

Today Sunday, 21 January, we celebrate the ‘Sunday of the Word of God’.

*“Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.
May it always be a lamp for my feet
and a light for my path,
a source of wisdom, hope and strength. Amen.”*

THIS WEEK

Catholic Schools week runs from Monday to Friday. Themes of each day given in *italics*.

MON 22: ST VINCENT, deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in AD 304.

THEME: ‘FRIENDS’. *Jesus teaches us to be true friends to each other.*

TUES 23: THEME: ‘SERVICE’. *We learn to serve one another, with patience: “TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED”.*

WED 24: ST FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop of Geneva after the Reformation, patron of writers, editors and journalists.

THEME: ‘FAMILY’. *Schools celebrate family today, and honour grandparents especially.*

THURS 25: CONVERSION OF ST PAUL. The 57th Week of Christian Unity ends today.

THEME: ‘ENVIRONMENT’. *We respect all the plants and animals in nature.*

FRI 26: Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops, helped St Paul. **THEME: ‘FAITH’**, a very important element in the life of a Catholic school.

SAT 27: DAY OF COMMEMORATION OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST (UN)

✧ A POINT TO PONDER ✧

• Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it will always get you the right ones.

OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

We mourn the recent death of **Fr John Galvin**, who was *Sagart Cúnta* pro tem on Oileán Cléire for a short period in the 1960s.

- Next Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of **Fr John Walsh**, late PP Castlehaven.

— MAY THEY REST IN PEACE —

FINANCE CORNER (14 JANUARY)

Aughadown

Sunday €820. Diocesan Needs* €550

Castlehaven & Myross

Sunday €795. Parish Development €835

Kilmacabea: Sunday €980

Rath & the Islands

Sunday €700. Diocesan Needs* € 305

Skibbereen

Sunday €1,164. Diocesan Needs* €825

**The Diocesan Needs collection is taken four times a year, to assist the bishop in the running of the diocese.*

BOOK MASSES, ANNIVERSARIES ETC AT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE,
NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN
Phone 028-22828 (Annette)
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*

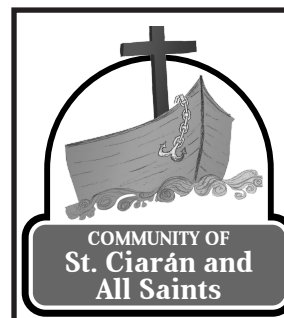
CLERGY

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COMMUNITY OF
St. Ciarán and
All Saints

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FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21 JAN. 2024 VOL 2: No 19

HOW OFTEN DO I PRAY: “LISTEN LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS SPEAKING”!

When we pray, how often do we say "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"? More often, I think we say: "Listen, Lord, for your servant is speaking!" (Robert Wicks).

God wants us to live our spiritual lives in the ordinary events of our day. If we were to truly contemplate and trust his word, his spirit would find deep roots, encouraging us to become more focused in our relationship with him, so he would be more involved in our ordinary events

Every nook and cranny of our lives is God's business — including our failures and successes, strengths and weaknesses. If we put too much focus on our faults and

failings, we fail to give God his part in helping us to grow.

God meets us where we are, but it needs openness on our part. Honesty and trust in our prayer life will help us to be more in his likeness.

Taking steps to deepen our relationship with God encourages us to be his voice. This would be a blessing in the ever-increasing busyness of everyday living.

When we pray, instead of saying: "Listen Lord for your servant is speaking!" maybe we might try: "Speak Lord for your servant is listening." And he will.

Deirdre Hardy [CATECHIST]
AUGHADOWN PARISH

A THOUGHT FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD

*“You are every bit as important as Ministers of the Eucharist. When you read, God himself speaks to his people, through you. Do not forget this. Prepare well to read. Do not be hasty, don’t rush. God has things to say and God relies on you to transmit them. It is a privileged ministry, a true gift to the community you serve.
Thank you!”*

— ANONYMOUS PASTOR



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 5 pm Tuesday. **Mass Intentions from Saturday 20th January 2024**

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.

Monday - 9.30am Irene Hegarty, London and Donegal

Tuesday - 9.30am Edmond Harrington, Reenmurrageha

Wednesday – 9.30am People of the Parish

Thursday – 9.30am Eileen Harrington, Reenmurrageha

Friday - 9.30am Jeremiah and Catherine McCarthy, Inchinagotagh and their daughter Nellie O’Mahony, The Mills

Saturday – 6.30pm Mary O’Donovan, Skahanagh, Union Hall.
Eily and Donald Feeley, Gortnaclohy.

Sunday - 11am John Collins, Chapel Lane.
Paddy O’Shea, Market Street

We extend our condolences to the family of Eileen O’Sullivan (née Roberts) of Baltimore Road, Skibbereen and to the family of Leo O’Neill of Coronea, Skibbereen, and Castletownbere, and also to the family of Dr Peter Hancock, Skibbereen and South Africa who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

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.

Skibbereen Parish Launches Bicentenary Banner and Book of Remembrance. **St Patrick’s Cathedral, Skibbereen will be 200 years old in 2026.** In preparation for this historic event, we are launching, this weekend, our Banner which is placed on the railings, and we also launch a leaflet: **Be part of the Bicentenary Celebrations.** This Leaflet, which is available in the Cathedral and locally, invites people to remember their deceased family, friends and neighbours in a **Book of Remembrance** that will be on permanent display in the Cathedral from 2026 and to contribute to the first stage of our celebration of the Bicentenary; to have in place a Conservation Management Plan. Many more exciting plans and events will be announced later. **Please Support.**

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A Tea Party will be held at the GAA Community Hall on Sunday **28th January at 3.00pm** for all Senior Citizens. Please contact 086 166 0162 to book a place. Transport, if required, can be arranged. Organised by Skibbereen Red Cross and O’Donovan Rossa GAA Club.

RATH & THE ISLANDS BALTIMORE, WEST GORK

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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

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

Monday 22nd January 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 24th January – 10.15am Rath

Friday 26th January – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 27th January

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 28th January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Stanley Holland, Highfield

10.00am Cape Clear

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Confessions by appointment.

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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:

Cork City (Blackrock Parish Centre) on Saturday 27th January 2024

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 2024 (seven nights) from Cork airport. €879.00 pps. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 2959380.