

### FAMILY OF PARISHES SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 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.

#### • TO BOOK MASSES

ARRANGE CHRISTENINGS

HAVE ANNIVERSARIES CALLED OUT ETC,  
CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE  
1 NORTH STREET, SKIBBEREEN.

**Office open this week:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday  
from 10 am to 1 pm,

• Secretary Annette Glanton.  
Phone 028-22828.

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#### DEATHS IN AUGUST from the

##### COMMUNITY OF ST CIARÁN & ALL SAINTS:

18th: Helen Clynch, née Hickey, Moone, Co Kildare, late of Aughadown Parish.

22nd: Malachy Sherlock, Churchtown, Dublin, late of Union Hall (Myross parish).

#### AND FINALLY.....

A word to our valiant sacristans: please note that this newsletter is for distribution *after* Mass, to be given as people leave the church (the altar servers may help in distributing it). As people enter the church, everyone should receive a copy of the Mass leaflet with the readings, so that they can take in the Word of God and participate fully in Mass. Nothing is more important than that.

Previously readings and newsletter were on the same page. This is no longer the case, as each has a separate purpose.

Thank you for your help.

— **Fr Bernard**, EDITOR

#### THIS WEEK

**FRI 8: Birthday of Our Lady**, the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God

#### FINANCE REPORT

**Aughadown:** Average for the four August Sundays €875. Twice-yearly parish development collection, 6 Aug: €1,780.

**Castlehaven** Average for the four August Sundays €1,134. Monthly development fund collection, 6 Aug: €880.

**Kilmacabea** Average collection €816;

**Skibbereen** Average collection €1,770;

**Rath & The Islands** Average €1,135.

#### ☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

• Today, spend a while on your relationships *offline*; everybody isn't on social media.

#### 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.

**Southdoc** Phone 0818 355 999

**Women against Violence** Helpline 1800 203 136 — [westcorkwomensproject.ie](http://westcorkwomensproject.ie)

#### CLERGY

• Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP, Skibbereen (Moderator). PHONE: 028 22878

• Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap EMAIL: [kilmacabeaparish@gmail.com](mailto:kilmacabeaparish@gmail.com)

• Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall TEXT or WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627

• Fr Evin O'Brien CC, PHONE 028-22877



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All Saints**

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FAMILY OF PARISHES

# NEWSLETTER

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

SUN. 3 SEPTEMBER 2023    22ND SUNDAY    VOL 2: NO 1

## WE MUST CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME...

**M**y favourite cartoon of the summer shows an Italian family returning home after a few weeks in Ireland. “We had a great holiday”, they tell their relatives, “It rained every day!” Our rainy summer contrasted with the baking heat of southern Europe and all the wildfires across the globe. Global warming has indeed become global boiling.


It's said that Pope Francis is writing a second letter to follow up on *Laudato Si'*, his 2015 reflection on the environment. He could well call it “I told you so”, as his predictions on climate change in the original document are all coming true daily. The pope insists that protecting our common home is a moral

imperative, a challenge to each of us. Naturally, we want governments to do something, but we have to act as well.

And what are we to do? Save energy. Don't pollute. Limit the amount of fossil fuels you burn (petrol, oil and gas). Avoid plastic. Reduce, reuse, recycle, every day. Churches (and finance committees) are challenged also. No one is immune from this moral challenge, to save the earth.

Pope Francis calls this time of year ‘Creation-tide’, from 1 September to 4 October, feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron of care for the earth. Prayer is called for — and practical actions from each of us too. Even you and me.

**Fr Bernard, Castlehaven & Myross**



*Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth  
and till it.*

*Help us to act now  
for the good of future generations  
and all your creatures.*



## 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](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Saturday – 6.30pm** – Bridget Crowley, St Fachtna's Terrace

Dermot Grace, Reenascreena

**Sunday – 11am -** David Hourihane, Coronea

Dan Hurley, Market Street

**Monday – 9.30am -** Johnny Sullivan, Droum

**Tuesday – 9.30am –** Deceased members of the Long family, Lissalohorig and Milleenahorna

**Wednesday – 9.30am** – Mary Sweeney and John Goggin, Skibbereen and London

**Thursday – 9.30am** – Chris Wild, Yorkshire, England

**Friday - 9.30am -** Special Intention

**Saturday – 6.30pm -** Vera Buckley, Farranconnor, Castletownshend

Mary O'Driscoll, Coolnaclehy and her late husband, Pat

**Sunday – 11am -** Mary McCarthy, The Abbey

John Joe Connolly, Lisheenapingina

**Welcome back!** Getting back into the swing of things in September can be difficult. Bad news everyone - holidays are over, it's time to get back to work, but firing up the engines after some well-deserved time off can be hard. Here are some tips on how to relight the fire and find some focus.

**Review the last year:** Allow yourself to give thanks for what was achieved and take a note of what was planned but unfinished.

**Focus:** Allow yourself time to refocus, why are you doing what you are doing? What can I do to help me be more committed?

**Planning:** Set yourself a three-month plan. What I would like to have achieved by Christmas.

**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.**

**Back to school:** We would like to wish all students returning to school every happiness and blessing. We ask God to guide you in your studies, to keep you safe and to allow you to grow not just in knowledge, but in wisdom and character.

### **Prayer for September:**

*As September's sun rises, I stand at the threshold of renewed beginnings. Grant me the courage to step forward, leaving behind what no longer serves me. May the past be a steppingstone, not a stumbling block, as I embark on this fresh month. Infuse me with the energy to embrace change, the resilience to face challenges, and the enthusiasm to pursue my dreams. May this month of September mark the start of a journey marked by growth, purpose, and unwavering faith. Amen*

**New Rota for Collectors and Counters.** From the weekend of the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September** a new four-week rota for collectors and counters will begin. Your willingness to support and get personally involved in the smooth running of collecting and helping us to be always fully transparent when dealing with people's contributions to our parish is vital. We take this opportunity to thank all who are undertaking this important ministry in our parish.

**First Friday Calls.** This week the priests of the parish will be calling to the sick with Holy Communion. 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.

**Hospitality Morning** will resume on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** after the morning Mass in the Presbytery, North Street. All are welcome for a tea or coffee and a chat.

**Parish Pastoral Council meeting** on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm** in the Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen.

**Lectio Divina** has resumed on Saturday morning in the Presbytery, North Street at **11.15am. Please note change in time.** All are welcome.

**The Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.** The price, including bus, breakfast and evening meals will be €80.00. The bus will leave the Cathedral, Skibbereen at 5am and will pick up pilgrims on the route as in previous years. To book contact **Kathleen Courtney at 086 408 4688 or Anne Power at 087 625 5254.**

**Bantry Memory Café** meeting on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 11am to 1pm** in the Maritime Hotel. Contact **Lorna on 087 4001763** for further details.

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – Hannah O’Driscoll and her husband John

John Murphy, Baltimore Hill

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – 10.15am Rath

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** - 10.15am Rath

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September** – 10.15am Rath

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**4.45pm** – Sherkin

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Confessions by appointment.

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**The Redemptorists** have written to express their most sincere gratitude for the hospitality towards Fr Laurence Gallagher on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July in Skibbereen and Rath. Our parishioners made him feel very welcome and he was delighted to have had the opportunity to share about the mission work that they have ongoing. They would also like to express their thanks for the generous donations from our parishioners. These totalled €2,826.20. This money will go directly to our mission work.

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Amen

**Ilen Rovers** have an additional date added for their used clothes collection on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in both Rath and Church Cross pitches from 7pm to 8pm. All donations welcome.

**Alpha is a 10-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.

Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.00pm starting September 27th at 7.30 pm in Clonakilty. Alpha is free - so why not come along and give it a try!

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