

CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE FOR 8 OCTOBER 2023

FR JOHN HEINHOLD: Skibbereen Sat 6.30 pm, Kilcoe 10am, Lisheen 11.30am

FR TERRY O'BRIEN: Glandore 10 am, Leap 12 noon

FR BERNARD COTTER Union Hall 10 am, Castlehaven 11.30 am

FR EVIN O'BRIEN: Sherkin Sat 4.45pm, Rath Sun 9.30am, Skibbereen 11.00am

FR DES O'DRISCOLL: Oileán Cléire 10 am

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

MON 2 OCT: The Guardian Angels.

TUES 3 OCT: Blessed Columba Marmion, Dublin priest, became a Benedictine in Belgium, beatified in 2000.

WED 4 OCT: St Francis of Assisi, patron of ecologists. Last day of creationtide.

THURS 5 OCT: St Faustina Kowalske: inspired the Divine Mercy movement

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

• However many holy words you read, however many you speak, what good will they do if you do not act upon them?

OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th October marks the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, patron of Kilcoe Church, parish church of Aughadown (1905)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
PRAY FOR US

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE SYNOD (OR ANY MEETING)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
In the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

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

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

• Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap EMAIL: *kilmacabeparish@gmail.com*

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

• Fr Evin O'Brien CC, PHONE 028-22877

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

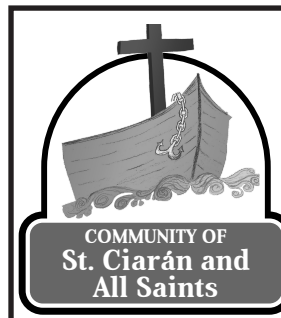
To book masses, arrange christenings, marriages, certs etc, contact the Family of Parishes Office, 1 North Street, Skibbereen.

Office open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 am to 1 pm.

Secretary Annette Glanton.

Phone 028-22828.

Email *stciaranasFOP@gmail.com*



COMMUNITY OF
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FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SUN. 1 OCTOBER 2023 26TH SUNDAY VOL 2: No 5

SIMPLE FAITH IS A PRECIOUS GIFT. TO BE ENVIED. AND PASSED ON.....

‘B’eadad it’s going to pour, so make the rattling windows tight’ (Boree log). It was Christmas night, pouring out of the heavens, with howling winds, rattling windows and mountainous seas. A padre is summoned out of bed by loud knocking and there standing at the window is a bearded man, fear in his eyes, yelling “Fa-der, Fader, come quickly, raise your hand and calm the sea. My boat is on the rocks.”

On a June morning last year the eyes of the world were on a grandmother with raised hands too, in the Amazonian rainforest pleading with the gods: “Give up my grandchildren you’ve been holding”.

PRAYER TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

*“O angel of God, my guardian dear
To whom God’s love commits me here
Ever this day be at my side, to light and
guard, to rule and guide. Amen”*

[THE GUARDIAN ANGELS ARE VENERATED
ON THIS MONDAY 2 OCTOBER.]

By midday a young rainforest man with a tortoise in his hands was pleading too. “If you give me the children I’ll let you go and if you don’t, I’ll eat you”, he said to the tortoise. He heard a soft cry. Through the leafy jungle he could see the children. Falling on his knees, he thanked God, and as part of the deal set the tortoise free. Thus the four children survived 40 days lost in a jungle infested with venomous snakes, poisonous plants and wild animals, having survived a terrible plane crash that killed their mother and the pilot.

The simple faith of these people is to be envied. And of course St. Paul did say somewhere: ‘In the faith you have received is something very precious’. And he goes on to say ‘Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit’. After all St. Thomas too said ‘Faith is the beginning of happiness in the mind’. Might it be what this ‘Mission Month’ of October is all about?

Fr Donal Cahill
Aughadown



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 30th September

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

Monday – 9.30am - Mass for the Holy Souls

Tuesday - 9.30am - Denis Herlihy, Leap and Waterford

Wednesday – 9.30am – People of the Parish

**11.30am – Mass to mark the opening of the school year
for Skibbereen Community School**

Thursday – 9.30am – Robert Gill, Mardyke Street

Friday - 9.30am - Cornelius and Kate Kissane, Dunbeacon

Saturday – 6.30pm – Kathleen Coakley, Glencurragh
Mary McDonnell, Glencurragh

Sunday –11am - Derry O'Sullivan, Lurriga
Denis and Ita Crowley, Glencurragh

We extend our condolences to the family of P J McCarthy of Bawnlahan, Tragumna who died during the week. May he Rest in Peace.

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.**

Autumn Home Station Mass. If you are willing to host a Station Mass this Autumn in your home, please contact the parish office on 028 22828 as soon as possible.

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

Gougane Sunday, On Sunday 1st October Bishop Fintan Gavin will preside at Mass at Gougane Barra to mark the 1,400th anniversary of the first Christian to have prayed there - St Finbarr. Finbarr established an early monastic community there and later went on to found a centre of learning in the marsh of Cork - which later grew into the city. All are invited to the celebrations at Gougane Barra, **Mass at 3pm is preceded by the Rosary at 2.30pm.** Our own Fr Bernard Cotter will preach the homily.

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 every Wednesday in the Presbytery, after the morning Mass. **All are welcome** for tea or coffee and a chat.

Meetings for Parents of our First Holy Communion Children. All parents of the FHC children are invited to attend a short meeting to be held in The Presbytery, North Street on **Monday 2nd October** –

For St Patrick's Boys N.S. at 7pm

For St Joseph's Girls N.S. and Gaelscoil Dr Uí Shúilleabháin at 8pm.

Skibbereen PPC Meeting will be held on Thursday **5th October** in The Presbytery, North Street at **7pm.**

Second Collection next weekend 7th and 8th October for Diocesan needs.

October is Safeguarding month in the Diocese. The parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Teams work hard all year to ensure our Churches are a safe space for children. We welcome all children and young people to participate fully in the life of the parish, whether it be attendance at Mass and the Sacraments, as Altar Servers, Choir, Children's Liturgy, Pray and Play, Youth Ministry etc. Feel free to contact the parish office for details. We look forward to seeing you.

The Redemptorists have written to express their sincere thanks and to give an updated total of €3,821.20 received from the parishioners of Skibbereen and Rath and the Islands, as donations to their mission appeal.

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 1st October – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath

Monday 2nd October – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 4th October - 10.15am Rath – Daniel & Ellen Davis and Mary & George Walsh, Lackahane

Friday 6th October – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 7th October

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 8th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Barty Scully and the deceased members of the Scully Family, Creagh

10.00am Cape Clear

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Confessions by appointment.

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Rath Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd October in the meeting room of the Sacred Heart Church, Rath at 7.30pm.

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Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus, Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection.

Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all.

We especially ask that the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care are protected.

Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure children and vulnerable adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for.

May we also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal.

Lord, you call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities.

Guide us as we build a community that fosters everyone to flourish and be safe.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(Archdiocese of Perth, Australia Safeguarding Program)

October is Mission Month, and it builds up to World Mission Sunday which will be held on Sunday the 22nd this year. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

For Mission Sunday 2023, Pope Francis has chosen the theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of St Luke (Lk 24:13-35 "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move").