

### CONGRATULATIONS!

On this **Pentecost Sunday**, we congratulate all the young people **Confirmed** in 2023, and honour also those whose First Communion was celebrated this month.

**May you continue along the path of faith throughout your life!**

### THIS WEEK

#### MON 29: **Mary, Mother of the Church.**

Present with the disciples at Pentecost, she continues to take motherly care of us all.

• *International Day of UN Peacekeepers*

**WED 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (feastday). The Novena for Life ends today (see [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie)).

**THURS 1 JUNE:** The Pope's intentions for June: "**For the abolition of torture**". Pray that the international community may commit to the abolition of torture and the support of victims and their families.

**FRI 2:** First Friday of June.

**SAT 3:** St Kevin. He wished to be a hermit, but disciples followed him and the great monastery of Glendalough resulted.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (TRINITY SUN.)

**Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9** God is described in terms of tenderness and compassion, kindness and faithfulness.

**2 Corinthians 13: 11-13** A plea by Paul for unity in the Church.

**John 3:16-18** Jesus came to show God's love for the world: no one who believes will be condemned.

### EASTERTIDE ENDS....

The grains of incense are removed from the Easter candle after today, and stored se-

curely for Easter 2024. The candle itself is placed by the font and is lit there for baptisms. For funerals, the candle is placed by the head of the coffin. In life, as in death, **Christ is always our light. Alleluia!**



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### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — [alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://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](http://www.samaritans.org) **Southdoc** 0818 355 999

**Women against Violence** Helpline 1800 203 136 — [westcorkwomensproject.ie](http://westcorkwomensproject.ie)



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# NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023    PENTECOST    VOL 1: NO. 25

## TUNE IN TO THE SPIRIT — OR LET THE SPIRIT TUNE IN TO YOU!

The Holy Spirit is there for every one of us, we just need to be able to tune in. It's a bit like a radio station, we can't hear it properly until we take the time to set it accurately.

So, when we tune in, what do we get? The gifts of the Holy Spirit are there for us - wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence. We get not just one or two but all of them. But we have to tune in.

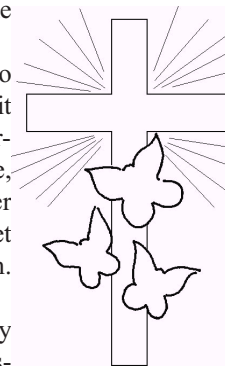
These gifts we need every day of our lives. We need the wisdom and right judgement to make decisions, the courage and understanding to do what is right for us and for others. Wouldn't reverence make our world a very different place

to live in — respect for ourselves and for one another?

The fruits of those gifts are also there for us - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All these are basics needed for human engagement. But we need to take the time to tune in, to look at what is there waiting for us and think about the difference these gifts, and fruits, can make in our lives and in the lives around us.

How do we tune in? We pray, we listen. And we invite the Holy Spirit to tune into us.

**Maura O'Flynn** [Catechist]  
Pastoral Assistant



*'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord, working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.'*

[1 Corinthians 12:4-6]



## 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: [skibbereeparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereeparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

### Mass Intentions from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**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

**Monday – 9.30am** - Jean Croston, Gortnamuckla

**Tuesday – 9.30am** – Get Well Intention

**Wednesday – 9.30am** - People of the Parish

**Thursday – 9.30am** – Get Well Intention

**Friday - 9.30am** - Breda Barnett, North Street

**Saturday - 6.30pm** - Jeremiah, Julia, Connie, and Sheila O’Mahony, Smorane  
Tadhg and Lil Harnedy, Poundlick

**Sunday – 11am** – Con O’Mahony, Coronea  
Lily O’Donoghue, Cullinagh

**Recently Baptised:** We welcome into our faith community Julia May Fleming, Dromig, (parents Shane and Marie)

We also welcome Ethan Bradley Coakley, Mardyke Park, Skibbereen, (parents Gordon and Amanda)

### Summary of Skibbereen Parish Financial Accounts for 2022

Opening Balance 01/01/2022	€ 81,414.00
Surplus for 2022	€ 85,273.00
Closing Balance 31/12/2022	€ 166,688.00

#### Breakdown:

Income	Expended
Offertory Collection / Donations € 55,472.00	Wages & Salaries (include. PAYE/PRSI) €30,224.00
Shrines €18,045.00	Maintenance (Church & Presbyteries) € 6,687.00

Weddings €1,900.00	Diocesan Fund (10%) €3,517.00
Sale of Brothers Field €59,216.00	Benevolent Fund (8%) €2,813.00
Special Collections- IN € 2,775.00	Special Collections - OUT €2,775.00
Covid Loss of Income Claim Received €39,137.00	Stationery & Telephone & Newsletter € 8,625.00
Vat Refund € 3,531.00	Church Requisites €5,803.00
Certs Issued €130.00	Property Tax & Rates & Service Charges €1,900.00
	Light & Heating €11,846.00
	Priests Cover €2,019.00
	Accounting /Bookkeeping €1,571.00
	Insurance €10,072.00
	Bank Charges €1,069.00
	Honoraria €1,099.00
	Hospitality & PPC & Training €1,702.00
	Alarms & Pest Control €2,310.00
	Wedding & Funerals €800.00
	Sundry €100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME €56,888.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDED 94,932.00</b>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure €85,274.00	

Independent Accountants Report on the Unaudited Accounts of the Parish of Skibbereen for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 by Moore’s Chartered Accountants. Accounts approved by Financial Committee on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Note: *Two major once off wind falls of 2022 – Sale of Brothers Field €59,216.00 + Covid Loss of Income Claim Received €39,137.00.* More details available on the website.

**Lectio Divina** meeting at 10.30am in the Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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 28th May – Pentecost Sunday**

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

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 29th May** – 10.15am Rath

**Wednesday 31st May** - 10.15am Rath

**Friday 2nd June** – 10.15am Rath

**Saturday 3rd June** - 4.45pm Sherkin

**Sunday 4th June – The Most Holy Trinity**

**9.30am** Rath – John Davis, Lackahane

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Recently Baptised:** We welcome Rory Christopher Lordan, Rochestown, Cork into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands as he received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**The West Cork Choral Singers invite you to “A Little Summer Music”** in

St. Mona's Church, Sherkin Island at 7pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Jazz Missa Brevis by Will Todd and music from Ukraine and Ireland

Conducted by Susan Nares

Soprano Lyubov Parkhomenko

Piano Alfie Kennedy

Saxophone Michael Mattioli

Piano/percussion Olivia Killeen

Accompaniment Kevin Lewis

Tickets €10 from Courtyard Crafts, Schull and Thornhills, Skibbereen

Islander's tickets available from The Jolly Roger

The concert will end in time to catch the Ferry.

Approximate walking time from the Church to the Ferry is 20 min.

**Rosary at the Grotto in Skibbereen** each evening for the month of May at 8pm.

All Welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place every Monday and Friday from 10am to 6pm in the Adoration Chapel of the Cathedral. All are Welcome.

## Summary of Rath & The Islands Financial Accounts for 2022

Opening Balance 01/01/2022	€16,340.00
Surplus for 2022	€27,073.00
Closing Balance 31/12/2022	€43,413.00

### Breakdown:

Income		Expended	
Offertory Collection/ Donations		Honoraria	€1,500.00
€33,700.00			
Shrines	€3,680.00	Maintenance	€1,309.00
Weddings	€1,000.00	Diocesan Fund (10%)	€2,695.00
Rent	€1,000.00	Benevolent Fund (8%)	€2,156.00
Cape Clear Renovation Fund	€985.00	Light & Heating	€7,616.00
Covid Loss of Income Claim Received		Stationery & Telephone	€2,128.00
€11,699.00			
Vat Refund	€336.00	Church Requisites & Weddings & Altar Servers & Music	€1,186.00
Revenue Charitable Claim	€4,488	Property Tax & Rates & Service Charges	€552.00
		Priests Cover	€2,910.00
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expended</b>	
		Insurance	€7,042.00
		Bank Charges	€621.00
		Sundry	€100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>€56,888.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>	<b>€29,815.00</b>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure			
<b>€27,073.00</b>			

Independent Accountants Report on the Unaudited Accounts of the Parish of Rath and the Islands for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 by Moore's Chartered Accountants.

Accounts approved by the Finance Committee on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**It was noted that those who have signed up to Direct Debit their contributions gave an extra €4,488.00 which the parish could claim back from the Revenue Charitable Claim.**

If we could expand the number of people who contribute to Direct Debit, it would be very beneficial. Also, through our vat refund we got an extra €336.00.

More details available on [www.skibbereenandrath.ie/our-parishes/parish-accounts/](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie/our-parishes/parish-accounts/)