

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2024

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

TUES 30: BLESSED MARGARET BALL & Blessed Francis Taylor. Margaret Ball was imprisoned in Dublin Castle for harbouring priests and having Mass celebrated in her home. Francis Taylor was elected Mayor of Dublin and put in prison for his Catholic faith, where he died, in 1621, on this day.

WED 31: ST DON BOSCO, He founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. Patron of youth ministry and of youth.

THURS 1 FEBRUARY: ST BRIGID, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland. St Brigid was born around AD 524. She founded a double monastery in Kildare with Bishop Conleth, and died 1,500 years ago in AD 524. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick.

• *World Interfaith Harmony Week, from 1-7 Feb, begins today (UN)*

FRI 2 FEB: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas Day). On this day Jesus was presented in the Temple and there acclaimed as the Light of the world. In honour of this, we light candles and bless them. First Friday.

• *Also: Groundhog Day (USA)*

SAT 3 FEB: ST BLAISE, fourth-century bishop in Armenia, venerated as the patron of those who suffer from ailments of the throat. Throats are blessed at morning masses today.

OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

Thursday 1 February is the feast of St Brigid, patron of Union Hall Church, in Castlehaven & Myross parish (1832).

Family of Parishes Office

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

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

Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com

Sacrament of Penance

Confessions are heard every Saturday,
10.00-11.00 am in St Patrick's Cathedral,
North St, Skibbereen.

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

In the garden of happy memories,
it is always summer.

— Inscription on the Union Hall gravestone of
Fr John Walsh, late PP Castlehaven.

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

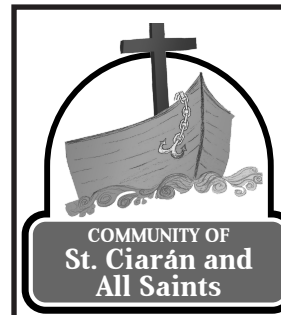
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COMMUNITY OF
St. Ciarán and
All Saints

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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ST BRIGID IS CORK'S SAINT TOO

When I was young, I heard the story of how St Brigid got land for a monastery from a local chieftain. He told her he would give her land the size of a handkerchief. But, of course, when the hankie was opened out, it covered acres. The story was one of many passed on down the ages to highlight Brigid's prestige and significance.

Brigid seems to belong more to the East Coast than to our neck of the woods. Born in Faughert in Louth; her monastery was in Kildare, her last resting place Downpatrick. But don't forget her impact locally: three coastal churches in Co Cork are dedicated to her, at Ballydehob, Crosshaven and Union Hall. And off the

coast of Myross parish lies Oileán Bhríde, with St Brigid's holy well nearby.

Everywhere, stained glass depictions show Brigid with a pastoral staff, teaching as a bishop does. And in every corner St Brigid's crosses are fashioned, invoking divine protection. Truly, she is our national saint, patroness of poetry, learning, healing, protection, livestock and dairy production.

Celebrations on Thursday in Kildare will mark the 1,500th anniversary of her death (see www.brigid1500.ie for more). On her feast day we thank God for our Celtic and Christian heritage: *Brid Naofa, Muire na nGael*: pray for us.

Fr Bernard [EDITOR]
Castlehaven & Myross



SONG OF BRIGID

*We sing a song to Brigid, Brigid brings the spring
Awakens all the fields and the flowers, and calls the birds to sing.
All were welcome at her door, no one was turned away.*

She loved the poor, the sick and the sore, she helped them on their way...

— FROM *ALIVE-O*, BY CLARE MALONEY/PATRICIA HEGARTY



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 5pm Tuesday. **Mass Intentions from Saturday 27th January 2024**

- 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
- Monday - 9.30am** Michael Harrington, Ballyhooley
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Kate Harrington, Reenmurrageha
- Wednesday – 9.30am** People of the Parish
- Thursday – 9.30am** John Bohane, Killaderry
- Thursday -7pm** **Service of Light and Reconciliation for St Joseph's School and the Gaelscoil**
- Friday - 9.30am** James and Julia O'Sullivan, Lakelands.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Frank and Anna McCarthy, Coronea
William and Mary O'Regan, Schull and Dominic Hodnett, Skibbereen
Noel Cotter, Coronea, Month's Mind
- Sunday - 11am** Sean Connolly and Sharon Connolly, Oldcourt
Mary Teresa Lynch, Coolnaclohy.

We extend our condolences to the families of
Agnes Blythe (née Hurley), Oldcourt, Skibbereen
Mary Crowley (née Hurley), Townshend Street, Skibbereen
May they Rest in Peace.

Weekday Masses Monday to Friday at **9.30am**. The Rosary is prayed before each morning mass. In response to the call to pray for an increase of vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood and a recent local meeting of interested people, it has been decided that **the Rosary every Thursday morning**, will be prayed especially with this intention in mind. A special prayer for vocations will be prayed, copies of this prayer are available in the Cathedral.

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 (Sacred Reading) 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.

First Friday Calls – This week the priests of the parish will call 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**.

2nd February is Candlemas Day, if you wish to have candles blessed, please bring them to morning Mass.

Bicentenary of St Patrick's Cathedral - Book of Remembrance - St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen will be 200 years old in 2026. Be part of the Bicentenary Celebrations. Leaflets, which are available in the Cathedral and locally, invite you to remember 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.**

Bicentenary Book – We plan to have a book to celebrate the 200 years of St Patrick's Cathedral. Several local historians have been invited to contribute an article for publication on various aspects of the Cathedral's history. It has also been suggested that we would invite people to submit personal stories that they may have about the cathedral; it may be your memories of a special day; Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriages, and even funerals, etc. These articles will be given to an editorial team who will choose the articles to be included. **So, why not put pen to paper and be part of this book?**

Day for Consecrated Life: To mark the Day for Consecrated Life, Bishop Fintan is inviting members of Religious Communities throughout the Diocese of Cork and Ross to join him in praying Evening Prayer on Thursday, **February 1st at 5pm** in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne. All are welcome to this special Diocesan celebration. Please let the Office for Mission and Ministry know if you wish to attend at 021-7355517

The Retired Ladies group craft afternoon every Wednesday at 2.30pm in Cara House, Market Street. Spread the word. New and old members are very welcome. Any enquires text **086 1605928**.

Quilting group is on every Monday evening at **7pm in Cara House**, Market Street. Any enquires text **086 1605928**.

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 28th January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Stanley Holland, Highfield

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 29th January 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 31st January – 10.15am Rath

Friday 2nd February – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 3rd February

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 4th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballylynch

John Joe & Kathleen O'Driscoll, Ballymacrown

10.00am Cape Clear

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Confessions by appointment.

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2024 Enrolment and Open Day takes place in Rath NS on Friday, Feb 9th from 2-4pm. More information to be found on the school website www.rathnationalschool.com

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Alpha Training Day Saturday 3rd February 2024: -

The Office for Mission and Ministry are hosting an Alpha training day for Parishes/Families of Parishes:

West Cork (Clonakilty Parish Centre) on Saturday 3rd February 2024

The Training Day begins at 10:00am and finishes 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>

The next meeting of the Bantry Cardiac Support Group will take place on Tuesday 30th January 2024 in the Christian Fellowship Building, Bantry at 8 p.m.

This meeting will be our AGM. Any person that has suffered a cardiac event, have cardiac related concerns and/or their family members are welcome to attend.

The 2024 Cork & Ross Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from Friday 20th September to Wednesday 25th September. If you wish to volunteer on the pilgrimage, please contact lourdes@corkandross.org or call 085 2525040