

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY, 1 NOVEMBER

(HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)

6.30 PM TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER IN SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL).

9.30 AM WEDNESDAY IN LEAP & SKIBBEREEN.

10.00 AM WEDNESDAY IN KILCOE & UNION HALL

7.30 PM WEDNESDAY IN RATH PARISH CHURCH.

THIS WEEK

TUES. 31: BLESSED DOMINIC COLLINS. Born in Youghal, after a military career he became a Jesuit, was captured by the English who tried to make him give up his faith, and was hanged in Youghal on 31 Oct, 1602.

WED. 1 NOV: ALL SAINTS: Today and tomorrow we remember all the dead, those in heaven and those still be on the way there: God alone knows where each soul is. Today's feast celebrates the saints in heaven, the holy men and women of every time and place: we hope some of our people are among them.

THURS. 2 NOV: ALL SOULS: Yesterday and today, we remember all the dead, those in heaven and those still be on the way there: God alone knows where each soul is. Today we pray for all souls, for the faithful departed still on the journey to their heavenly home.

• *The novena for our dead begins today.*

FRI 3 NOV. (First Friday): St Malachy, the reforming Bishop of Armagh, died in 1148.

SAT 4 NOV: St Charles Borromeo, patron of catechists and seminarians.

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

• 'The sun is up and ready to shine in — if you open the curtains' (ST JOHN OF THE CROSS).

OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

We mourn the sudden death in Rome of **Fr Criostóir MacDonald**, late of Mill Rd, Skibbereen, Co-PP in Mayfield, Cork.

• This Monday marks the 15th anniversary of **Fr Barry Keane**, late Adm. Skibbereen.

— MAY THEY REST IN PEACE —

FINANCE REPORT (22 Oct)

Aughadown: €810; Mission Sun. €670.

Castlehaven & Myross:

€1,015; Mission Sun. €835

Kilmacabea €640; Mission Sun. €600

Skibbereen €1,300; Mission Sun. €880.

The Mission Sunday collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. You can still donate €4 by texting "MISSION" to 50300, or online at www.missio.ie by credit card. Thank you.

Parishes Office Opening Hours

Family of Parishes Office, North St, Skibbereen (phone 028-22828) open this week: Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am to 1pm, **Email** stciaranasFOP@gmail.com

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: westcorkbeacon.ie

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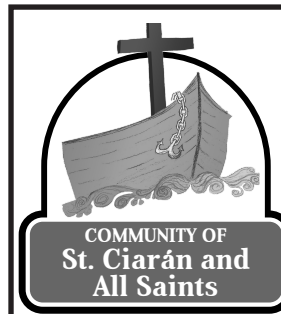
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COMMUNITY OF
St. Ciarán and
All Saints

St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SUN. 29 OCTOBER 2023 30TH SUNDAY VOL 2: No 9

IS IT HALLOWE'EN OR ALL HALLOWS' EVE?

When I was young, we played snap apple at Halloween, and wondered who would get the ring in the barm brack. My children used to dress up in black bin-liners or white sheets. They put flour in their hair to look more ghostly.

Halloween now is about mid-term, pumpkins, "trick-or-treating" and elaborate costumes for children, as they go from house to house getting many sweet treats. Houses are decorated with ghouls and witches — and Halloween decorations are in the shops in September!

Halloween is said to have originated from the ancient Celtic festival of *Samhain*, which marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. As time went on, Halloween traditions merged with Christian practices.

In the ninth century, the Catholic Church established All Hallows (All Saints) on November 1st to honour men and women, baptised just as we are, who

are now part of the communion of saints. The evening before, October 31st, became known as All Hallows Eve. This title eventually evolved into Halloween.

While Halloween has grown into a major commercial holiday, the Feast of 'All Hallows' seems to have faded into irrelevance. When I was growing up, I thought the feast of All Saints was about praying to holy people who had gone to God. However, now that my parents and others I knew have died, I see 'All Saints' as those ordinary people, people just like us, who have gone before us and who live on in our hearts. For me, this gives all of us a great reason to celebrate All Hallows' Eve, as well as Halloween.

'Those whom we have loved and lost are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are', said St. John Chrysostom — incidentally the patron saint of preachers.

Maura O'Flynn [CATECHIST]

COMMUNITY OF ST CIARÁN & ALL SAINTS



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 28th October 2023**

Saturday – 6.30pm – Peg Hodnett, Rosscarbery
Eileen and Jack O’Sullivan, Cork Road
Tony Salter, Drishanmore, Month’s Mind

Sunday – 11am - Teddy Hourihane, Lurriga
Betty Sheehan and Sheila Horvath, Mardyke Street

Monday – 9.30am - John O’Donovan, Carrigfadda
Desmond Harte, Month’s Mind

Tuesday - 9.30am -John and Maura Cadogan, Bishopstown (formerly Skibbereen)

Wednesday – 9.30am – People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am – Novena **Friday - 9.30am** - Novena
Saturday – 6.30pm – Novena **Sunday – 11am** - Novena

Mass for the Solemnity for All Saints will be on Wednesday 1st November at 9.30am. Please note the vigil mass will be in Rath Church on Tuesday 31st October at 7.30pm.

November Novena Masses Thursday 2nd to Friday 10th at 9.30am.

We extend our condolences to the family of Margaret O’Donovan (née O’Donovan) of Lakelands, Skibbereen, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

We extend our condolences to the family of Anne Hurley (née O’Driscoll) of Mardyke Park, Skibbereen who died recently. May she 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.**

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.

Lectio Divina - Saturdays at **11.15am - 12 noon** in the Presbytery, North Street.

Autumn Envelopes have been available in our church for some weeks. You are now asked to return your offering as soon as possible by bringing it to Mass or

dropping it into the letterbox of the Parish office. Your contribution goes towards the income of the priests of the parish.

Blessing of Graves on Sunday 5th November: Convent 12 noon, Chapel Lane 12.45pm, St Patrick’s 2.00pm, Abbeystrewry 2.45pm.

Bereavement Mass will be held for the Family of Parishes on **Monday 20th November in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Skibbereen**

October Safeguarding Month – In the past week the Safeguarding committees of our parishes have completed and submitted the Diocesan Safeguarding Audit for 2023. Many thanks to our Safeguarding representatives for keeping this very important topic before our attention at all times. We always strive to make the church a safe and joyful experience for all our children and those who are most vulnerable in our faith communities.

1st November – All Saints – The Feast of All Saints or All Saints’ Day is a Solemnity that celebrates the honour of all church saints, whether known or unknown. This is a yearly reminder of the connectedness between us and all who are now in heaven. Perhaps you were taught to think of saints as statues in a church building. **Who is a saint? YOU ARE** that is, if you’re a follower of Jesus. God calls a “saint” those who trust in Christ alone for Salvation (*see Acts 9:13, Romans 8:27 and 1 Cor. 1:2*) The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth, between us here on earth and all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven. Friends, anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation is a saint in God’s sight.

2nd November – The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) - The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. The latter includes the Saints in Heaven and the faithful Souls being purified in Purgatory. Just as we honour those who are with God in Heaven on November first, on November 2nd we celebrate a **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**. On this day we honour them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them, since they are being purified before entering the All-Holy Presence of God in Heaven.

November Envelopes are available in all churches this weekend. Please return the envelope with the names of all you would like to be remembered during the Novena and your offering. The names will be placed in a basket for all masses during the Nine-day Novena beginning today and will culminate with a joint Family of Parishes Mass in St Patrick’s Cathedral, North Street, Skibbereen at **7.30pm on Monday the 20th** of November when we remember in particular all who have died in our parishes in the past twelve months.

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



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday 29th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Mary Ann O’Neill, Oldcourt – First Anniversary

Clarie O’Neill, Oldcourt & Robert O’Driscoll, Lackahane

Maureen McCarthy, Bunlick, Skibbereen

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 30th October – 10.15am Rath

Tuesday 31st October – 7.30pm – **Vigil Mass for Solemnity of All Saints**

Anthony O’Driscoll, The Cove, Baltimore and his parent’s John & Virginia O’Driscoll

Wednesday 1st November – No Mass

Thursday 2nd November – 7.30pm Rath – November Novena

Friday 3rd November – 7.30pm Rath – November Novena

Saturday 4th November

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 5th November – **Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Rath – November Novena

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday masses – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10.15am. (**No morning mass during November Novena**)

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Blessing of Graves on Sunday the 5th November: Tullagh Graveyard at 2.45pm and Creagh Graveyard at 3.30pm.

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