

FAMILY OF PARISHES SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 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

SUN 24TH SEPT Today is World Day of Migrants & Refugees. Pope Francis' theme this year suggests that [people should be] "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

MON 25: St Finbarr, first bishop and patron of Cork, where he founded a monastery. Next Sunday, Oct 1st, the diocesan pilgrimage to Gougane Barra takes place, Mass at 3pm at which Fr Bernard is preaching, Rosary 2.30.

Wed 27: St Vincent de Paul, patron of all charities and of volunteers. He never forgot the poverty of his childhood and worked so that no one was poor in body or soul.

Fri 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.

Sat 30: St Jerome, translated the bible, wrote commentaries, patron of librarians.

• **Poor Clares vocations afternoon today Sept 30th at their monastery in Cork (2pm - 4pm): www.poorclarescork.ie**

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay. Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

— **Pope Francis**

FINANCE REPORT (Sun 17 Sept)

Aughadown: €890 Castlehaven-Myross: €830
Kilmacabea €789 Skibbereen €1,420
Rath (10 & 17 Sept) €1,280

• **Special collection this Sunday for the education of priests and seminarians.**

• TO BOOK MASSES OR CHRISTENINGS, TO ARRANGE BAPTISM CERTS ETC, CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE, SKIBBEREEN.

Office open this week: Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri, 10am-1 pm, Secretary Annette; Phone 028-22828.

Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

• What you can see are God's gifts to you.

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.

Southdoc Phone 0818 355 999

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136 — westcorkwomensproject.ie

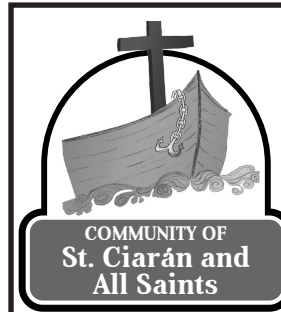
CLERGY

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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)

SUN. 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 25TH SUNDAY VOL 2: NO 4

MATT MURPHY'S RECIPE FOR A BETTER WORLD

Pope Francis has spoken often about the environment. Here are just a few quotes:

“..... When a human being allows himself to succumb to selfishness, he ends up defacing even the most beautiful things that have been entrusted to him.”

“The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world ... We need to reflect on our accountability before those who will have to endure the dire consequences.”

“..... Only rarely does someone admit to having carried out an act of violence to nature, to the earth, to creation. We do not yet have awareness of this sin.”

He is often criticised for talking about the environment, especially what he has said in *Laudato Si'*, and the criticism will continue when he publishes Part TwoI shortly. Yet, when we look at recent months around the world, his words ring true. We have seen droughts, floods, fires, melting snow and ice. More countries are paying lip service to solutions and the two largest economies in the world continue to destroy the environment. Even in our Church, some are more interested in bitter politics, particularly in the USA, than leading the way.

We should be guardians of the environment and we can ALL make a difference. Pick three things to do regularly for the environment and do them well.

Matt Murphy, Sherkin Island



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 23rd September

Saturday – 6.30pm - The O’Sullivan family, High Street
Catherine Hickey, Schull Road

Sunday – 11am - John and Mary Newman, Ilen Villas
Jim O’Donovan, Lisheenapingina

Monday – 9.30am - Don Lombard, Assumption Place

Tuesday – 9.30am - Denis McCarthy, RIP

Wednesday – 9.30am – People of the Parish

11.30am Mass – to mark the opening of the new School Year for Skibbereen Community School

Thursday – 9.30am – Tom and Eily Hayes, Assumption Place

Friday – 9.30am - Jeremiah O’Mahony, Belgooly

Saturday – 6.30pm - Jimmy O’Mahony, Newcestown
John Hurley, Gortnaclohy

Sunday – 11am - Pat O’Donovan, Cork Road, Michael McCarthy, Glandore
and Noreen Daly, Union Hall
Josie Dempsey, Shepperton

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** both days. **All are welcome. Volunteers needed.**

Hospitality Morning Wednesdays in the Presbytery, after the morning Mass.

All are welcome for tea or coffee and a chat.

Bicentenary Committee meeting will be held in the presbytery on **Thursday 28th September at 8pm.**

Autumn Envelopes are available at the church. Your contribution goes towards the income of the priests of the parish.

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.**

Second Collection this weekend for the Education to the Priesthood. The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up this weekend. This year two seminarians will begin studies in St Patrick’s College Maynooth. Both completed a year of initial formation in Vallodolid last year. Another man is studying for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education for priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €70,616 was raised in this collection which was very generous. Appreciating that these are difficult financial times, you are asked to be as generous as you can to the Priesthood Education Fund annual collection this year.

“Free to leave, free to stay” - This Sunday is **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** and in his message, Pope Francis took the story of Joseph’s dream, *“Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him” (Mt 2:13)*. The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt was not the result of a free decision, nor were many of the migrations that marked the history of the people of Israel. The decision to migrate should always be free, yet in many cases, even in our day, it is not. Conflicts, natural disasters, or more simply the impossibility of living a dignified and prosperous life in one’s native land is forcing millions of persons to leave. ...Migrants flee because of poverty, fear, or desperation. Eliminating these causes and putting an end to forced migration calls for shared commitment by all, in accordance with the responsibilities of each. This commitment begins with asking what we can do, and what we need to stop doing. We need to make every effort to halt the arms race, economic colonialism, the plundering of other people’s resources and the devastation of our common home. ... *“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:44-45)*. The ideal of the first Christian community seems so distant from today’s reality! To make migration a choice that is truly free, efforts must be made to ensure that everyone can have an equal share in the common good, respect for his or her fundamental rights, and access to an integral human development. Only in this way will we be able to offer to each person the possibility of a dignified and fulfilling life, whether individually or within families. The question we must ask ourselves as individuals and as a parish - what can we do to ensure that all feel welcomed, cared for and respected. That all feel free to leave, feel free to stay.

The September issue of the **Legion of Mary Newsletter** is for sale after masses this weekend. It is available in Thornhills Hardware, Bridge Street and in Mary O’Brien’s - Trendy’s Hairdressing Salon, North Street.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.
Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 24th September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Donal Sheehy, Ballylynch.

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 25th September – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 27th September - 10.15am Rath

Friday 29th September – 10.15am Rath – Ailbhe Gallagher

Saturday 30th September

4.45pm – Sherkin

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PRAYER

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for justice, solidarity, and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.
Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common home.
Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
to every migrant whom you place in our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every situation
the culture of encounter and of care. Amen