this wonderful and grace-filled night of nights, praising our God together for the greatest event in history — Christ's resurrection, and our redemption.

**Fr John Heinhold Co-PP
Skibbereen**



Skibbereen Parish News

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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 01 April to Sunday 09th April 2023

Saturday – 6.30pm – Sadie Walsh, High Street
Teresa O’Donovan and Patricia and Irene Herlihy, Derrylugga
Josephine Griffin, Cork Road, Month’s Mind

Sunday – 11.00am – Pat Joe O’Neill, Kilnaclasha and Paddy O’Neill, Upper Bridge Street
Catherine O’Brien, Mardyke Street also her brother Liam and sister Margaret

Monday - 9.30am – Liam Walsh, Hillcrest, Skibbereen

Tuesday – 9.30am – Nellie O’Mahony, Inchinagotagh

Wednesday – 9.30am – Missa pro Populo/People of the Parish

Holy Thursday – 6.30pm Mass of the Last Supper

Holy Thursday Chrism Mass - 10am North Cathedral Cork

Good Friday - 12 noon Stations of the Cross

- **3pm** Passion/Veneration/Communion

- **7pm** Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday - 10.30am Polish Blessing of Easter food

- **9pm** Easter Vigil

- **11.00am** Easter Sunday

Masses - Easter Week – Monday to Friday 9.30am

We extend our condolences to the family of Bridget (Bridie) Fahy (née Greene) Skibbereen (formerly of Dungloe, Donegal) who died recently.

Holy Week - A simple way to walk with Jesus. The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year for us. During this special time, we enter the passion of Christ – his crucifixion, death, and resurrection - through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. While the season of Lent and our Lenten actions (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are important, they are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. We can say it is one celebration that lasts for three days. We do not spend all the three days in church, but we gather at various times in church to celebrate and remember the saving action of Christ. **Holy Thursday** - The evening Mass begins the sacred Triduum. On this night, we remember the Last Supper and celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The Holy Thursday liturgy includes the experience of foot washing. This recalls Jesus washing the feet of his apostles and is a powerful example of

how we are called to serve and care for one another. At the end of the liturgy, the sanctuary is stripped clean in preparation for the most sombre of feasts, **Good Friday** - Good Friday - is a sombre remembrance of Jesus’ crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin. The church is bare on Good Friday, the altar stripped of ornamentation and the tabernacle left open and empty. Good Friday is a day of mourning. The high point on Good Friday is the service of the passion and it is divided into reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and reception of the Eucharist. Christ’s passion is read from the Gospel of John and concludes with the prayers of the faithful, offered for the unity of the universal Church. The Veneration of the Cross is a time for the faithful to individually revere the Cross and ponder the enormity of Christ’s salvific act. Holy Communion is then distributed, and the priest, along with the entire congregation, departs in silence.

Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil is the high point in the Church liturgical year. The Vigil begins in darkness (usually outside), and the procession of candlelight that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle which is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ’s death and resurrection. If there are no sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, we bless Holy Water and as a community of believers, we renew our own baptismal promises. We recommit ourselves to Christ by once again rejecting sin and accepting the freedom that comes from living as children of God. The Vigil concludes with reception of the Eucharist, the Body, and Blood of Jesus, we are ready to celebrate Easter. The tomb is empty. There is Light in the darkness. Alleluia, Christ has risen!

Eucharistic Adoration takes place this Monday from **10am to 6pm in the Adoration Chapel** of the Cathedral. Please note there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Good Friday.

Special Collection for The Holy Places will be taken up on Good Friday.

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Easter Offering envelopes are available in all the Churches. Just bring your own envelopes along with you and they will be returned to the respective parish.

Children’s Way of the Cross: In preparation for the **12 noon** Stations of the Cross on Good Friday in St Patrick’s Cathedral we are very happy to welcome back the Children’s presentation of the Way of the Cross. We are encouraging children to participate by inviting them to register now and come along to a practice at 3.30pm on Monday 3rd April (Holy Week). Register now by emailing the parish office, skibbereenparish@gmail.com or contact Cliodhna O’Sullivan.

Easter Schedule - Confessions Holy Week - Skibbereen follow weekday masses **Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday - Holy Saturday** 10am to 11am.
Confessions in **Rath** follow weekday masses on **Monday and Wednesday**.

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 2nd April – Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

9.30am Rath – Special Intention

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

Monday 3rd April – 10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Wednesday 5th April - 10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 6th April – Holy Thursday

7.30pm Rath – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 7th April – Good Friday

11.00am Sherkin – The Way of The Cross

12 noon Rath – Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Rath – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Cape Clear – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 8th April – Holy Saturday

9.00pm - Easter Vigil in St Patricks Cathedral, Skibbereen

Sunday 9th April – Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

9.00am Sherkin – Easter Sunday Mass

9.30am Rath – Easter Sunday Mass

10.00am Cape Clear - Easter Sunday Mass

Rath and the Islands Parish Pastoral Council will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm in the meeting room in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

Confessions Holy Week in Rath following weekday masses on Monday & Wednesday

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The traditional Blessing of Food for the Easter table will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Holy Saturday, 8th April 2023 at 10.30am. Please spread this message. You are all welcome to attend!

Tradycyjne błogosławieństwo pokarmów na stół wielkanocny odbędzie się w Skibbereen w Wielką Sobotę, 8 kwietnia 2023 roku o godz. 10.30. Prosimy o przekazanie tej informacji dalej. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy!

Easter Sunday: Weather permitting there will be tea/coffee and cakes after 9.30am Mass, all welcome.

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Charity Walk - for Motor Neurone Disease today Sunday 2nd of April at 2.30pm from Baltimore Sailing Club to Spain Tower, Baltimore.

Baltimore Community Market every Sunday in the Community Hall from 11am to 2pm. Please call and support our local producers.

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