

FAMILY OF PARISHES SCHEDULE FOR JULY 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 3: St Thomas, the apostle, preached the Gospel in India where he was martyred.

THURS 6: St Maria Goretti (1890 - 1902) was stabbed to death defending her virtue. She forgave her attacker, and he later attended her canonisation in Rome in 1950.

SAT 8: St Kilian from Mullagh, Co Cavan, was the apostle of Thuringia and Franconia in Germany. Martyred in Wurzburg, where the city celebrates *Kilian-tag* today.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

(14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Zechariah 9:9-10 — Peace will come, not through the instruments of worldly rulers, but through the gentleness of God.

Romans 8:9, 11-13 — Paul tells us that life is given to us through the gift of the Spirit, so we must not live unspiritual lives.

Matthew 11:25-30 — A promise of rest for the overburdened: Jesus refreshes and renews all who seek him.

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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

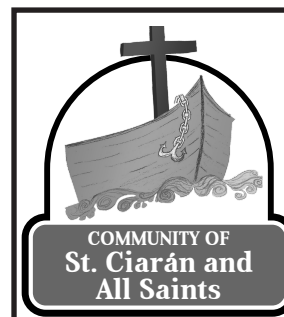
FINANCE REPORT (for Sunday 25 June)

Aughadown €850 Peter's Pence €595
Castlehaven €905 Peter's Pence €450
Kilmacabea €558 (—)
Skibbereen €1,425 Peter's Pence €985
Rath & The Islands
18 & 25 June: €1,332 Peter's Pence €405

♦ **JUST A THOUGHT:** God promises a safe landing.....not a calm passage.

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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 2 JULY 2023 13TH ORDINARY TIME VOL 1:30

I RECOMMEND YOU VISIT THE HOLY LAND

It is the belief of many Christians that a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land can be a powerful journey. Seeing and visiting the places Jesus walked, performed miracles, died and rose from the dead should increase our Catholic faith. For me this certainly proved true on my recent trip to Jerusalem.

Every day we read all different stories about Our Lord in the Gospel – the places he visited – the miracles he performed and so on. But to visit the sites where he did all these things brings the reality of the message of the Gospel to a whole new level.

One of the most beautiful places in the Holy Land is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This is the holiest place for Christians in the world because this is the place where the Lord was crucified, died, was buried and rose from the dead. When one stands in this very place and reflects on the sufferings of

Christ, it very much brings to reality the depth of God's love for each of us. One cannot leave that place without simply thanking Almighty God for the immense suffering He undertook on the cross for all humanity.

Other places of interest for Christians to visit in the Holy Land include the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem where the Lord was born, the Upper Room where Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Church of St Anne in Jerusalem which is said to be the birthplace of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Overall, I would certainly recommend a trip to the Holy Land for anyone considering it. It will certainly bring great blessings down upon you and bring the reality of the Gospel very much to life.

Fr Evin O'Brien CC
Skibbereen



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 1st to Sunday 9th July 2023

Saturday – 6.30pm - William and Mary Reen, St Fachtna's Terrace
Kathleen Gill, Mardyke Street

Sunday – 11am – Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen & James O'Leary, Crosslea
Mary O'Sullivan, Townshend Street and her husband John

Monday – 9.30am - Geraldine Meaney, Glanmire, Cork

Tuesday – 9.30am – Tom and Mae Barry, Goleen

Wednesday – 9.30am - Bob and Michael Crowley, St Fachtna's Terrace

Thursday – 9.30am – Peter Nolan, Coolnagurrane

Friday - 9.30am - Special Intention

Saturday – 6.30pm - Yvonne Gilmartin, Skibbereen and Lucan
PJ Collins, Bauravilla

Sunday – 11am - Billy Twomey, Clounkeen, Leap
Derry and Angela O'Byrne, Coronea, Skibbereen

Recently Baptised: We welcome into our faith community in Skibbereen, Louis O'Sullivan, Cork Road, Skibbereen, son of Dermot and Maura, who was baptised on 24th June 2023.

We send our condolences to the families of:

Elizabeth Langley (née O'Regan) Haywards Heath, Sussex, formerly of Mardyke Street, Skibbereen

Danny McCarthy of Poundlick, Skibbereen

Patrick (Paddy) McCarthy of High Street, formerly of Dunmanus, Goleen who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

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

Weekday masses Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues every Monday and Friday from **10am until 6pm** each day. **All are welcome.**

First Friday Calls will be made during this coming week. If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or would like a visit from a Priest, please contact the parish office **028 22828.**

Something to think about: Make your Summer break about God. No one should ever take a break from God, His glory, and the mission He gives each of us. When we break for the summer - from school, small group, community outreach, or wherever you serve in your church - God still calls us to seek Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. This is not a seasonal calling. The summer does not give us permission to pull up a lawn chair and watch the race instead of running the race. When we say we are taking the summer off, we mean something radically different than disengaging from seeking God. Instead, we suspend certain ministry activities or events and fill that time with family holidays, barbeques in the garden, local festivals, and trips to the beach. We're not breaking from God, but swinging, competing, and listening for more of Him. Filling our week with these activities does not transport us from engaging in the significant part of the Christian life (Sunday Eucharist) to the insignificant (ice cream cones). No, it simply moves us from formal to informal (of course never neglecting to meet together in weekly faith community for Mass). God designed all of our summer activities so that we would know Him more, love Him better, and have more fuel to live for His glory.

A Prayer of Unknowing

(Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude)

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You, And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this You will lead me by the right road, Though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust You always Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, And You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen

First Friday and First Saturday Devotion in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place from **8pm to 12.00am on Friday 7th July** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. The evening will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary, Devotional Prayers, Silent Prayer with Holy Mass at 10pm. This is done to make reparation to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary. **All are welcome.**

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 2nd July – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Mary Leonard, Reengaroga and her husband Johnny

Neilie Bohane, Droumadoon

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 3rd July – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 5th July - 10.15am Rath – Gerald & Theresa O'Brien, Skibbereen

Friday 7th July – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 8th July

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 9th July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Jerome & May O'Sullivan and Jack Walsh, Bunlick, Skibbereen

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Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the family of Liam McSweeney, Kilbarrack & Raheny, Dublin and Highfield, Baltimore. May he rest in peace.

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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 Diocesan priesthood today Sunday, July 2nd. It will take place in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP) from 2pm to 5pm. To register simply email vocations@corkandross.org

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