

FAMILY OF PARISHES SCHEDULE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY 2023

AUGHADOWN: Kilcoe 10 am, Lisheen 11.30 am

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: Union Hall 10 am, Castlehaven 11.30 am

KILMACABEA: Glandore 10 am, Leap 12 noon

RATH & THE ISLANDS: Sherkin Sat 4.45pm, Rath 9.30am, Oileán Cléire 10 am

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday 11.00 am.

THIS WEEK

MON 22 : St Rita of Cascia. Disappointed in love, she was married to a violent man for 18 years, till he was stabbed to death. Her twin sons wanted to avenge his death, but she persuaded them to forgive him. Despite all her troubles, she never lost faith in God, and is the patron of abuse victims, difficult marriages, impossible situations.

WED 24: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA — under the patronage of Our Lady, Help of Christians, who is venerated at Sheshan in Shanghai, China.

THURS 25: AFRICA DAY: Celebrates the vibrancy, diversity and potential of Africa.

FRI 26: St Philip Neri, patron saint of joy. People loved him for his sense of humour: he wanted people to become more human as they became holier.

FINANCE REPORT

Aughadown: 7 May €775.

14 May €885. Mission & Ministry €545.

Castlehaven: 7 May €795. Dev fund: €730.

14 May €780. Mission & Ministry €490.

Kilmacabea: 7 May €612.

14 May €835. Mission & Ministry €360.

Rath & The Islands: 7 & 14 May: €1924.

Skibbereen: 7 May €1591.

14 May €1525. Mission & Ministry €790.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (PENTECOST)

Acts 2:1-11 — First Pentecost described.
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 — The Holy Spirit binds all the members of the Body of Christ into one.

John 20:19-23 — The promise of the Holy Spirit is given in today's Gospel.

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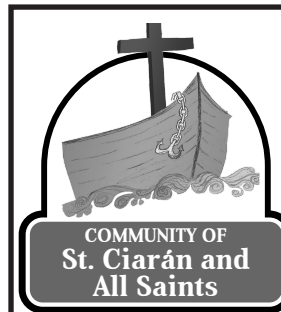
Alcoholics Anonymous, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — alcoholicsanonymous.ie

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



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NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023 ASCENSION VOL 1: NO. 24

FAITH MEANS MAKING A DECISION TO FOLLOW, TO LOVE

Our Christian faith shows in the love of life itself: our own life, our family, friends, community and the love of God's wonderful creation. We look to Love Itself, to God, who taught us about love through the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

A sacrament is something we do with God. We know how imperfect even our best efforts are. But through a sacrament we decide to do our best, then hand it to God who perfects it. God makes everything truly holy.

Jesus loved so much, he was able to heal and even forgive sins. In our lives, we may never actually heal someone's sickness. But with practice we can (and probably already have) healed someone's heart — by

lifting them up with our respect, our humour and our companionship. This loving lives on and is continually shared in the hearts of everyone we love (cf. Matt. 28:20).

On Holy Thursday Jesus explained this to his friends, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me" "for the forgiveness of sins." (Matt 26:27-29)!

The resurrection shocked those who had seen Jesus crucified. It made them re-think everything that Jesus had done and said. We too take time to grow in our faith, after Baptism and First Holy Communion, forgiving others and asking forgiveness for ourselves. Realising how happy we feel when we do our very best, we Confirm our Faith by deciding the path by which to live our lives.

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth....."

For our part it takes a decision — and practice.

Frances McMahon [CATECHIST]
Aughadown parish

FAMILY OF PARISHES GATHERINGS PENTECOST WEEKEND

PRAYER

God our Father, we pray for all who will be at the Family of Parishes gatherings next weekend, that they may have the courage to listen to where your Spirit is leading us, to 'put out into deep waters', to build mission-centred faith communities for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



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 20th to Sunday 28th May 2023

- Saturday – 6.30pm** - Manuel José Oliveira Costa, Portugal
John O'Halloran, Coronea, Month's Mind
- Sunday – 11am** – Mary Hurley, Market Street
Diarmuid O'Donovan, Coolnagurrane
- Monday – 9.30am** - Robin Power, Dalkey
- Tuesday – 9.30am** – Jeremiah and Annie O'Neill, Coolnagurrane
- Wednesday – 9.30am** - People of the Parish
- Thursday – 9.30am** – Special Intention
- Friday - 9.30am** - Timothy and Joan Collins, Gortnamuckla
- Saturday - 6.30pm** - Patrick O'Driscoll, Drishane and Convent Hill
Mary Bradley, Upper Bridge Street
- Sunday – 11am** – Paddy and Annie Connolly, Deelish
Tadhg and Mary Whooley, Shreelane

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM – Over the weeks of May we have begun to look at this topic and share with you some thoughts. **This is the third part:** A leadership team has both an internal and external dynamic. Internally the members come around the priests of the parish to support them and to help them make better decisions by contributing their own specific insights, experience and understanding. This requires a willingness to express contrary points of view within a context of trust and shared responsibility. The external dynamic is most effective when the members of the team complement each other in ways that ensure the discussion and decisions lead to action. There may be no such thing as a 'balanced' individual, but you can have a balanced team:

The four non-negotiables of a leadership team are:

1. Unanimity of vision
2. Balance of strengths
3. Healthy conflict and trust
4. Vulnerability (The first two get people on board. The second two keep them there.)

Last week we looked at Unanimity of Vision and Balance of Strengths. **Let's look at Healthy conflict and Trust, and Vulnerability** this week: As mentioned last week, the primary key to a successful leadership team is unanimity of vision (all agree on a vision for what the parish is to be in the future). Healthy conflict is not only tolerated but is desired. For healthy conflict to exist, there must be trust. Trust allows team members to express different opinions, without seeing it as a personal attack or hurtful, but ultimately, we are all on the same side seeking the same thing. **Vulnerability** is about being real. The priest being real with his team, and team members being real with one another. No one has all the answers but together, with trust, much can be achieved.

Lectio Divina. On the **first Saturday of June, (3rd June)** we begin Lectio Divina in our family of parishes. It will be held each Saturday morning **at 10.30am in the Presbytery, North Street Skibbereen. ALL ARE WELCOME.** Lectio Divina (literally divine readings) is a way of developing a close relationship with God by reflecting prayerfully on His words.

In Lectio Divina, the chosen spiritual text (the Gospel reading for the Sunday) is read four times, giving an opportunity to think deeply about it and respond thoughtfully. It helps us hear specifically and individually from God through Scripture, guided by the Holy Spirit, and deepens our relationship with Him and one another.

Safeguarding committee meeting will be held on **Monday 22nd May** in the Presbytery, North Street at **5pm.**

The Mass at Enniskeane Parish church, to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio, will be celebrated on **Friday 26th May at 7.30pm.** Blessings with the relic of Saint Padre Pio will be **from 6.30pm and after the Mass.**

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Legion of Mary Newsletter on sale after Masses this weekend.

A note for your Diary: The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place this year on **Sunday 24th September 2023.**

RATH & THE ISLANDS BALTIMORE, WEST CORK



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 21st May – The Ascension of the Lord

9.30am Rath – Paddy Cahalane, Ballymacrown & Con Kelleher, Mardyke St

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 22nd May – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 24th May - 10.15am Rath

Friday 26th May – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 27th May - 4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost Sunday

9.30am Rath – Bridie Minihane (nee O'Mahony) late of Reengaroga and England

10.00am Cape Clear

A concert by “Museum of Song” a group of Ukrainian and Irish people coming together to sing, will be held in St. Mona's Church, Skerkin on Sunday the 21st May at 2pm. All welcome.

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The Charity Walk in Baltimore on the 2nd of April for Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association raised €2,890. Thank you to everyone

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