

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 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 8 MAY:** Blessed John Sullivan (1861-1933) was born in Dublin and baptised in the Church of Ireland. Received into the RC Church aged 35, became a Jesuit at Clongowes. Had a reputation as a person of prayer. He was beatified in 2017 in Dublin, the first such ceremony in Ireland.

**MON-TUES, 8-9 MAY:** Time of remembrance and reconciliation for those who lost their lives during World War II.

**WED 10 MAY:** St Comghall, patron of Lisheen Church (Aughadown Parish). Comghall was born in Co Antrim around 516 and founded a monastery at Bangor, Co Down, also one at Tیره in Scotland. He died in Bangor, on a Pentecost Sunday.

**SAT 13 MAY:** Our Lady of Fatima, commemorates the Marian apparitions in Fatima Portugal in 1917. In her final apparition on 13 October, the 'Lady' identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary (patron of Kilcoe Church, Aughadown parish).

**FINANCE REPORT** For Sunday 30 April  
AUGHADOWN: €930 KILMACABEA €502  
CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: €930  
SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL) €1,505  
RATH & THE ISLANDS  
for 23 & 30 April: €1350

### 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)

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (6TH EASTER)

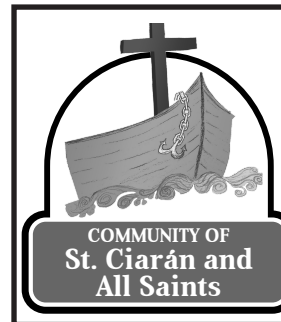
**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17** — Describes the continuing successes in the early Church, and the giving of the Spirit to new believers.

**1 Peter 3:15-18** — Peter writes that Christians should be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them.

**John 14:15-21** — Jesus repeats his commandment of love, and promises the gift of the Spirit.

### FAMILY OF PARISHES INFORMATION

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Office open **this week** for Mass bookings, certs etc: Mon, Tues & Wed, 10 am to 1 pm. [Closed Thurs & Fri this week.]  
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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 7 MAY 2023 5TH SUN. EASTER VOL 1: NO. 22

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT SHERKIN

Although I live in Sherkin, I am not a 'born islander' - except that I do belong to the somewhat larger neighbouring island called Ireland! My Dad, his mother and his brothers and sisters (all long since gone to their eternal rewards) were born and reared in Sherkin. I have very fond childhood memories of them, and of many of their generation no longer with us, and the good times spent there.

I always looked forward to holidays in Sherkin, as a child — even in pre-electricity days. I enjoyed the journey from Newcastle West, Co Limerick, where I was brought up. Sadly, the 'ancestral home', where we holidayed, a place that holds many memories, is now a ruin.

Having spent 50 years, from 1968 to

### THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

"That Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world."

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY  
FOR THE POPE'S INTENTIONS.**

2018, ministering in the industrial north-west of England, how delightful it was to get back to the wonderful tranquility of Sherkin, that beautiful part of 'Our Common Home'. I love its friendly community, beautiful seascapes, virtually traffic-free roads (just a few bangers and the Sherkin Bus), fresh Atlantic breezes, beautiful sandy beaches, mild climate, and, yes, the wind and rain, and occasional storms when the ferries have to be cancelled .... all parts of the jig-saw.

Our neighbouring Gaeltacht island, *Oileán Cléire* (Cape Clear) birthplace of Naomh Ciarán, patron of our family of parishes, though a little more hilly, has an equally welcoming community. I visit each weekend for Sunday Mass, and have been doing so since shortly before Fr Peter Queally passed away. I find that, unlike living in a town or city, everyone in an island community knows everyone else, or knows about them — something like a 'family atmosphere'. I like that.

**Fr Des O'Driscoll**  
Sherkin Island



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**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

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

**Tuesday – 9.30am** – Deceased members of all the Nolan family, Co. Galway

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

**Thursday – 9.30am** – Rita and Jim Crowley, Bunalun

**Friday - 9.30am** - Sr Mary Connolly, Convent of Mercy

### **Saturday – 10.30am First Holy Communion**

**Saturday - 6.30pm** - Stephen Buckley, Farranconnor  
Jerome Hodnett, St Fachtna’s Terrace

**Sunday – 11am** – Michael and Teresa O’Donovan, Derrygool  
Kathleen O’Donovan, Skeagh

**PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM** – Over the weeks of May we propose to look at this topic and share with you some thoughts. Have you ever come across the ancient proverb?

*“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”.*

### **What do we mean by Leadership?**

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Councils, Ministries, Finance, Building Maintenance, and all manner of other things for which he may have received little or no information. Sometimes the priest may delegate tasks to individuals, committees, or teams. However, the delegation of tasks is not the same as the delegation of leadership. This can reinforce a view of the lay apostolate which is often seen in terms of taking on activities that in former times had been traditionally reserved to the ordained priest. We should not be using people in this way; we should be helping to build up people so that they can transform society. Leadership is about assuming responsibility rather than completing tasks. We must understand it in terms of a co-responsibility for the mission of the church which is rooted in our baptismal vocation.

**Pope Benedict XVI** expressed it in this way: *“Co-responsibility demands a change in mindset especially concerning the role of lay people in the Church”.*

This is the foundation for the idea of lay ‘leadership’ within the church. Priests and laity have complementary roles and co-dependent roles so that, *“Strengthened by all her members, the Church can thus more effectively fulfil her mission for the life of the world” (Lumen Gentium n.37).*

### **Reflection Questions:**

- *What model of Leadership operates in our parish?*
- *How do I see or what do I think of people who are involved in our parish?*
- *Can I accept my role in being co-responsible for the mission of the church?*

**To be continued...**

Congratulations to the children of the First Holy Communion Classes from St Patrick’s B.N.S. and Gaelscoil Dr Uí Shúilleabháin, who received First Holy Communion this weekend.

**A rosary will be recited at the Grotto on Cork Road, Skibbereen in honour of our Lady of Fatima at 4pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

We are delighted to welcome Inistioge Choir from Kilkenny who will sing at the **6.30pm Mass on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** and they will also sing, with our local Choir, at the **11.00am Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

**9.30am** Rath – Breeda Cahalane, Ballymacrown – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 8th May** – 10.15am Rath

**Wednesday 10th May** - 10.15am Rath

**Friday 12th May** – 10.15am Rath - Margaret Murphy, Bantry

### Saturday 13th May

4.45pm Sherkin

### Sunday 14th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

**9.30am** Rath – Fr Owen Cashman

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**We remember in our prayers** all the First Holy Communion children and their families at this time of final preparation for their Holy Communion Day which is next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am.

**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](mailto:mary.maeve.devlin@gmail.com) or 086 365 6054)

**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

**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

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To Be Continued ...

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

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