

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

MON 9 OCT St John Henry Newman, priest, canonised in 2019. He was received into the Catholic Church on this day in 1845.

WED 11: St John XXIII, pope (“Good Pope John”). On this day the Church prays:

Almighty everlasting God,
who in Pope Saint John the Twenty-Third
has given a living example of Christ,
the Good Shepherd,
to shine throughout the world,
grant us, we pray,
that, through his intercession,
we may joyfully pour out
an abundance of Christian charity.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

CONFIRMATION DATES IN OUR

FAMILY OF PARISHES, 2024

Monday 26 February Kilmacabea
Monday 11 March Skibbereen
Thursday 18 April Aughadown
Wednesday 24 April Rath & The Islands
Friday 26 April Castlehaven (in Union Hall)

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

- Some things you hear with your ears;
others you hear with your heart.

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

Finance Report

AUGHADOWN

24 Sept. €765; 1 Oct. €850

Priesthood Education: €460

CASTLEHAVEN-MYROSS

24 Sept. €720 1 Oct. €805

Priesthood Education: €440

Parish Development Fund: €880

Kilmacabea: 1 Oct. €670

Skibbereen 24 Sept. €1155 1 Oct €1330

Priesthood Education: €975

Rath (24 Sept & 1 Oct): €1,750

Priesthood Education €520

Special collection this Sunday 8 October for Diocesan Needs. The last such collection, taken up in parishes last July, amounted to €49,098. This collection contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including personnel, utilities, repairs, maintenance, insurance, professional fees, primary and secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry etc

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**

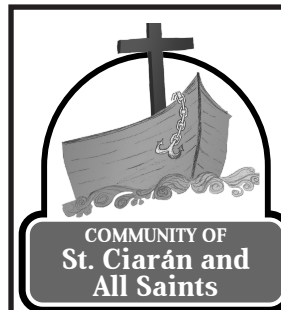
Samaritans Phone 116 123 free.

Southdoc Phone 0818 355 999

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136 — westcorkwomensproject.ie

CLERGY

Priests holding appointments in the diocese are on retreat this week. Fr Evin O’Brien CC will be on duty for our parishes: PHONE 028 22877



COMMUNITY OF
St. Ciarán and
All Saints

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FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SUN. 8 OCTOBER 2023 27TH SUNDAY VOL 2: No 6

WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE THE BIBLE WHEN YOU PRAY?

Since the beginning of September, a few people have been getting together in the Presbytery in Skibbereen on Saturday mornings. They gather for approximately 45 minutes for *Lectio divina*. Now they would like to welcome others from the family of parishes who may be interested to join in.

Lectio divina (‘divine reading’) is a prayer method that develops your relationship with God using his words in the scriptures. There are four helpful stages:

1. Lectio (READ) – First read the scripture passage. Listen carefully for any words or phrases that strike you, allowing God to give gentle guidance.

2. Meditatio (REFLECT) – A slow reading of the scripture passage for the second

time helps focus further on words that strike you. Reflect on what God is saying. Try your best not to analyse the passage but listen: “*Lord grant that I may hear your word for me, loud and clear*”.

3. Oratio (RESPOND) – Read the scripture passage a third time, then it’s time to respond. Have a conversation with God.

4. Contemplatio (REST) – The final reading is followed by silence. People sit quietly and allow God’s spirit to work. God uses your imagination to show how much he loves you. End with the Our Father.

Come along some Saturday and give it a try. *Lectio divina* is on every Saturday morning at 11.15am in the Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen.

Fr John Heinhold SKIBBEREEN

DID YOU KNOW:

- *Lectio divina* has been practised in the Church since the Fifth Century or earlier.
- It treats the Bible not as a text to be studied — but as the Living Word of God.
- You need no biblical expertise for *Lectio*. It’s used in parishes all over Ireland.



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 7th October 2023

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

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

Monday – 9.30am – Helen Sheehan, Meenvane, Lake Marsh

Tuesday - 9.30am - Gerry Lucey, North Street

Wednesday – 9.30am – People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am – Get Well Intention

Friday - 9.30am - Sam Kingston, Connonnagh

Saturday – 6.30pm – Agnes O’Mahony, Curragh, Skibbereen
Michael and Kathleen Nagle, Derryleigh

Sunday –11am - David and Gillian Morrison, Riverdale
MaryKate and Peter Harrington, Kilnagospagh

We welcome into our faith community Ethel and Fionn McCarthy who were baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on 30th September, their parents are Joanne and Séan

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.

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

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

Second Collection this weekend for Diocesan needs.

Safeguarding Month – Week 2

The Diocese is fully committed to creating and maintaining safe environments within our churches, parishes, and ministry. We have a number of policies and guidance in place to ensure that best practice is maintained through our Ministry with children and vulnerable adults, such as Child Safeguarding, Adult Safeguarding, Garda Vetting, Pilgrimage Policies etc. We also have lots of guidance for ministry within the parishes, as well as general advice around safe use of social media etc. These policies, and more, can be found on the safeguarding page on the Diocesan website. www.corkandross.org/safeguarding

Synod on Synodality: *Communion, Participation, and Mission* - From the 4th of October 2023 the Synod on Synodality got under way in Rome. Let us remember to pray for all who are involved. On the 30th September Pope Francis led an ecumenical prayer service in St Peter’s Square which highlighted two fundamental aspects of the people of God: the centrality of prayer and the importance of dialogue with others to advance together on the paths of fraternity in Christ and on unity. From the 1st to the 3rd of October all the participants attending the Synod went on retreat, again reinforcing the importance of prayer in the process of this Synod. So, as Pope Francis asked, let us join, all in prayer, for the Holy Spirit to be present in the heart of the Synod Assembly. That this Synod on Synodality will be a Synod like no other opening the path in our church to become a truly Synodal Church: ***Communion, Participation, and Mission.***

CONNECT 3 - Faith Gathering for Young Adults (18 to 35 Years)

The Diocese of Cork and Ross is delighted to announce that **CONNECT 3** will take place on **Sunday, 15th October from 9.30am, in Devere Hall, UCC.** It promises to be a great day of fun, prayer, food, talks, Mass, fellowship, and more. There is no charge for attending. To register simply visit corkandross.org

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”).**

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a Demonstration with Carolyn Miller of Stalks and Stems, Cork City, on **Wednesday 11th October at 8.15pm.** in Abbeystrewry Hall, Skibbereen. Please support our Club and bring a friend.

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 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

Monday 9th October – No Mass – Priests Retreat

Wednesday 11th October - No Mass – Priests Retreat

Friday 13th October – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 14th October

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 15th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Leonard and his wife Mary, Reengaroga

Ralph Skinner and his sister Mary Skinner, Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday masses – There will be no mass on Monday and Wednesday this week as the priests are on retreat. There is mass in Skibbereen every weekday morning at 9.30am. Weekday mass resumes in Rath on Friday at 10.15am. Confessions by appointment.

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First Friday Calls - 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.

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

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Rath NS is delighted to open our doors to our community as a way of saying Thank You for all the support you have shown us over the years and to officially mark our new extension. This will take place on **Sunday, October 22nd at 11am**. All past & present families, neighbours and friends are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Overflow parking available in Ilen Rovers car park.