

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



Next Sunday, 21 January, we celebrate the ‘Sunday of the Word of God’. The special logo for the celebration (on left) shows the resurrected Christ, holding in his left hand a scroll of the Scriptures. By his side are two disciples: possibly Clopas and his wife, Mary, on the road to Emmaus. As they walk together with Jesus, “beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures” (Luke 24:27). Next Sunday we mark the occasion, both in church and at home, by listening to Jesus as he speaks also to us....

THIS WEEK

MON 15: ST ITA, the ‘foster-mother of the saints of Ireland’, founded a monastery at Killeedy, Co Limerick which attracted a great variety of young people.

- *Martin Luther King Day in the USA.*
- *Also known as ‘Blue Monday’, as the post-Christmas credit card bills arrive.*

WED 17: ST ANTHONY THE GREAT, abbot, lived a life of solitude in the Egyptian desert. Lived to the age of 105. Patron of monks.

THURS 18: Week of Christian Unity begins.

SAT 20: ST SEBASTIAN, martyr. Defended the city of Rome against the bubonic plague in 680. Patron of athletes and archers.

- *National ‘No-Phones-At-Home’ Day, a reminder to disconnect from work at the weekend.*

SUN 21: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD. Catholic Schools week begins.

☆ **POINTS TO PONDER** ☆

- Moments, rather than possessions, are the true treasures of life.
- Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today.

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FINANCE CORNER (6-7 JANUARY)

Aughadown

Epiphany €125; Sunday 7th €820

Castlehaven & Myross

Epiphany €100; Sunday 7th €450

Kilmacabea: €775

Rath & the Islands: €657

Skibbereen : €1,370

Epiphany €260; Sunday 7th €1620

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OPEN WEEKDAYS EXCEPT TUES, 10AM TO 1PM

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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NEWSLETTER

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 JAN. 2024 VOL 2: NO 18

DOES THE WORD OF GOD MATTER TO CATHOLICS?

When are you late for Mass? Before or after the Gospel? The focus of these questions from my childhood was on the technicality of fulfilling the Sunday obligation rather than on hearing the Word. But they are a reminder that the Liturgy of the Word is often considered far less important than the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This attitude has been summed up by an Australian writer: “Some people seem to consider the Liturgy of the Word at Mass

as akin to the preliminary event before the main game, so it doesn’t really matter if you arrive after the start.” Similarly, Irish sports fans will recall All-Ireland final days when many of the spectators did not bother to turn up for the minor match.

On the contrary, the Church has long recognised that at every Mass we are fed from two tables, not just one: the table of God’s word and the table of Christ’s body. To underline their equal importance, in 2019 Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of

the Word of God, stating that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God”.

Next Sunday we can all mark the occasion, both in church and at home, by listening to Jesus as he speaks also to us. In truth, every Sunday is a Sunday of the Word of God.

Rosalie Moloney
(Cork Scripture Group)

PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS
“Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.”

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK IS FROM 18 TO 25 JANUARY.
This prayer, from www.archbishopofcanterbury.org was composed by the Chemin Neuf Community.



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 no later than 5 pm Tuesday. **Mass Intentions from Saturday 13th January 2024**

Saturday – 6.30pm Trisha Carrick, Oranmore, Co. Galway
Jane and Barry Browne, late of North Street

Sunday - 11am James O'Shea, Ballydehob
Kathleen O'Donovan, Mardyke

Monday - 9.30am Kathleen Kiely, RIP

Tuesday - 9.30am Alex and Ellen McCarthy

Wednesday – 9.30am People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am Kathleen Connolly, Townshend Street

Friday - 9.30am Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road

Saturday – 6.30pm Mary Kate Hurley, Gortnaclohy and the Spillane and O'Sullivan families, Castletownbere
John O'Mahony, 98 Street, Skibbereen

Sunday - 11am Wojtek Stromecki, birthday intention.
Kitty and Hans Rahr, Mardyke Street.

We extend our condolences to the family of Nora O'Donoghue (née Bohane) of Munig, Skibbereen/Castlehaven and also to the family of John C (Noel) Cotter of Coronea, Skibbereen, who died recently.

Weekday Masses Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

Confessions Saturday 10am to 11am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues every Monday and Friday from 10am until 6pm both days. All welcome.

Lectio Divina on **Saturday** mornings from 11.15am to 12 noon in the Presbytery North Street.

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

Thank you for your generosity - On behalf of Fr Evin and Fr John we would like to thank you most sincerely for your generosity in the recent Christmas Offerings Collection.

New Beginnings 2024 - As we begin a New Year it is the ideal opportunity to do something new. Instead of trying to give something up, why not offer your services to the parish. **Why not** become a member of the Ministries of the Word or Holy Communion, Cantor, Cleaning, Altar Society, Collector & Counting, Funeral team, Safeguarding of Children and the Vulnerable. **Why not** sign up to spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration. **Why not** come along to our Lectio Divina on Saturday mornings. **Decide to** attend the next ALPHA experience. **Offer to host a station Mass** in the springtime in your own home. There is always something you can do! If you are still unsure, come and have a chat with the priest.

Prayer Circle for Vocations - Following the article that appeared in several of our Newsletters in December, if you are interested in forming or supporting a prayer circle for Vocations, please attend a meeting on **Wednesday 17th January at 7pm in The Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen.** We propose to set up a Prayer Circle in the Family of Parishes. This Prayer Circle would complement, and build on, the work of St Joseph's Young Priests Society which is already active in the parish.

The Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection in October 2023 amounted to €45,607 throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated. The next quarterly collection will take place on **this weekend 13th/14th January.** This quarterly collection allows the Diocese to provide ongoing supports to parishes in many areas. It contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including the cost of personnel, utilities (*light & heat, phone, postage & stationery, repairs & maintenance, insurance*), professional fees, primary and secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry and levies paid by the Diocese for national hierarchy costs in Maynooth. People continue to be very generous to these quarterly collections over the years and your support would be greatly appreciated this weekend.

Two Alpha Training Days 27th January and 3rd February 2024: - The Office for Mission and Ministry are hosting two Alpha training days for Parishes/Families of Parishes: 1. Cork City (Blackrock Parish Centre) on Saturday 27th January 2024
2. West Cork (Clonakilty Parish Centre) on Saturday 3rd February 2024
Both Training Days **begin at 10:00am and finish at 3:30pm.** Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry as soon as possible through the Diocesan website: <https://corkandross.org/alpha-training-day>

Medjugorje **29th May** (seven nights) from Cork airport. €879.00 pps. €50 discount if deposit paid by 15th January. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy **086 2959380.**

RATH & THE ISLANDS BALTIMORE, WEST CORK

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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 14th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Josie Leonard, Rath

Eileen Connolly, Birmingham and South Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 15th January 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 17th January – 10.15am Rath

Friday 19th January – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 20th January

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 21st January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Eugene & Peggy Davis, Church Strand

Agnes Davis, Lackahane.

Jackie Carey, Ballymacrown – Months Mind

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am

Confessions by appointment.

Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the families of Kathleen O'Sullivan, (née O'Driscoll) The Rising Sun, Baltimore and late of Sherkin.

Jackie Carey, Ballymacrown, Baltimore

Mary O'Donovan (née Hegarty) Derryclough, Drinagh and late of Rath, Baltimore

Bernie McCarthy (née Donovan) Baltimore Castle, Baltimore

Eileen Twomey (née Nolan) Donnybrook, Dublin and late of Skibbereen.

Nancy (Anna) O'Driscoll (née O'Driscoll) Kilsarlaught, Church Cross and late of Reengaroga.

Breda Driscoll (née O'Driscoll), Croydon, U.K, Schull and late of Cape Clear

Teresa (Terry) Twomey, (née Connolly) Killiney, Dublin and late of Ballylynch Baltimore

May they rest in peace.

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Breakthrough Cancer Research Annual West Cork Lunch is taking place on Saturday 10th February 2024 at the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen, Cork.

Enjoy a drinks reception on arrival and a delicious three course lunch with special guest RTE Star **Brendan Courtney**. We'll have an afternoon of wonderful music and dancing with fabulous goody bags to take home, amazing raffle prizes and stalls to browse to treat yourself or your loved ones. All the proceeds will go to support Breakthrough Cancer Research. Help us Make More Survivors. Tickets are €75.00 and available Mary@breakcancer.ie or 021 422 66 55.