PRAYERS FOR FATHERS' DAY

For our fathers, who have given us life, that we may show them reverence and love;
For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope;
For fathers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom;
We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer... HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!

FINANCE REPORT

Aughadown

 21 May €850
 4 June €935

 28 May €910
 11 June €840

Castlehaven & Myross

21 May €1,000 *28 May* €870 *4 June* €940 [+ *Development fund* €950] *11 June* €845

Kilmacabea

21 May €646.92 *4 June* €517.50 *28 May* €645 *11 June* €823

Rath & The Islands

Sundays 21 & 28 May €1,100 *Sundays 4 & 11 June* €1,515

Skibbereen

<i>21 May</i> €	1,325	<i>4 June</i> €1,430
28 May €	1,200	<i>11 June</i> €1,420

THIS WEEK - MON. 19 JUNE: Blessed Dermot O'Hurley, archbishop of Cashel, & Companions, martyred in AD 1584. TUES. 20 JUNE: The Irish Martyrs, killed for their Catholic faith between 1579 and 1654, including a Jesuit lay brother, Blessed Do-

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minic Collins, associated with Castlehaven. **SAT 24 JUNE:** Nativity of St John the Baptist (preceded by "John's Eve"/Bonfire Night, celebrated across Europe).

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time readings (**25 June):** Jeremiah 20:10-13 — Jeremiah is 'under pressure', but still believes God is helping him. Romans 5:12-15 — Sin affects everyone, but grace comes through Christ. Matthew 10:26-33 — Jesus reassures his followers and asks for loyalty.

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HONOUR YOUR FATHER(S) ON THIS FATHERS' DAY

y father died seven years ago last month. He was 98. People told me I was lucky to have him so long — I was, but that didn't lessen the grief. Anyone who has lost a parent knows what that grief is like.

Family relations can be challenging. I didn't always get on great with my father. People who are alike tend to notice their own faults in other people. I suppose it was like that for my dad and me.

I also feel fortunate to have got closer to him as he got older. I was older too, and

Sunday 18 June is 'Day for Life' in Ireland, England, Scotland & Wales The theme of Day for Life 2023 is 'LISTEN TO HER' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion, and her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, understand and respond with compassion. You can read the message in full here: www.councilforlife.ie getting more tolerant, maybe. It's always better to honour our parents while they live, than to cry bitter tears when they die.

Our parents aren't perfect, they fail as often as we. Learning forgiveness and compassion towards them might bring some of it our way when we need it.

As well as physical fathers, and people who play a father's role, there are spiritual fathers. We have eight in our family of parishes (*alphabetically*): Donal Cahill, Michael Curran, John Heinhold, Evin O'Brien, Terry O'Brien, Terry O'Donovan, Des O'Driscoll — and me. Between us, we have **323 years** of priestly ministry, a rich seam of pastoral experience. Many of our priestly jubilees fall in June also.

To whom it may concern then: Happy Fathers' Day! May we honour our fathers as they deserve.

> Fr Bernard Co-PP Castlehaven & Myross



Skibbereen Parish News

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Submitting items for inclusion in the parish newsletter – Please email Skibbereen Parish Office: <u>skibbereenparish@gmail.com</u> no later than 5pm Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th June 2023

Saturday - 6.30pm - Maura O'Driscoll, Cork and late of Mohonagh		
	Nora McCormack	
Sunday – 11am –	John Joe Geaney, Curravalley	
	Ettie Carroll, Dunmanway	
Monday – 9.30am -	Henry and Nancy Hill and the Hill, Devine, O'Grady,	
	Murphy, and McNamara relations.	
Tuesday – 9.30am –	Patrick John and Hannah McCarthy, Market Street	
Wednesday – 9.30am - People of the Parish		
Thursday – 9.30am – Jerry McCarthy, Market Street		
Friday - 9.30am -	Nan Baldwin, Townshend Street	
Saturday – 6.30pm -	Corinna O'Donovan, Gortnaclohy	
	Paddy O'Donoghue, Chapel Lane	
Sunday – 11am –	Marie Keane, Coomnageehy	

Mass will be celebrated in the Abbey Cemetery on Friday 23rd June at 7.30pm.

Recently deceased 11th June 2023 aged 95 years. Margaret Kurth (nee Minihane) late of Boston and Creagh, Baltimore, (sister of the late Jerome Minihane, Creagh.) Her funeral takes place on 17th June 2023. May she Rest in Peace.

Lectio Divina on **Saturdays** at **10.30am** in the Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen. **All are welcome.**

Confessions on Saturdays in St Patrick's Cathedral from 10am to 11am.

Exams continue: We continue to extend our best wishes and prayers to all our young people who are continuing their state exams currently.

Something to think about: We are Jesus' hands and feet today. For a long time now, we have been told to be a good Catholic we have to **Believe** and **Behave** and then we can **Belong**. But in our world today we must help people firstly, have a sense to **Belong**, through our welcome and care and in that way, their sense of Belonging will help them to begin to **Believe** and it is from believing that they will come to **Behave** as Jesus wants them to.

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We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen. **Happy Father's Day!**

Thank you - A thank you to all who participated in our Corpus Christi procession last weekend. A special thank you to Pat Fitzgerald, co-ordinator who worked with so many people, St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Ministers, Choir, Stewards, Canopy bearers, Banner carriers, Altar Society, Billy for the public address system, Darragh our Altar Server, our Sacristan, Bernie, and the many others who helped in any way to make our Corpus Christi procession such a success.

Coffee or Tea – Hospitality morning every Wednesday in Skibbereen Presbytery after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome.

RATH & THE ISLANDS BALTIMORE, WEST GORK

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 18th June – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.30am Rath – John & Hannah Sheehy, Creagh 10.00am Cape Clear Monday 19th June – 10.15am Rath Wednesday 21st June – 10.15am Rath - Paddy O'Donovan Friday 23rd June – 10.15am Rath Saturday 24th June – 3.30pm – Cape Clear Sunday 25th June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.30am Rath – Paddy Burke, Lough Hyne Mary Collins, Lahern, her husband Christy and their daughter Breda. 11.00am Sherkin Abbey Mass

THANK YOU.

A Thank you to all who worked on our church project recently, for your talents, time, and skills. It is very much appreciated by all. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

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Considering the Priesthood?

The Diocese of Cork and Ross will host a special 'Come and See' event for men considering the priesthood on Sunday, July 2nd. It will take place in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP) from 2pm to 5pm. It will be an opportunity to take a gentle initial step and to pray, share and explore if the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood. To register simply email <u>vocations@corkandross.org</u>

The Mass times on the islands are changed for the weekend of the O'Driscoll Clan gathering on June 24th & 25th.

There will be no Mass on Sherkin on Saturday June 24th but Mass will be celebrated on Cape Clear at 3.30pm.

Mass will be celebrated in Sherkin Abbey at 11am on Sunday June 25th.

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