

FAMILY OF PARISHES SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER SUNDAYS

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 6 NOV: ALL SAINTS OF IRELAND. This feast was instituted by Pope Benedict XV in 1921, a year after beatifying Oliver Plunkett. Ireland is the only country to have a second 'All Saints' Day', dedicated to its own saints.

TUES 7: ST WILLIBRORD was an Englishman who studied at Rath Melsigi, Co Carlow in the seventh century, missionary in Frisia, later Archbishop of Utrecht.

THURS 9: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA to Christ our Saviour, St John the Divine and St John the Baptist. This is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome (Pope Francis) for whom we pray today.

FRI 10: ST LEO THE GREAT, pope: taught at the Council of Chalcedon, AD 451.

SAT 11: ST MARTIN OF TOURS, patron of France, soldiers, beggars and innkeepers.

FINANCE REPORT

Aughadown: 29 Oct €775.

Castlehaven & Myross: 29 Oct €755.

Kilmacabea 29 Oct €850.

Skibbereen 29 Oct €1580

Rath & The Islands 22 & 29 Oct: €1740

Mission Sunday collection €215

☆ POINTS TO PONDER ☆

• God does not protect me but surrenders me to the dangers of a worthy human life.

— PAUL RICOEUR

• 'Stop wandering outside, return into yourself. God was within me but I was looking elsewhere..

— ST AUGUSTINE

Calling all Readers:

You are invited to refresh your ministry at a workshop in Clonakilty on Saturday next. All who read at Mass are invited to a workshop from 10am to 12.30pm at Clonakilty Parish Pastoral Centre (near the parish church), arranged by the Cork Scripture group. Attendance is free but booking is essential; please email CORKSCRIPTUREGROUP@GMAIL.COM today if you would like to attend.

• TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS AND CHRISTENINGS, HAVE ANNIVERSARIES CALLED OUT ETC, CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

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

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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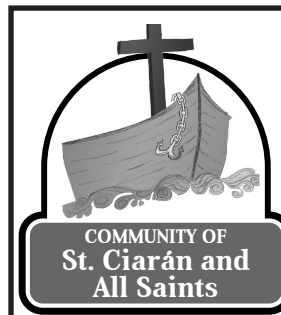
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St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

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ARE THE FAMINE VICTIMS OF OUR PARISHES SAINTS?

When you travel from Cork to Carrigaline, you pass a cemetery in the fields, back from the road. A big cross marks the spot; it's sometimes lit up at night. This was where the famine dead of Cork were buried. They died in the city workhouse (now St Finbarr's Hospital) and were brought to Carr's Hill for burial, hundreds of them. Over the gate is written the name of the cemetery: 'All Saints'.

A few years ago, I visited Grosse Île, the Ellis Island of Canada, in the St Lawrence River near Quebec. Many Irish famine victims are buried there, up to 5,000 of them. I believed this to be the largest Irish famine graveyard in the world — until I came to Skibbereen.

Visiting Abbeystrewry, I learned that the burial pits there contain the remains of between 8,000 and 10,000 victims of the

Famine, a vast number, impossible to count — and all saints, surely.

When a name for our family of parishes was being arrived at, we chose St Ciarán, the apostle to our ancestors in this area, but we added on the tag "& All Saints". These were the ones we had in mind, those countless thousands who perished from hunger in our place, victims of a terrible injustice. We must not forget them, we must honour and cherish their memory: may the prayers of these saints sustain us, keep us fighting injustice and hunger in the world, until we meet them in heaven.

We honoured All Saints on 1 November and All Saints of Ireland tomorrow, 6 November: may St Ciarán and all the Saints of our parishes pray for us.

Fr Bernard (EDITOR)
Castlehaven & Myross

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: *Bereavement Mass for our Family of Parishes, Monday 20 Nov. at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral, Skibbereen — with special prayers for all who suffer grief.*



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 4th November 2023

Saturday – 6.30pm – Novena

Sunday – 11am - Novena

Monday – 9.30am - Novena

Tuesday - 9.30am - Novena

Wednesday – 9.30am – Novena

Thursday – 9.30am – Novena

Friday - 9.30am - Novena

Saturday – 6.30pm – Michael and Kate O’Brien
Charles and Peggy McCarthy, Cullinagh

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

November Novena Masses continue to Friday 10th November at 9.30am excluding Saturday 4th 6.30pm and Sunday 5th 11am.

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

We extend our condolences to the family of William (Billy) Dwyer of Bunlick, Skibbereen who died recently. May he 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.

Autumn Envelopes - Please 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.

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

November Envelopes - Please return the envelope with the names of all those you would like to be remembered, and your offering. The names will be placed in a basket for all masses during the Nine-day Novena.

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

Our Novena Prayer for the Dead 2023

*God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in your presence, their lives change but do not end.*

*I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away,
unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.
Amen.*

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

Would you like to be involved in running Alpha in your Family of Parishes?

The Diocese is hosting an Alpha information afternoon for those who may be interested in running Alpha in their Parish/Family of Parishes on **Saturday, November 25th from 1.30pm to 4.00pm in Ovens Parish Centre**. Alpha helps people not just to know about Jesus, but to come to know him personally.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting your **Moderator/Co-Parish Priest, or the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021-7355517** (or through our Contact Form on the Diocesan website: <https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>). We invite you to keep an eye on the Diocesan website which has full details of the training and formation offered by the Office for Mission and Ministry.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 5th November – Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – November Novena

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 6th November – 7.30pm Rath – November Novena

Tuesday 7th November – 7.30pm Rath – November Novena

Wednesday 8th November – 7.30pm Rath – November Novena

Thursday 9th November – 7.30pm Rath – November Novena

Friday 10th November – 7.30pm Rath – November Novena

Saturday 11th November

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 12th November – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Kathleen Scully, Creagh

Denis McCarthy, Reengaroga

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Amen.

Baltimore Community Council presents **Baltimore's Got Talent on Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm in Baltimore Community Hall.** Tickets €15 available from Bushes Bar, Baltimore. A great night of fun and entertainment.