

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.

THINGS TO DO FOR LENT

— Try something new every day —

DAY 11 (MON 6) Keep away from gossip.

DAY 12 (TUES 7) No screens after 8pm.

DAY 13 (WED 8) Be patient today.

DAY 14 (THURS 9) Pray for persecuted

Christians, that would not give up.

DAY 15 (Fri 10) Just drink water (no tea, coffee etc). All savings go to charity.

DAY 16 (Sat 11) Turn off lights.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (12 MARCH)

• Third Sunday of Lent

EXODUS 17:3-7 — A thirsty people complain to Moses, and God gives them water from the rock.

ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8 — A reflection on God's love, which was proved, Paul says, by Jesus' death on the cross.

JOHN 4:5-42 — The Gospel story of the woman at the well contains the promise of living water to those who believe, foreshadowed in the reading from Exodus.

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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 26 FEB

AUGHADOWN: €835

CASTLEHAVEN: €910

KILMACABEA: €765

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): €1,445

• **Special collection next Sunday** in all parishes, for the Irish Bishops' Commissions, to fund Safeguarding, Catholic education & formation, ecumenism, chaplaincies, Synod 2021-2024 etc.

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the **Easter Vigil**)

SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023

Our Family of Parishes

NEWSLETTER

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT VOL 1: NO. 14

DID CIARÁN BRING THE FAITH TO WEST CORK, AHEAD OF ST PATRICK?

Lá le Ciarán, St. Ciarán's Day, is celebrated on Cape Clear on March 5th. For centuries it was a holyday of obligation on the island. No work was done on land or sea. All able-bodied people visited Tobar Chiaráin (St. Kieran's Well) on this special day, which took precedence even over St. Patrick's Day.

Tradition in Cape Clear holds that the first Christian church in Ireland was built here and the first Mass said. The Annals of Inisfallen seem to verify that Ciarán preached Christianity before Patrick. The annals state that Ciarán was born on Cape Clear in AD 352, that he studied in

SAINT CIARÁN, BISHOP

- FEAST DAY 5 MARCH -

**God of heaven and earth,
graciously hear our prayer
as we recall the memory
of Saint Ciarán,**

**who rejoiced in your gift of life
to all creation,
and give us the fullness of life
in the new creation.**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rome for 20 years and returned to preach in AD 402, first on his island home and then all over Corca Laighe (between Kinsale and Kenmare). He then became Bishop of Seir, Co. Offaly, where his father was born. He founded Christianity in both the diocese of Ossory and of Ross, but was patron of neither diocese. They had a saying in Cape Clear "*Níor tháinig Pádraig thar Léim anoir. Bhí Ré na Críostaíochta bunaithe ann cheana féin ag Ciarán agus a dheartháir Céim* (Patrick never came west beyond Leap. Christianity had already been established there by Ciarán and his brother Céim)".

Ciarán is venerated also in Cornwall (as St Piran), Wales, Brittany and in Scotland at the Mull of Kintyre and on the Western Isles. Everywhere, he is likened to Francis of Assisi, in his love for animals and birds. In an age of consumerism and greed, it is important that Ciarán's name and his life are not forgotten. His faith, his simple lifestyle, his love of people, animals and birds should inspire us.

**Eugene Daly
Leap**



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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 4th to Sunday 12th March 2023

- Saturday – 6.30pm -** Leo Werner, Poundlick
Mary Deasy, Union Hall
- Sunday – 11.00am -** Florence Barnett, North Street
Michael Walsh, Dunmanway
Maureen Hollebrand (née O’Driscoll), Lisalohorig
(Month’s Mind)
- Monday - 9.30am –** Elizabeth Weblin
- Tuesday – 9.30am -** Florence Lynch, Coronea Drive
- Wednesday – 9.30am -** Missa Pro Populo/People of the Parish
- Thursday – 9.30am -** Joe Collins, Lissard
- Friday – 9.30am -** Mary O’Regan, Coronea
- Saturday 6.30pm -** Patricia Long, Milleennahorna and Wales
Mary O’Mahony, Dromig
Aidan Jennings, Baltimore Road, Month’s Mind
- Sunday 11.00am -** Colm Crowley, Inchinagotach
Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen and Archbishop
Denis Hurley, Durban

Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the families of Breda Forde (née O’Brien) and also to Maureen Hollebrand, (née O’Driscoll) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Lenten Prayer - Dear Lord Jesus, by your Passion and Resurrection you brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the passion. You laid down your life willingly and gave up everything for us. Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross, your clothing became the prize of soldiers, your blood ebbed slowly but surely away, and your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple. Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, you cried out to your father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given you, and you committed into his hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to you. Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example you have given. Let me place my death in yours and my weakness in your abandonment, take hold of me with your love, that same foolish love that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with you so that I may rise with you to eternal life. Amen.

Radio Maria Visits Rath & the Islands and Skibbereen - We look forward to welcoming members of Radio Maria to our parishes next weekend. They will talk at the masses in **Skibbereen on Saturday evening vigil 6.30pm**, Rath on Sunday morning 9.30am and **Skibbereen on Sunday morning 11am**. They will be available to chat to people after each Mass. Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish organisation staffed by dedicated professionals and volunteers. It operates as a not-for-profit, non-commercial, internet-streaming radio station. Their goal is to expand their broadcasting capabilities through DAB, cable, and satellite, to reach a wider audience. Though not directly connected with the Roman Catholic Church, Radio Maria operates as an instrument of the Church and as a tool for evangelisation. It is obedient to the Magisterium of the Holy Catholic Church.

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Second Collection next week – 11th/12th March for the Irish Bishops’ Commissions. To help fulfil its aims more effectively, the Irish Bishops’ Conference has established various Episcopal Commissions which focus on areas of responsibility within the mission of the Church. These commissions include: Catholic Education & Formation/Pastoral Care/Planning, Communications & Resources/Social Issues & International Affairs/Worship, Pastoral Renewal & Faith Development. Day to Day operations are overseen by a secretariat based in Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Website: www.catholicbishops.ie

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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.

In the coming week there will be several Confirmation Practices happening in St. Patrick’s Cathedral in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on the **15th March at 10.30am**. Please keep all our candidates for Confirmation in your prayers.

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a Flower Demonstration with Sandra Jackson on Wednesday 8th March at 8.15pm in Abbeystrewry Hall. Please spread the word and bring a friend.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 5th March – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Angela Sheehy, Creagh

10.00am Cape Clear - Special Intention

Monday 6th March – 10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Wednesday 8th March - 10.15am Rath - Joe Collins

Friday 10th March – 10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Saturday 11th March – 4.45pm Sherkin - Special Intention

Sunday 12th March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Tessie Sheehy, Ballylynch

Jeremiah O’Driscoll, Rath – 1st Anniversary

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Rath and The Islands Finance Committee Meeting on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm in the meeting room in Rath Church.

Rath and The Islands Parish Pastoral Council will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm in the meeting room in Rath Church.

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