

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

God of perfect peace,
violence and cruelty
can have no part in you.
May those who are at peace
with one another hold fast to the
good will that unites them;
may those who are enemies
forget their hatred and be healed.
Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THIS WEEK

TUES 14: ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE was Ireland's first officially canonised saint. He was abbot of Glendalough before being chosen as Dublin's first native archbishop; worked for peace and reconciliation at home and abroad, and died in Eu in Normandy in AD 1180.

• *World Diabetes Day (UN)*

WED 15: ST ALBERT THE GREAT taught in Cologne and is the patron saint of scientists.

THURS 16: ST MARGARET — an English princess and a Scottish queen, whom history records as a strong, pure, noble character: happy feastday to all who share her name!

FRI 17: ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY was a queen at 14, widowed and exiled at 20, dead at 24. She was a charitable woman inspired by Francis of Assisi, she cared for the poor, even giving away her royal clothes to benefit them. Patron saint of bakers, brides, charities, homeless people, hospitals, widows.

• *Next Sunday, 19 Nov. is the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims*

FINANCE NEWS

The special collection this Sunday 12th November for 'Marriage Care' supports the work of ACCORD in the diocese.

• *Finance reports for Sundays 5 & 12th Nov will be in next Sunday's newsletter.*

• TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, CHRISTENINGS, ANNIVERSARIES ETC, CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE, NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

Office open: Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri. 10 am-1 pm. Phone 028-22828 (Annette)

Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com

Family of Parishes Bereavement Mass

In November we remember all our dead, but it's important that those who live on with grief are thought of as well. Their concerns are central to the Bereavement Mass for our five parishes, to be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Monday 20 November, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to come and support each other.

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

• 'Pray as if everything depends on God and work as if everything depends on you!'

— ST AUGUSTINE

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

CLERGY

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

• Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap EMAIL: kilmacabeaparissh@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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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)

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MY SISTER DIED OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO. I STILL MISS HER

Imagine a large pane of glass: it's smooth and wide, and intact. And then it smashes into a thousand pieces, as if it were dropped from a height on to a concrete floor.

When people ask what it's like to have grown up in a family where a child died, this is the nearest analogy I can offer. The glass shattered for my family more than half a century ago, but sometimes I come across a sharp shard. It slices into me with ease: I am back on that day in 1972 when my sister Clare, aged three-and-three-quarters, died.

Clare was the youngest of the four children in our family, and I — aged

nearly ten — was the eldest. There is no hierarchy of awfulness when it comes to the death of a child, but the loss of the baby of the family, the child everyone tries to look after and protect, seemed somehow the most unthinkable disaster of all. And we had no warning, no time to prepare: one moment Clare was the sweet-natured, sunny little girl she had always been; the next, she was lying fatally injured on the road.

On the day she died, I remember being absolutely certain that I — that we, our entire family — never could and never would be happy again. The joy had been sucked out of our home so comprehensively, it seemed impossible that it could ever return.

I was wrong, of course, but I was right to know that nothing would ever be the same again, for any of us. We were a thousand smithereens, strewn across a vast sea.

— **Joanna Moorhead**

[From *The Tablet*, 21 October 2023.

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WHO IS THE BEREAVEMENT MASS FOR?

The Bereavement Mass on Monday 20th in Skibbereen, is for anyone who is grieving, whether your loss is fresh or ancient. Fr Terry O'Brien, Co-PP LEAP, will preach the homily and you will be invited to light a candle for the one whose loss you mourn. The Mass is at 7.30 pm on Monday 20 November in the Cathedral, Skibbereen.



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 11th November 2023

Saturday – 6.30pm – Michael and Kate O'Brien

Charles and Peggy McCarthy, Cullinagh

Sunday – 11am - Betty Crowley, The Moorings, First anniversary
Michael and Kate O'Brien, Bridge Street

Monday – 9.30am - Mass for the Holy Souls

Tuesday - 9.30am - Ciss Power, Adrigole

Wednesday – 9.30am – People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am – Kathleen Gallagher, formerly of Lisalohorig

Friday - 9.30am - John, Josephine, Terry and John Joe O'Sullivan,
North Street

Saturday – 6.30pm – Charlie McCarthy, Chapel Lane
Liam Calnan, Coolnagurrane
Alfie O'Mahony, Month's Mind

Sunday – 11am - James and Bridget Keane, Mardyke Street
David Hourihane, Lough Hyne Road
Margaret O'Donovan, Lakelands, Month's Mind

We extend our condolences to the families of

Ann-Marie O'Regan (née Reen) Rowryglen, Rosscarbery (formerly Skibbereen)

Very Rev Fr Criostóir Mac Donald Mayfield, Cork (formerly Skibbereen)

Jim Barry, Innishannon, (formerly Skibbereen)

Rose King (née O'Donoghue) The Abbey, Skibbereen
who died recently. May they 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.

Station Mass in the home of Dolores and Diarmuid Ruane, Upper Bridge Street, Skibbereen on **Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm.**

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

Bereavement Mass will be held for the **Family of Parishes** on **Monday 20th November at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen.**

Second collection this weekend in aid of Accord for Marriage support.

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

Praying for our Dead continues for the entire month of November.

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Anam Cara West Cork the organisation which supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent evening on Tuesday 21st November at 7.20pm in Fernhill House Hotel Clonakilty, P85 X322. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For information phone 085 288 8888 or email info@anamcara.ie



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 12th November – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Kathleen Scully, Creagh

Denis McCarthy, Reengaroga

Geraldine Ahern

Monday 13th November – 10.15am Rath – Deceased members of the Fitzgerald Family, The Abbey

Wednesday 15th November – 10.15am Rath – Dan & Mary O’Leary

Friday 17th November – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 18th November

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 19th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Joan Collins, Lahern, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10.15am.

Confessions by appointment.

Autumn Station Mass will be held for the Station areas of Ballylynch East and West in the home of Ingo and Maeve Devlin on Friday 17th November at 7.30pm.

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Autumn Envelopes have been available in our church for some weeks now. You are now asked to return your offering as soon as possible by bringing it to mass with you or dropping it into the letterbox of the Parish office. Your contribution goes towards the income of the priests of the parish.

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Explore Life, Faith and Meaning – Would you like to be involved in running Alpha in your Parish or Family of Parishes. The Diocese is hosting an Alpha information afternoon for those who may be interested on **Saturday 25th November 2023 from 1.30pm to 4pm in Ovens Parish Centre.**

Please Register through your Moderator/Co-Parish Priest or contact the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021/7355517 or on the Diocesan website www.corkandross.org/mission-and-ministry.

Baltimore Community Market every Sunday in the Baltimore Sailing Club from 11am to 1.30pm. Please call and support our local producers.