

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FOUR SUNDAYS OF ADVENT (3-10-17-24 DECEMBER)

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, Sun: Rath 9.30am, Oileán Cléire 10 am

SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): Saturdays 6.30 pm, Sunday 11.00 am.

### THIS WEEK

**MON 27: ST FERGAL** was the Irish-born Bishop of Salzburg, the city's patron saint.

**THURS 30: ST ANDREW**, apostle, brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. Patron saint of Scotland, Cyprus, Malta, Russia and fishermen.

• **COP28** (the UN Climate Change Conference) begins in Dubai today. Pope Francis will attend from 1-3 Dec, pleading for agreement to save our Common Home.

**FRI 1 DEC: (FIRST FRIDAY). ST CHARLES DE FOUCAULD**, priest and martyr, from Strasbourg in France, founded a religious community in North Africa that offered hospitality to Christians, Muslims, Jews, or people of no religion. He was canonised in 2022.

• *Today is World AIDS Day. This year's theme is "Let Communities Lead".*

**SUN 3 DEC.** is the First Sunday of Advent. Why not make your own Advent wreath? Four candles — three purple and one pink — are arranged in a circle, with greenery and ribbons, with a candle lit each Sunday.

#### ALL CREDIT TO THE AUTHOR

Last week's newsletter contained a reflection entitled "THE TRAIN OF LIFE" It appeared to be anonymous. June Kelly has kindly supplied this biography of its author, Jean d'Ormesson: Jean d'Ormesson was born in 1925 into an aristocratic French family and was raised a Catholic. He was a writer, columnist, reporter, and philosopher. He died in 2017, and is buried in Père Lachaise Cemetery, Paris, where famous people like Oscar Wilde are interred.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

### FINANCE CORNER (19 NOV)

**Aughadown:** €925

**Castlehaven** €800. (Marriage Support €330)

**Kilmacabea** €750

**Skibbereen** : €1,510

### ☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

"We all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's futures. And we are all mortal."

— PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
AT WASHINGTON DC IN 1963

#### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — [alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://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](http://westcorkbeacon.ie)

#### CLERGY

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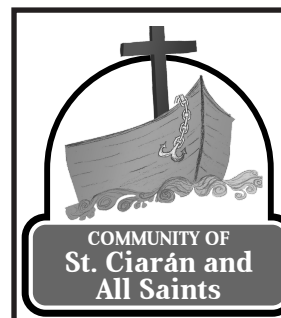
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• TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, CHRISTENINGS, ANNIVERSARIES ETC, CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE, NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

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**St Ciarán & All Saints**  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

## NEWSLETTER

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

SUN. 26 NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING VOL 2: No 13

## WORRIED ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING? TRY THIS...

The recent floods in Midleton have caused misery — loss of businesses, livelihoods, properties damaged and the mental trauma, worry and fear that follow. The fact that some people had been unable to get flood insurance only made the situation worse.

The appearance of a photograph showing 'Midleton Flooded in 1920' shows that the recent flooding was foreseeable. It does not give much confidence that things will get better.

The extent of recent floods is to most people's thinking the result of global

warming. This is a worldwide issue, to be dealt with on a worldwide scale, sooner rather than later. In the meantime, there will have to be steps taken to reduce the consequences of these awful weather changes — flood protection structures and property protection by public bodies.

This leaves the issue of what each person can do. Options open include: (on a domestic level) insulation and heating; (regarding transport), using public transport, car sharing, cutting out unnecessary journeys and walking and cycling where possible. These are all issues that involve cost — money, inconvenience change, disruption etc. All of these are generally avoided by people where possible.

The good news is that there is one option for each of us that does not cost. This option is to follow the advice seen hanging from the lectern of a local church recently which read "Take time to pray. It is the greatest power on earth." Try this.

[SUBMITTED BY A FRIEND OF FR DONAL CAHILL, AUGHADOWN]

#### Prayer for the COP28 climate summit

God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory. Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other. Inspire world leaders at COP28 so that our common home may be healed and restored and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it. Amen.



## 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: [skibbereeparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereeparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

**Mass Intentions from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Saturday – 6.30pm** Michael John and Josephine Carey, Derrylugga  
Ann Hurley, Milland

**Sunday – 11am** Billy Dwyer, Bunlick, Month's Mind  
Theresa O'Donovan, Market Street  
Brian Foley, Bridge Street

**Monday – 9.30am -** Ann Hurley, Mardyke Street, Month's Mind  
Special intention

**Tuesday - 9.30am -** The Walsh family, Reenmurrageha

**Wednesday – 9.30am –** People of the Parish

**Thursday – 9.30am –** David Morrison and his daughter, Gillian, Riverdale

**Friday - 9.30am –** The Ryan Family, Skeagh

**Saturday – 6.30pm** Declan Price, Skibbereen and Baltimore  
Lorraine Flanagan, Tralee

**Sunday – 11am -** Kathleen O'Donovan, Mardyke Street  
Ann Madden (née Foley), formerly of Skibbereen  
AnnMarie O'Regan, Rosscarbery and Skibbereen,  
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.**

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

**Lectio Divina** on Saturdays at **11.15am – 12 noon** in the Presbytery, North Street

**Autumn Station Mass** will be held for Maulbrak and Kilnaclasha/Lakelands in the home of Phil Walsh on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10am.**

**Many thanks** to all who attended and participated in the Bereavement Mass held in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**Bicentenary Committee Meeting** will be held in the Presbytery, North Street on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.**

**First Friday calls** will be made during this coming week. If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like a visit from a Priest, please contact the **parish office 028 22828.**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—Solemnity - Last Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Jesus said to his disciples: *“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”* ~Matthew 25:31–34

Our liturgical year is ordered in such a way as to lead us through the entire mystery of salvation won for us in Christ. Each liturgical year begins with Advent, when we ponder the Incarnation that leads us to the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Following Christmas we enter the public ministry of Christ during Ordinary Time, which begins with the feast of His Baptism. During Ordinary Time, we enter the deepest paschal mystery of Lent and Easter, culminating with the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Easter Season concludes with Christ's Ascension and Pentecost, the beginning of the Church. Finally, after the rest of Ordinary Time, we come to the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King. The liturgical feast of Christ the King was added to the Church calendar in 1925, by Pope Pius XI. At the time Pope Pius XI instituted it, the world was in political and social chaos. After World War I ended in 1918, secularism began to grow worldwide, and communist and fascist ideologies emerged, leading many to question and even abandon their faith. Pope Pius XI felt that he needed to remind the Church and the world that there is only one King, and that King is not only the King of Catholics, but He is also the King of humanity, of the entire Universe. (extr. - My Catholic Life)

**Skibbereen Flower and Garden club** are holding a demonstration with Ann Walsh, Bandon on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8.15pm** in West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen. Great night assured. Come along and bring a friend.

**Skibbereen Luncheon Club** invites you to join in their festive fundraiser in Cara House, Market Street, Skibbereen **11am to 1pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.** Raffle on the day with over 20 amazing prizes. All welcome.

**Dreeney National School** are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 2nd. December 2023 in aid of Cancer Connect. All support and donations gratefully appreciated.



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

**Priest on Duty/Emergency** – 086/7852262

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Sunday 26th November – Feast of Christ the King**

**9.30am** Rath – Sheila Connolly, Crow Hill

Richard & Eileen Bushe, Baltimore

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 27th November** – 10.15am Rath – Tim O’Driscoll, Coornishal

**Wednesday 29th November** – 10.15am Rath – Special Intention

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – 10.15am Rath – Special Intention

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**4.45pm** – Sherkin

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent**

**9.30am** Rath – Peter & Mary Leonard, Reengaroga and Dingle

Mary & Richard Connolly, Lissanuhig

Paddy & Mary Holland, South Rath

**10.00am** Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

**Recently deceased:** We extend our condolences to the family of Dermot McSweeney, Church Strand, Baltimore. May he rest in peace.

**Safeguarding meeting** to be held on Monday 27th of November in the meeting room in Rath Church at 7.30pm

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

**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.

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**Sherkin Island Christmas Craft Fair** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December starting at 12pm in Sherkin Island Community Hall. All Welcome.

**Sherkin Island Christmas Carol Service** on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in St Mona’s Church, Sherkin. Donations welcome in aid of St Vincent De Paul. Ferries leaving Baltimore at 12 noon and 2pm. Return ferry leaving Sherkin at 6pm.

**Baltimore Community Market Christmas Craft Fair** on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 1.30pm in Baltimore Sailing Club. All Welcome.