

In 2021, Pope Francis established the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, on the Sunday nearest 26 July (Ss Joachim & Anne's Day). The theme for the 2023 celebration is "His mercy is from age to age".

PRAYER:

Dear Lord,

We thank you for grandparents and elderly relatives throughout the world, their lives and their vocation.

We are grateful for their love, care and the advice that they give to each of us. Protect them, dear Lord, in all that they do, as we continue to be blessed by their wisdom in our communities. Guide them in their earthly pilgrimage and always keep them close to your heart, so that they continue to generously respond to your call.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

THIS WEEK

MON 24: St Declan of Ardmore, preached the Gospel in the Decies (before Patrick)

TUES 25: St James, apostle, is honoured at Compostella in northwest Spain today, the goal of all who walk the Camino.

• **World Drowning Prevention Day (UN)**

WED 26: Sts Joachim & Anne (or Anna), parents of Our Lady, grandparents of Jesus. St Anne is the patron saint of Canada.

SAT 29: Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus: welcomed Jesus to their home as a family friend. May they welcome us to heaven.

• **ANNUAL OFFICE HOLIDAYS** •

The Family of Parishes Office, North St, Skibbereen, will **close** for holidays from Mon. 31 July to Wed. 9 August inclusive. Mass bookings or other arrangements for August should be made **this week**, ahead of the closure. Phone 028-22828
Email: stciaranasFOP@gmail.com

FINANCE REPORT (for Sunday 16 July)

Aughadown €845 Diocesan Needs €465

Castlehaven €1,040 (— incomplete)

Kilmacabea €930 Diocesan Needs €400

Skibbereen €1,437 Diocesan Needs €815

POINTS TO PONDER

- God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
- Coincidence ... is when God chooses to remain anonymous!

FAMILY OF PARISHES INFORMATION

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Open this week: Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri. from 10 am to 1 pm, for Mass bookings, certs, etc. Phone 028-22828.

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

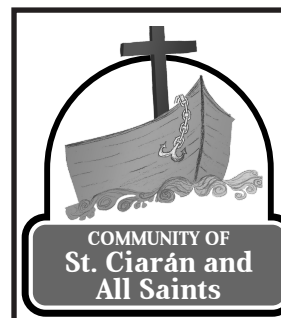
Alcoholics Anonymous, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — alcoholicsanonymous.ie

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



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES
NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023 16TH IN ORDINARY TIME VOL 1:33

WHAT DOES A CATECHIST DO? — THE AUGHADOWN APPROACH

A catechist's role isn't always easy to define. In my case, it was particular and defined, from the outset: I was to "walk with" parents, to help them acquire the skills and language to share their faith with their children. 'The parish catechist is the instrument who, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will facilitate the handing on of faith' — Cork & Ross Pastoral Development Office (2016). In my case, this meant helping families prepare for the sacraments of initiation.

Parents of children receiving sacraments would receive an invitation to an introductory meeting each autumn, where an outline of the sessions would be set out. Dates would be arranged, beginning the following January for four monthly meetings, the last meeting being with the parents and children together.

At these meetings, Fr. Cahill, who

hosted the meetings with me, was an encouraging and supportive mentor. Working with both schools in the parish made it an inclusive and supportive initiative.

Success is hard to quantify, but I did a feedback questionnaire for parents asking what they felt they had gained. Their responses were encouraging and forthright. A number of parents agreed that the joint session with their children was helpful; it allowed a conversation to begin.

Good parenting encourages development in all areas of their children's life, including their spiritual development. In giving shared attention to faith matters, parents enrich a growing sense of the presence of God in our lives. 'The home is the first school of faith, the first school of prayer' — Pope St John Paul II.

Deirdre Hardy [Catechist]
Aughadown parish

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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: skibbereenparish@gmail.com no later than 5pm Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th July 2023

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

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

Monday – 9.30am - Micheál Nolan, Coolnagurrane

Tuesday – 9.30am – Get Well Intention

Wednesday – 9.30am – Special Intention

Thursday – 9.30am – D.D. Bohane, Drishanebeg

Friday - 9.30am - Get Well Intention

Saturday – 6.30pm - Denis Cronin, Gortnamuckla
Special Intention

Sunday – 11am - Mary McCarthy, Ilen Street, Skibbereen

Recent baptism

We welcome into our faith community in Skibbereen Kayden O'Connell, Hillcrest, Skibbereen, son of Shane and Amy, who was baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on 15th July 2023

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.**

Holiday closure of Parish Office 31st July to 9th August.

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Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage. that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. may they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed.

In all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,

and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.

Something to think about:

Pope Francis says – *We may not even be aware of it, but every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn by God there by his desire for us. For our part, the possible response is, as always, that we surrender to this love, that letting ourselves be drawn by him.*

Mass in St Patrick’s Cemetery - the Legion of Mary will have their annual Mass celebrated for deceased in the area on **Wednesday 9th August at 7.30pm.**

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 23rd July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Kitty Lyons, Skibbereen & London

Paddy McCarthy, High Street, Skibbereen – Months Mind

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 24th July – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 26th July - 10.15am Rath

Friday 28th July – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 29th July

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 30th July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Eugie Leonard, Rath

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Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the family of Beatrice O'Higgins (nee Hegarty), late of Dublin and Skibbereen. May she rest in peace.

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