

FAMILY OF PARISHES SCHEDULE FOR 18 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.

THIS WEEK

MON 11TH SEPT: Anniversary of the 2001 attacks in the USA, which took the lives of over 2,750 people in New York, 184 at the Pentagon in Washington and 44 in Pennsylvania (United Airlines Flight 93), people of many nationalities, including Irish people. May they rest in peace.

Wed 13: St John Chrysostom, in Irish 'Eoin an Bhéal Ór', (the golden-mouthed preacher). Patron saint of preachers.

Thurs 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (feast) marks the discovery of the True Cross in AD 335 by St Helena.

Fri 15: Our Lady of Sorrows, memorial, recalls Mary, who stood at the foot of the cross. as her son was dying.

Sat 16: St Cornelius (pope, patron saint of cattle and pets) & Cyprian (bishop), martyrs.

• *International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (UN)*

FINANCE REPORT (Sun 3 Sept)

Aughadown: €775.

Castlehaven & Myross: €730.

Development fund, €825.

Kilmacabea €720;

Maintenance Collection €630

Skibbereen €1,445;

Rath & The Islands 27 Aug, 3 Sept €3,245.

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

• Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?

• 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.

Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Each Monday morning, you will find the newsletters from our Family of Parishes posted on our Facebook page, **St Ciaran & All Saints**. It's perfect if you are curious about what's going on in Aughadown, or Skibbereen, or Rath & the Islands, or Kilmacabea, or Castlehaven & Myross....

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

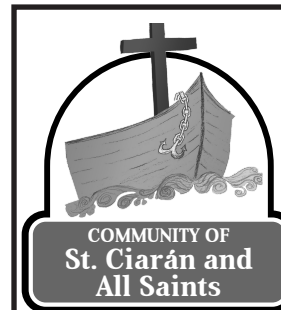
CLERGY

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

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

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

• Fr Evin O'Brien CC, PHONE 028-22877



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SUN. 10 SEPTEMBER 2023 23RD SUNDAY VOL 2: No 2

FEED THE BIRDS, RESPECT THE ANIMALS, CARE FOR CREATION!

Pope Francis has joined me at the breakfast each day for the last month. I have been reading his letter *Laudate Si'* at the start of each day, so I feel close to his deeply-held convictions. The pope is a scientist, so he uses scientific arguments to ask humanity to care for our common home. But you can see his underlying faith when he reminds us that *"science and technology are wonderful products of a God-given human creativity"*. So true.

Outside my breakfast window are the birds, helping themselves to the food I provide for them. It touches me to see the pope mention even the birds, reminding believers never to cause harm to any of creation, for everything is connected. Our dogs and cats, cows and horses and

every other animal deserve love and respect too, he says: *"The same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with other people"*. Everything is connected.

Apart from his beautiful language, what practical suggestions has the pope? How about these for a start:

- Use less heating, wear warmer clothes;
- Avoid using too much plastic and paper;
- Reduce water consumption;
- Separate your rubbish; recycle;
- Cook only what you need;
- Show care for other living beings;
- Use public transport, cycle or car-pool;
- Plant trees;
- Turn off unnecessary lights!

Everything is connected, says Pope Francis, we are all given a role in caring for the earth, our common home. Enjoy this year's creation-tide. May his patron, St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

Fr Bernard, Castlehaven & Myross

"Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs

— ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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 9th September

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

Monday – 9.30am The Holy Souls

Tuesday -9.30am Teresa Crowley, Bunalun

Wednesday – 9.30am – People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am – Pat O’Donovan, Cork Road

Friday - 9.30am - Aine Ruane, Co Mayo

Saturday – 6.30pm - Nancy Casey, Poundlick
Eily-May Wall, Mill Road and Lissaclarig

Sunday – 11am - St Joseph’s Young Priest Society
Paddy Walsh, Maulatrahane

Baptisms in St Patrick’s Cathedral, we welcome into our faith community –

Baptised on 12 August, Leya O’Brien, parents Shane and Skaiste,
Isaac Leahy, parents Bryan and Carol

Baptised on 19th August Paddy O’Regan, parents Raymond and Nicole
Hannah Leung, parents Davoren and Jennifer

Baptised on 26th August, Elsie Fahy, parents Oisín and Kayleigh

George Anthony, parents Liam and Claire

Baptised on 2nd September, Conor Keating, parents Noel and Clare

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.**

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.

Bicentenary of St Patrick’s Cathedral 2026 - In the past week the Bicentenary Committee met for the third time, and we are happy to say a big thank you to those who have taken on the offices of - Chairperson, Pat Fitzgerald; Vice Chairperson, Michael Dwyer; Secretary, Helen Dempsey; Vice Secretary, June Kelly; and Treasurer, Margaret Murphy. We have begun the work of looking at how best we can mark this great milestone of celebrating 200 years for our St Patrick’s Cathedral, Skibbereen. Several projects have been identified and fundraising will soon commence. We hope to keep people informed and up to date, so watch this space for more. Email address skibbcathedralbicentenary2026@gmail.com

Season of Creation - Message of Pope Francis for the Day of Creation, 1st September 2023: *“In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.”* This year we will unite around the theme, *“Let Justice and Peace Flow.”* A mighty river is the symbol for the Season of Creation 2023. **Prophet Amos** cries out *“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”* (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. **Prophet Isaiah** proclaims *“Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.”* (Isaiah 43: 19) We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all Creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family, or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river. As the People of God, **we must work together on behalf of all Creation**, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice. As a faith community what can we do? **Your suggestions would be welcome.** Email the parish office with your suggestions.

Safeguarding Representatives meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th September at 4pm** in the Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen.

Hospitality Morning Wednesdays in the Presbytery, after the morning Mass. **All are welcome** for a tea or coffee and a chat.

The Redemptorists have written to express their most sincere gratitude for the hospitality towards Fr Laurence Gallagher on 1st & 2nd 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 which will go directly to their mission work.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 10th September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 11th September – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 13th September - 10.15am Rath

Friday 15th September – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 16th September

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 17th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Fred Chaplin, Ballylynch

John Walsh, Baltimore & London

10.00am Cape Clear

Recently Baptised: We welcome Cillian Patrick Hayes, son of Ciaran & Zoe into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands as he received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 8th July.

Weekday masses – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10.15am.
Confessions by appointment.

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.

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Financial Committee meeting will be held on Monday 11th September at 8pm in the meeting room, Rath Church.

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

THE LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE to KNOCK will take place on Sunday 24th. September 2023. The price including bus, breakfast and evening meal will be €80. The bus will leave the Cathedral, Skibbereen at 5am and will pick up pilgrims on the route as in previous years. Bookings will be taken by Kathleen Courtney at 086 408 4688 or Anne Power at 087 625 5254.

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