



OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday 17 March marks patronal feast of the Cathedral Church of Skibbereen. ST PATRICK, PRAY FOR US

THIS WEEK

MON 18: ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM. Fought against Arianism, an ancient heresy which maintained that Christ was not truly divine

TUES 19: ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)

St Joseph is patron of the Universal Church, families, fathers, travellers, immigrants and workers, Belgium, Austria and Canada.

WED 20: The Vernal or Spring Equinox falls today. From today, each day will be longer than the night, until 22 September next.

THURS 21: ST ENDA — founded monasteries in the Boyne valley, and on Inishmore, Aran, where he died and was buried.

• *Today is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN)*

FINANCE CORNER (10 MARCH)

Including the Special Collection taken for the Irish Bishops' commissions.

Aughadown: €820 (Special collection €515)

Castlehaven: €620 (Special collection €250)

Kilmacabea: €1,147 (Special collection €616)

Skibbereen: €985 (Special collection €590)

Rath & the Islands: €652 (Special €500).

FORTY DAYS OF LENT:

Resume the journey after 17 March

- DAY 29, MON 18: Pray for our emigrants
- DAY 30, TUES 19: Try not to talk about yourself, listen to others instead.
- DAY 31, WED 20: Keep the speed limit.
- DAY 32, THURS 21: Pray your favourite prayer, and your least favourite.
- DAY 33, FRI 22: No sugar today
- DAY 34, SAT 23: Turn off all screens an hour before you go to bed.



"BE HEALED, GO IN PEACE..."

Fr Terry O'Brien MSC will lead our lenten Penitential Service on this Tuesday night, 19 March at 7.30 pm. It will take place in the Cathedral, Skibbereen; several priests will be available to hear Confessions. Come and pray.

BRING GREENERY TO MASS

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, when palms are blessed at the start of Mass and the story of Christ's passion is told (as St Mark recorded it). Begin Holy Week well.

✧ **POINT TO PONDER** ✧

- Nurture the good you see in yourself, no matter how little.... And always nurture the good in others.'

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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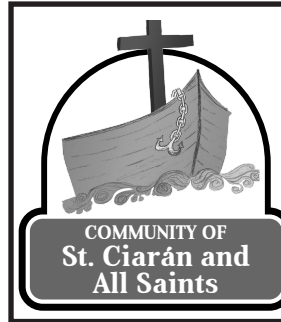
TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS,

ANNIVERSARIES, CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE,

SKIBBEREEN: Wed, Thurs. Fri: 10 am-1 pm

(Closed bank holidays). **Phone** 028-22828

Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com



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)

ST PATRICK'S DAY

17 MARCH 2024

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**EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GRACE:
SAINT PATRICK PROVES IT...**

Patrick is everywhere, as Patrick, Pat, Paddy, Pádraig, Patricia, Patsy, Patty, Patie, Patrick's Street in Cork, Croagh Patrick of Co Mayo, Downpatrick in Co Down, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen, St. Patrick's Missionary Society. The list goes on and on.

All this comes from the legend of a young boy kidnapped from his home and enslaved on the wild hills of Ireland, looking after animals. After six years he managed to escape, only to return as a missionary. He heard the Irish call out to him.

Patrick is honoured as one who converted Ireland to Christianity. Many stories are attributed to him, from chasing the snakes out of Ireland and his lenten fast on

Croagh Patrick for 40 days, his lighting of the Easter fire at Slane, to his teaching of the Trinity using a shamrock. All contribute to his being declared patron saint of Ireland. On this 17 March, we commemorate and celebrate Patrick, as we do every year.

From humble beginnings, great things can happen with the grace of God.

As for myself, someone who took Patrick as a confirmation name, a priest of St. Patrick's Missionary Society and stationed in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen, I would say the same: if we open ourselves to that same grace of God, anything is possible.

St. Patrick, pray for us. Amen.

Fr John Patrick Heinhold SPS
MODERATOR & CO-PP SKIBBEREEN



PAIDIR PÁDRAIG NAOFA

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh,

Go naofar d'ainm,

Go dtaga do ríocht,

Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh,

mar a dhéantar ar neamh.

Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,

agus maith dúinn d'ár bhfiacha,

mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin,

Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,

Ach saor sinn ó olc. 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 no later than 5pm Tuesday. **Mass Intentions from Saturday 16th March 2024**

Saturday – 6.30pm Patsy, Margaret, and John Joe O'Regan, Boulibawn.
Jim McCullagh, Mill Road.

Sunday – 11am DF O'Sullivan, Schull Road.
Colm Crowley, Inchinagotagh.
Joe Coughlan, Lissanroe & Market St Month's Mind.

Monday – 9.30am Jackie Carey, Ballymacrown.

Tuesday – 9.30am Larry Butler, Galley Head Lighthouse.

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Parish

Thursday - 9.30am Cornelius Cronin, Dunmanway.

Friday – 9.30am Paddy and Mary O'Regan, Coronea.

Saturday – 6.30pm Eileen and Cornelius Harrington, Gortnaclohy.
Sadie Walsh, High Street.
Paddy Collins, North Street, Month's Mind.

Sunday – 11am Nellie O'Mahony, Inchinagotagh, First anniversary and remembering her late husband, John.

Timothy and Elizabeth O'Regan and Elizabeth Langley.

We extend our condolences to the family of Joannah Dorman (née Thornhill) England & 69 Bridge Street, Skibbereen, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

Weekday Masses Monday to Friday at **9.30am**. The Rosary is prayed before each morning mass. (The Rosary on Thursday is said for the special intention of vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood).

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 tea or coffee and a chat.

Spring Station Masses. If you would like to host a Spring Station Mass in your home, please contact the **Parish Office on 028 22828** as soon as possible.

Stations of the Cross - will be followed on every **Friday at 6.30pm** for the season of Lent in **St Patrick's Cathedral**.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Children who last Monday celebrated their Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray they had a great day, and we thank all who helped to make it a special day for them. The children came from St Patrick's Boys N.S., St Joseph's Girls N.S, Gaelscoil Dr Uí Shúilleabháin, and Abbeystrewry (C of I) School - 114 of them in all.

Fifth Sunday of Lent. ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF IRELAND. Normally, the Sundays of Lent take precedence over the Solemnities that fall during the season of Lent. However, with permission from the Holy See, St Patrick's Day is allowed to be celebrated on the fifth Sunday of Lent. So, **HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!** The first words in St Patrick's Confession always come to mind today ***"I am Patrick, a sinner, the most rustic and least of all the faithful..."*** but as legend has it, this is the one God chose to be Bishop and principal patron of Ireland. Like many throughout history and even today, God often chooses those least among the people to bring his Word. Through the wonder of God's grace, God turned Patrick, while still a slave, to the way of Jesus, the Lord. God liberated Patrick in a deep and inner way making him his instrument to bring God's love to the Irish people. Patrick took the words of Jesus onto himself, ***'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation'***. Patrick's success came because he opened his heart to the tender care and love of God. He knew, through his own experience, the goodness, kindness, and mercy of God. This made Patrick passionate and convincing in his desire to bring people to Christ. What can we learn from Patrick today:

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Easter Penitential Service will be held for the Family of Parishes in **St Patrick's Cathedral**, Skibbereen on **Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm**. A number of priests will be available for confession. All are welcome.

Meeting for all Ministers of the Word will be held on **Thursday 21st March at 7pm** in the Presbytery.

Bicentenary Bingo: A fundraising Bingo night has been organised by **St Vincent de Paul Society** on **Monday 8th April at 8.30pm**, in **Abbeystrewry Hall** for the Cathedral Bicentenary Conservation project. Your support would be very much appreciated.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 17th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent – St Patrick's Day

9.30am Rath – Fiona Scully, Creagh and London

Donie O'Regan, Reengaroga

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 18th March - 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 20th March - 10.15am Rath

Friday 22nd March - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 23rd March

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

9.30am Rath – Charlie & Mary Davis, Ballylynch

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Finding hope in a hopeless world – Session 5. Lent 2024:

Available on the Diocesan website (www.corkandross.org). Is it wrong to be joyful when there is so much suffering? This programme explores how we can still be people of faith and hope in today's world. It includes a series of reflections, Scripture readings and prayers.

Baltimore Tidy Towns Annual Baltimore Big Community Clean up – Good Friday 29th March. All help would be appreciated on the day.

Baltimore Women's Shed Meeting every Tuesday at Baltimore Community Hall from 2pm to 4.30pm.

Santiago De Compostela Camino 2024 – join Focus Ireland "In the Footsteps of St James" on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our communities experiencing homelessness – 27th May to 3rd June 2024 – Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on 087/9547007 or email events@focusireland.ie for more details and bookings.