

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES, MAY 2023

Saturday 6 May, 10.30am	St. Patrick's Boys & Gaelscoil (SKIBBEREEN)
Saturday 13 May, 10.30 am	St Joseph's Girls (SKIBBEREEN)
Sunday 14 May, 9.30 am	Rath Parish Church (RATH & THE ISLANDS)
Sunday 14 May, 10 & 12 noon	Glandore & Leap (KILMACABEA)
Sunday 21 May: 10 & 11.30am	Union Hall & Castlehaven (CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS)
Sunday 28 May: 11.30 am	Lisheen (AUGHADOWN)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST CIARÁN & ALL SAINTS
WHO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN MAY 2023

THIS WEEK

MON 1 MAY: St Joseph the Worker is honoured on May-day (Bank holiday, honouring the dignity of human labour)

WED 3 MAY: Saints Philip & James, Apostles: Philip, patron of milliners and pastry chefs; James, patron of pharmacists.

THURS 4 MAY: Alzheimers Tea Day is held today to support families living with dementia (see www.alzheimer.ie)

FRI 5 MAY: First Friday of May; Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice is honoured today.

SAT 6 MAY: Darkness into Light Walk around sunrise today (on behalf of Pieta House): www.darknessintolight.ie

FINANCE REPORT

For Sunday 23 April [& Diocesan needs]

AUGHADOWN: €790 [€420]

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: €1,015 [€380]

KILMACABEA €615 [no second collection]

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL) €1,210 [€860]

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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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (5TH EASTER)

Acts 6:1-7 — This describes the selection of the first deacons, a response to a pressing need in the early Church (just as now).

1 Peter 2:4-9 — Peter writes about our calling as Christians.

John 14:1-12 — Jesus describes himself as our saviour, who prepares a place for us.

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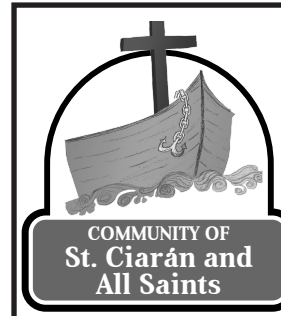
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St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023 4TH SUN. EASTER VOL 1: NO. 21

WHY NO WOMEN DEACONS?

The posters advertising deacons went up in churches last week. One of the first questions I got was: "Why are there no women deacons?" It's a good question.

There's good evidence that women served as deacons from the earliest times, even though the first seven were men (see Acts 6:1-6). It's less clear if women and men took on the same roles, or even if they were ever ordained together.

Still, many in the Church would like to see women ordained as deacons — though not all. That's probably why Pope Francis is slow to make a change. In his way of proceeding, we listen to each other, and listen, and listen, till we arrive at a consen-

sus, then we move: slower, but better, preserving the Church's unity.

Thank God, there's no shortage of women in ministry in the Church — reading God's Word, giving Holy Communion, leading Funeral Prayers. But the Church needs men in ministry too, and as deacons, men, especially married men, can make a difference.

Deacons, often married men, preach the homily at Mass, they baptise, marry, bury. From the start, deacons carried out a practical ministry of service, especially to the poor and marginalised. In parishes, deacons continue this work, and working for social justice is a key part of their role.

I've been asked by Bishop Fintan to coordinate this ministry. At present, Cork & Ross has three ordained deacons, all married men, based around the city, with another in training. There's plenty of room for more! Contact me by texting me on 087 901 0627 for further information. And pray that some will answer the call.

Fr Bernard

Coordinator, permanent diaconate

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: *'The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock ...he calls his own sheep and leads them out.'* (John 10: 3)

Just as the sheep know the voice of the Shepherd, we pray today – Vocations Sunday — that those being called will recognise the voice of the Risen Lord in their hearts ... and will follow him to serve as a priest, deacon or religious.



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 29th April to Sunday 7th May 2023

Saturday – 6.30pm – Helen and Joe Harnedy, Mardyke Street

Tommy McVitty, Patrick's Place, Skibbereen

Sunday – 11.00am – Denis and Teresa O'Sullivan, Townshend Street

Barney O'Connor, Gortnaclohy

Monday – 9.30am – Tim O'Driscoll, Coornishal

Tuesday – 9.30am – Marielyn O'Regan, Drinagh

Wednesday – 9.30am – Patricia Long, Milleenahorna and Wales

Thursday – 9.30am – John Fitzgerald, Riverdale

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

Saturday 10.30am - First Holy Communion

Saturday - 6.30pm - John and Margaret McCarthy, Derrygool and

The Abbey

Declan Newman, Skibbereen

Sunday – 11am – Paddy and Rita McCarthy, Upper Bridge Street

Nancy O'Shea, Cois Caol, Skibbereen,

Month's Mind

We send our condolences to the family of Martina O'Brien (née Fitzgerald) Bunlick, Skibbereen who died recently.

We send our condolences to the family of John O'Halloran, Coronea, Skibbereen, who died recently.

May they Rest in Peace.

May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom and we start thinking about planting gardens and taking family getaways. For centuries, the church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. The

custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks.

For the Greeks, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. In medieval times, it was all about expelling winter, as May 1st was considered the start of new growth. The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. "Lady Month", was first celebrated from August 15th (The Assumption) to September 14th (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross), but eventually it was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, with special devotions organised on each day throughout the month.

One local tradition for many years is on **May Eve** a Mass is celebrated at Skour Well, Tobar na Sceabhrach, Well of the Slope, Lough Hyne. **This year** as May Eve falls on a Sunday, the Mass at Skour Well will be held on the **evening of Monday 1st May at 7.30pm.** All Welcome.

Another tradition locally is praying the Rosary at the Grotto in Skibbereen **each evening for the month of May at 8pm.** All Welcome.

Many thanks to all who attended our Spring Stations Masses which were concluded this past week. On behalf of Fr Evin and Fr John, we thank you again for your continued support.

The final monthly meeting for our Parish Pastoral Council before the summer break will take place on **Thursday 4th May at 8pm** in The Presbytery, North Street.

We are asked to remember to keep in our prayers the First Holy Communion Children and their families at this time of final preparations. First Holy Communion Days and times are in our calendar of Mass.

The Bantry Memory Café will take place on **Wednesday 3rd May from 11am to 1pm** in the library in the Maritime Hotel. The guest speaker will be from Citizen's advice on the topic of benefits for people living with dementia and family carers benefits package. For further information contact Juliette on 087 9103036



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Mass Intentions

Sunday 30th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Annie, Francis and Joe Sheehan, Spain, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 1st May – 10.15am Rath – Sheila Gallagher and her brother Shay Gallagher

Wednesday 3rd May - 10.15am Rath

Friday 5th May – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 6th May

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 7th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Breeda Cahalane, Ballymacrown – 1st Anniversary

10.00am Cape Clear

The monthly meeting of our **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Tuesday 2nd of May at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

Music: We are looking for a panel of people who will take responsibility for leading singing at Sunday Mass. If you are interested in helping out please contact Maeve Devlin (mary.maeve.devlin@gmail.com) or 086 365 6054)

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The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023 will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunniece, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. You can follow the conference by: 1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie. 2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. 3. Listen live via Facebook. 4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

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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.

Rath Vintage Club Annual Tractor Run on today Sunday 30th April. Registration is from 12 noon to 1.30pm at Rath Church car park. Tractors will leave at 2pm on a scenic route by Lough Hyne, Ballinard, Ballylynch and Baltimore village. Proceeds in aid of Rath National School and Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA)

Bealtaine Social Morning in Skibbereen Library every Thursday in May at 10am. Meet up with like-minded people in the library, come for a cuppa and stay for a chat. For more information contact Skibbereen Library 028 22400

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

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