

FAMILY OF PARISHES SCHEDULE FOR 23 & 30 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

THURS 20: International Moon Day marks the anniversary of the first landing on the Moon in 1969: “one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind”.

SAT 22: St Mary Magdalene (Feast). She stood at the foot of the cross and discovered the empty tomb; the Risen Lord appeared to her and she is therefore described as the “Apostle to the Apostles”.

SUN 23: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is observed on the Sunday closest to the 26th July feast of St Joachim & Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

(16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 — God is a lenient judge, who understands our weakness.

Romans 8:26-27 — St Paul teaches that the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness

Matthew: 24-43 — There will always be faithful and unfaithful people, just as fields yield both wheat and weeds. God will sort them out at the end of time.

Whilst every care is taken to ensure the accuracy of information in this Family of parishes Newsletter, we cannot accept any responsibility for errors or omissions [frbernard1984@gmail.com].

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — 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 **Southdoc** 0818 355 999
Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136 — westcorkwomensproject.ie

FINANCE REPORT (for Sunday 9 July)

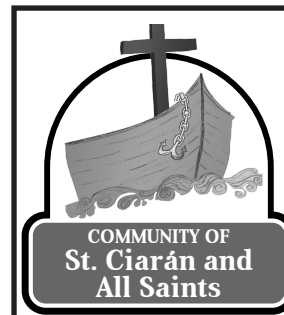
Aughadown €895 **Castlehaven** €1,105
Kilmacabea €585 **Skibbereen** €1,595
Rath & The Islands €1,570 (2 & 9 July)

POINTS TO PONDER

- *The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.*
- *He who angers you, controls you!*
- *We don't change the message, the message changes us.*

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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 16 JULY 2023 15TH ORDINARY TIME VOL 1:32

THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE

Jesus told stories to explain the lessons he was trying to teach. These stories are called parables. Today’s gospel has one of those very familiar parables – the story of the sower planting seeds.

The sower goes out to plant seeds but, as seeds do, they fall in different places. Some do better than others. To grow well, seeds need rich soil, but, not all fall on rich soil. Sometimes the seeds that fall on the side of the road or in the thorns also bloom in their own way. We only have to look at the sides of the roads at the moment to see the variety of colour and foliage that’s there.



the front door. During the recent dry spell, all the plants in the pots withered and died...or so we thought. But as soon as we started to get some rain, the plants began to reappear and grow again.

So it is also with our faith, we may feel it is gone or that we haven’t time to nurture it — but like a plant when the conditions are right, it can grow and blossom again.

We go through times when we feel that Jesus is not there. We feel that our relationship with Him is being stifled by the thorns of what’s happening at a particular time.

Or maybe we are too busy to pay attention. But with faith, there is always hope.

My mother died earlier this year. She loved her flowers and her garden. She had a number of pots of flowers and plants outside

Maura O’Flynn
Pastoral Assistant

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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 no later than 5pm Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd July 2023

Saturday – 6.30pm - Patricia and Diarmuid White, Gortnaclohy
Vincent O'Donovan, Market Street

Sunday – 11am - John Joe Moynihan, Lackareigh
Maureen Spillane, Market Street

Monday – 9.30am - The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday – 9.30am – Maura O'Driscoll, Cork City

Wednesday – 9.30am – People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am – Get well Intention

Friday - 9.30am - John Joe O'Sullivan, North Street and Rosscarbery

Saturday – 6.30pm - John Breen, Market Street
Brendan Sullivan, Ennis

Sunday – 11am - Liam O'Flaherty, Chapel Lane
Bernard Newman, Ilen Villas

Alpha Experience: We want to invite you to try Alpha with us on Wednesday evenings from **7.30 - 9.00pm starting 27th September** at 7.30 pm in Clonakilty. All are welcome. Every session begins with some food, so come along for the first evening and see what you think! Numbers are limited.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a ten-week experience covering such topics as Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus' die? How does God guide us? Why and how do I pray? Alpha is relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun. Alpha can help you to deepen your relationship with the Lord. What is involved? We begin every session by chatting with one another over food. Then we watch an interesting talk on DVD. After that we divide into groups and discuss some questions raised on the DVD.

Alpha is free - so why not come along and give it a try!

Contact - Finola 087 6838082 or Email: alphaclonakilty@gmail.com

Weekday masses Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

Confessions on Saturdays at 10am – 11am.

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

Sick Calls. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion or would appreciate a visit from a priest, please contact the **parish office 028 22828.**

Something to think about: *We must be people of Hope who have a Dream (have a Vision):* In 1963, when Martin Luther King Jr. stood before the Lincoln Memorial to address those who had come to participate in the march on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, he did not say, "I have an idea," or "I have a plan," or even, "I have a to-do list." He said, "I have a dream!". We must have a dream or a vision for our parish. Whenever we talk about dreams, we are speaking the language of vision, and vision is essential. A powerful vision does not just inspire; it also points in a direction: Here's what we can achieve! Here's what we can become! It encourages, enlivens, and often makes us feel good. For us, as a parish, to survive, to prosper and grow, we must make this our dream, our vision. We must have our own dream, our own vision to be people of hope. Think about it!

Clonakilty Bereavement Group. Are you grieving? Would you like help with your loss? Clonakilty Bereavement Group is a safe and secure place in which you work through your grief. We are offering you free support over a five-week period commencing on 19th September at 8pm in Clonakilty. **Please phone 023 8835654.**

The Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection in April amounted to €51,018 throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated. The next quarterly collection will take place on weekend of 15th/16th July. This quarterly collection allows the Diocese to provide ongoing supports to parishes in many areas. It contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including the cost of personnel, utilities (light and heat, phone, postage and stationery, repairs, maintenance, and insurance), professional fees, primary and secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry and levies paid by the Diocese for national hierarchy costs in Maynooth. People continue to be very generous to these quarterly collections over the years and your support would be greatly appreciated this weekend. Thank you.

Connonagh Community Development Association, annual BBQ and music, 22nd July at 7pm at the Beehive Bar. Proceeds go to Rosscarbery Social Services. **All are welcome.**

A lady's watch was found in **St Patrick's Cathedral**. It can be returned to its owner at the sacristy.

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 16th July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Ellen & Pat Connolly, South Rath

Ellen Walsh, Old Post House, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 17th July – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 19th July - 10.15am Rath – James & Finbarr Nolan, Fastnet House, Baltimore

Friday 21st July – 10.15am Rath – Pat, Johanna & Donal Davis, Lackahane, Baltimore

Saturday 22nd July

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 23rd July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Kitty Lyons, Skibbereen & London

10.00am Cape Clear

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Pope Francis has given us one of the most significant statements in recent years in his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel):

I dream of a “missionary option,” that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self- preservation.”

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The Bantry Memory café is running through the summer months. It takes place the first Wednesday of every month in the Maritime hotel in Bantry at 11am. The next one will be August 2nd.

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

Baltimore Community Market every Sunday in the Community Hall from 11am to 1pm. Please call and support our local producers.

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