

COME AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

The Bereavement Mass on this Monday night in Skibbereen is for anyone who is grieving. 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. All are invited to come and offer support in prayer. The Mass is at 7.30 pm this Monday 20 November, in the Cathedral, Skibbereen.

THIS WEEK

MON 20: Today is World Children's Day: first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and celebrated on 20 November each year, to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide, and to improve children's welfare.

TUES 21: THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: this memorial celebrates Mary's grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit. It's the congregational feastday of the Presentation Sisters.

WED 22: ST CECILIA (MARTYR): patroness of music and musicians, choirs, cantors, instrumentalists and singers: happy feastday to everyone in music ministry in our churches!

THURS 23: ST COLUMBAN (COLUMBANUS), abbot and missionary, after whom the Columban missionaries are named. Columban went 'on pilgrimage for Christ', founding monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil, and Fontaine in France, Bregenz (Austria) and Bobbio (Italy), where he died in AD 615.

FRI 24: ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC and Companions, Vietnamese martyrs.

SAT 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (UN)

• *Next Sunday, 26 Nov. is the feast of Christ the King, last Sunday in the Church's year.*

✧ **POINT TO PONDER** ✧

We are not wholly bad or good
Who live our lives under Milk Wood,
And Thou, I know, wilt be the first
To see our best side, not our worst.

— DYLAN THOMAS

FINANCE NEWS (1-12 Nov)

Aughadown: All Saints Day: €200
5 Nov: €860. 12 Nov: €1,085
Marriage Support €705

Castlehaven All Saints Day €140.
5 Nov: €680. 12 Nov: €760
Parish Development Fund €870

Kilmacabea 5 Nov €855. 12 Nov €715
Parish Maintenance Fund: €722

Skibbereen 5 Nov: €1495; 12 Nov €1355
Marriage Support €680

Rath & The Islands 5 & 12 Nov: €1820
Marriage Support €305

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

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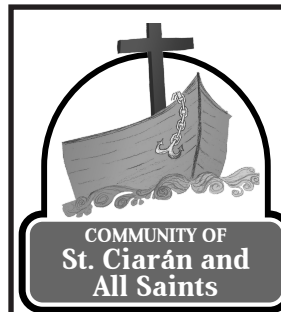
• Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall
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• TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, CHRISTENINGS, ANNIVERSARIES ETC, CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE, NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

Office open: Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri. 10 am-1 pm.
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COMMUNITY OF
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All Saints**

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FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

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A NOVEMBER REFLECTION.....

THE TRAIN OF LIFE

At birth we boarded the train of life and met our parents. We believed they would always travel by our side.



However, at some station, our parents step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone. As time goes by, some significant people board the train: siblings, other children, friends — even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realise that they vacated their seats.

This train ride is a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, good-byes, and farewells. A successful journey requires having a good relationship with all passengers, which means we must give the best of ourselves.

The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way — loving, forgiving, giving, and sharing. When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

SPREAD THE WORD:** perhaps you have a neighbour or family member who can't get our Community Newsletter every week. Why not collect a copy for them? Or perhaps your local shop might like to make a few copies available to interested people: why not ask them?. **Let's spread the word!



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 18th November 2023

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

Monday – 9.30am - Get well intention

MONDAY - 7.30pm FAMILY OF PARISHES BEREAVEMENT MASS

Tuesday - 9.30am - Florence and Eileen Crowley, Inchinogotagh

Wednesday – 9.30am – People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am – Martin Connolly, Derrylugga

Friday - 9.30am – Pat Cleary and Mary O'Leary, Market Street and deceased members of the O'Leary family

Saturday – 6.30pm Michael John and Josephine Carey, Derrylugga

Ann Hurley, Milland

Billy Dwyer, Bunlick, Month's Mind

Sunday – 11am Theresa O'Donovan, Market Street

Brian Foley, Bridge Street

Ann Hurley, Mardyke Street, Month's Mind

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.

Bereavement Mass for our Family of Parishes St Ciarán and All Saints, will be held on this coming **Monday 20th November at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen.** If you have been bereaved, why not join us on this special occasion.

Thank you to all who participated and contributed in any way to our Novena for the Faithful Departed. We pray it was a time of grace, consolation, and blessings for all.

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

Financial Committee Meeting will be held in the **Presbytery, North Street on Thursday 23rd November at 7pm.**

Prayer for Death of a Loved One Scripture:

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. – *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14* “O God who raises the dead, who has secured our eternal state through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as we trust in his saving work, help me to grieve the loss of my loved one, but not like those who have no hope. Your Word says that my believing loved one has ‘fallen asleep’ and will wake on that day when you bring those who trust in Jesus to yourself in glory.”

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Funeral Team Gathering. All the Funeral Teams throughout the Diocese will gather for the annual prayer evening on **Tuesday 21st November in Ovens Parish Centre at 7.30pm.**

Alpha Information Day will be held by the Diocese on **Saturday 25th November in Ovens Parish Centre at 1.30pm to 4.00pm.** Please register through your **Moderator/Co-PP 028 22828** or contact the office for **Mission and Ministry** at **021 7355517.**



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 19th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Joan Collins, Lahern

Eileen Hallihane, Church Strand

Monday 20th November – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 22nd November – 10.15am Rath

Friday 24th November – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 25th November

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 26th November – Feast of Christ the King

9.30am Rath – Sheila Connolly, Crow Hill

Richard & Eileen Bushe, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

Recently Baptised: We welcome Robyn O’Neill, daughter of Sean & Olive into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands as she received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 28th October in St Mona’s Church, Sherkin Island.

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Report on November Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The following points were discussed at the meeting:

1. The next Children’s Mass will take place on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 3rd December 2023.
2. Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Rath at 8pm. As Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year the 4th Sunday of Advent will be celebrated at 9.30am on Christmas Eve.
3. For the present the Holy Day Masses will be celebrated on the eve of the Holy Day.
4. Information on the first session of the Synod can be found on the Vatican News website.

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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 028/22828 or contact the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021/7355517 or on the Diocesan website www.corkandross.org/mission-and-ministry.