

## FAMILY OF PARISHES SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 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 5: St Boniface**, bishop and martyr, Apostle to the Germans. Founded monasteries there, including Fulda, where his remains lie. Died AD 754.

• **World Environment Day** has been celebrated since 1973: #BeatPlasticPollution.

**WED 7: Venerable Matt Talbot** of Dublin. A chronic alcoholic as a young man, he turned his life around by means of prayer. Declared “Venerable” in 1975.

• Today is also **World Oceans Day** (UN), which in 2023 has the theme ‘Planet Ocean: tides are changing’. We are taking more from the ocean than can be replenished. We need to create a new balance that restores its vibrancy and brings it new life.

**FR I 9: St Columba (Columcille)**, secondary patron of Ireland, founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and Iona, his principal foundation, where he died on 9 June 597.

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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)

### NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

(CORPUS CHRISTI)

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16** — Contains Moses’ reminder of how God sustained his people in the desert with the gift of manna.

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17** — Paul reminds us that in sharing the bread of life at Mass, we become one body.

**John 6: 51-58** — In the Gospel, Jesus says he himself is the living bread for believers.

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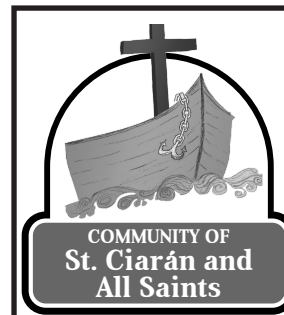
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# NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023 TRINITY VOL 1: NO. 26

## BUILD A COMMUNITY, BRING PEOPLE ‘FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT’ ...

**O**n Saturday 5 May, a hundred or so gathered in Skibbereen for a 5k walk with a difference. It began in darkness at 4.15 am and ended at daybreak.

‘How can you tell when night is over and the day has begun?’, a famous guru once asked each of his three pupils. ‘It’s when I can tell the sheep from the goats in the distance’, said the first.

The second said: ‘When I can distinguish the apple trees from the monkey trees’. And finally the third said: ‘It’s when I look into the faces of others and see there a brother or sister looking back at me’.

‘You have answered well’, said the guru ‘You are not far from the kingdom’. Hence the Skibbereen walk called ‘Darkness into Light’ — in support of and befriending those with mental anxieties.

It’s human to love and show pity; it’s human too to smile, befriend and laugh to-

gether, even do as St. Paul says in today’s reading, and ‘Greet one another with a kiss’. It’s human too ‘to celebrate our differences’, as John Hume said.

On the day we were baptised, we were baptised into a community, a Christian community: ‘I belong to a community, therefore I exist’. This is a bit of wisdom from somewhere.

It’s comforting surely and uplifting too for all of us to belong to a community, even more so for the weak and mentally anxious — so hence the walk is called ‘Darkness into Light’.

Perhaps for all of us, today’s feast of the Blessed Trinity might be about creating that kind of a welcoming, friendly community — with a special look-out for the one on the outside.

**Fr Donal Cahill**  
Aughadown

### A PRAYER FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:  
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. 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: [skibbereeparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereeparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th June 2023**

**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

**Monday – 9.30am** - Jack Collins, Bawnahow

**Tuesday – 9.30am** – Special Intention

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

**Thursday – 9.30am** – Special Intention

**Friday - 9.30am** - Special Intention

**Saturday - 6.30pm** - Jeremiah O'Donoghue, Poundlick Mary and Paddy Coughlan, Licknavar

**Sunday – 11am** – Derek and Eleanor Frost, Toehead Mary Ellen and Cornelius Murphy and their son, Con, High Street, Skibbereen and Ballydehob

### **Lectio Divina: Has begun in Skibbereen - Saturday mornings at 10.30am in the Presbytery, North Street**

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### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2023 – SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Corpus Christi procession will take place in Skibbereen following the **11am Sunday Mass**. The route for this year's procession will be leaving the Cathedral and making our way down North Street, then up High Street and turn right in front of the Garda Station, turn right down Distillery Road and into St Vincent De Paul Yard, where we will have Benediction and a Blessing. All are welcome, especially groups and community organisations, to process together. The running order of the procession is Cross followed by groups, organisations and families, the choir will follow on, the First Holy Communion children from all schools in the area will be followed by Altar Servers and then the Blessed Sacrament. Stewards will be on duty to help anyone.

### **Short Report of Family of Parishes meeting held by the Diocese of Cork and Ross in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023:**

Representatives of the Family of Parishes of West Cork met to look at the next step of priests and lay faithful working together, which was part of the Diocesan Synodal Report 2022 and was the vision presented in the Pastoral Letter Putting Out into Deep Waters – Transforming parishes Together into Mission-Centred Faith Communities in July 2022. Two presentations were given by the guest speaker Julianne Stanz who is Director of New Evangelization in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA. Julianne has extensive experience in guiding faith communities towards a more vibrant and mission-oriented future. Julianne shared her expertise and wisdom on how we (Priests and lay faithful) can navigate the changes in our own diocese. How all of us must meet the challenges of parish life together, and how we are all responsible for the future of our church. There was group discussion, open forum where people could speak; topics like funerals, diaconate for women and open communication came up. Several questions were asked which were discussed by parish groups and their responses were collected. Even though no concrete decisions were made the general feeling was that it was good to gather and begin the conversation of where priests and lay faithful are responsible for the future of our church. The afternoon ended with a time of prayer and reflection.

**Quiz (in aid of Maritime Week) at Mary Ann's, Castletownshend on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30pm. Table of four €40.00.**

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> June – The Most Holy Trinity**

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

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – 10.15am Rath – Tadhg & Nellie O’Neill, late of Clonakilty

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - 10.15am - Rath Rita McSweeney, Dublin and Baltimore

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – 10.15am Rath –

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** - 4.45pm Sherkin

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi**

**9.30am** Rath – Mary O’Driscoll, Baltimore Hill and Rita McSweeney, Dublin & Baltimore

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Recently deceased:** We extend our condolences to the family of Joseph T O’Driscoll, Carhoona, Cape Clear. May he rest in peace.

**Recently deceased:** We extend our condolences to the family of Peig (Margaret) (nee Ely) O’Regan, Cape Clear. May she rest in peace.

**Second collection this weekend** for The Holy places

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** to be held in the meeting room of Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm (last meeting before summer break).

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**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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**Thank you from Trocaire** for the generous contribution of €613 from the people of Rath and the Islands parish for the Trocaire Lenten Appeal.