

EASTER VIGIL 2024

Our five parishes will celebrate a single Easter Vigil at 9pm on Saturday 30 March, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen.

A meeting to prepare that liturgy takes place this Monday night, 4 March, at 8pm in the Cathedral Presbytery, North St. Each parish is asked to send a representative of its music ministry and of its Ministers of the Word — as well as its sacristans.

FINANCE CORNER

A second collection will be taken at masses on Sunday next 10 March for the Irish Bishops' Commissions, assisting their work in promoting Catholic education, safeguarding, vocations, support of prisoners abroad etc.

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, CHRIS- TENINGS, ANNIVERSARIES ETC, CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE, 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, from 10 to 11 am in St Patrick's Cathedral, North St, Skibbereen.

FORTY DAYS OF LENT:

Halfway on the journey to Easter

- DAY 17, MON 4: Pray for Pope Francis.
- DAY 18, TUES 5: Do a random act of kindness for someone you meet.
- DAY 19, WED 6: No meat or fish.
- DAY 20, THURS 7: Live simply, buy no non-essentials.
- DAY 21, FRI 8: Don't forget to vote in today's referendums — your civic duty.
- DAY 22, SAT 9: Do some weeding or planting in your green space.

THIS WEEK

MON 4: ST CASIMIR. Patron saint of Lithuania and Poland, St Casimir always strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe.

TUES 5: ST CIARÁN : Born on Oileán Cléire, Ciarán was baptised and ordained abroad, returning as a missionary in West Cork. He later went back to his father's home territory in Co Offaly, where he founded a monastery at Seir Kieran near Clareen. Patron saint of Ossory Diocese — and of our family of parishes.

"A Naomh Ciarán, déan edarghuí chun Dé ar ár son: cosain do chlann in am an éigin and tabhair saor sinn ó gach uile olc. Amen."

FRI 8: ST SENAN : A Clareman born near Kilrush, his main monastery was on Scattery Island in the Shannon estuary, but he also built a church at Inniscarra, Co Cork.

✧ POINT TO PONDER ✧

- 'It is love that makes faith, not faith love' — St John Henry Newman

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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- Fr Evin O'Brien CC — PHONE 028-22877

St Ciarán & All Saints

FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Blessed Ciarán, you came by boat to the people of our parishes, with the Good News of salvation in Christ:

— Before Patrick, or Bridget, or Fachna;

We thank God you were our apostle...

May we share the Good News with our neighbours and friends, as missionary disciples in our day.

A Chiaráin naofa dhíl, guí orainn!

— Fr Bernard, EDITOR

TUESDAY 5 MARCH IS THE FEAST OF ST CIARÁN, OUR PATRON.



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 2nd March 2024**

Saturday – 6.30pm Archbishop Denis Hurley, Durban and Mary Crowley, Mill Road.

James and Mary O’Brien, Home Rule Terrace.

Sunday - 11am Michael Walsh, Dunmanway.

Peter Nolan RIP.

Monday – 9.30am Kathleen Murphy, Drishane.

Tuesday – 9.30am Lucy Harnedy, Shepperton.

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Parish

Thursday - 9.30am Florence Lynch, Coronea Drive.

Friday – 9.30am Cait Walsh, Shreelane.

Saturday – 6.30pm May O’Mahony, Dromig.

Josephine Griffin, Cork Road, First anniversary and remembering her late husband Dan.

Sunday - 11am Leo Werner, Poundlick.

Mary Deasy, Union Hall and Skibbereen.

Mary Crowley, Townsend Street, Month’s Mind.

Correction: We welcome to our faith community Robbie Hurley who was baptised on 17th February 2024 in St Patrick's Cathedral, parents Cathal and Grace.

We extend our condolences to the family of Patrick (Paddy) Collins of North Street, Skibbereen, who died recently. May he 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**.

Third Sunday of Lent - Jesus would have travelled to Jerusalem every year at the time of the Passover to celebrate this great Festival. On the journey from Galilee, which would have taken three days, Jesus’ mind would be full of pious thoughts, someone who was on pilgrimage. How shocking it must have been to encounter a marketplace in the temple. Jesus’ immediate reaction was to drive them out of the temple as the house of God should be a house of prayer and not a place of commerce and business. Maybe something we ourselves can remember these days - that our churches are to be places of worship and prayer. When challenged about his actions, Jesus makes an interesting statement; ***I will destroy this Temple and rebuild it in three days.*** The Temple will no longer be a place where one could encounter God, but rather the encounter with God from now on will be through the person of Jesus, the temple is the body of Christ. We all know that the temple of the Body of Jesus was destroyed when he had to endure a terrible passion and end up crucified on the cross. After Jesus’ resurrection the early Christians came to identify themselves with the body of Christ, with the Risen Lord. Maybe something we ourselves can remember these days. That we are the Body of Christ in our world today.

Bicentenary Leaflets for the Book of Remembrance are still available in the Cathedral. Remember your Family, Friends, or Neighbours by completing the form and contributing to our Bicentenary Conservation appeal. Why not consider sending a few leaflets to your family and friends abroad (people who may have historical connections to Skibbereen) who may like to be part of the Bicentenary Celebrations.

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Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 7th March at 7pm in the Presbytery, North Street.

Volunteers needed: Have you noticed how clean the Cathedral is? This is thanks to our volunteer cleaners who meet every five weeks, in teams of four, to vacuum and dust all areas. The cleaning takes approximately one hour to complete. If you would like to join the volunteers in keeping the Cathedral clean, please contact the **Parish Office at 028 22828**



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.
Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 3rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Sean Coughlan, Church Strand, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 4th March 10.15am Rath – The Williamson Family, Bandon

Wednesday 6th March 10.15am Rath

Friday 8th March – 10.15am Rath – Joe Collins, Lissard

Saturday 9th March

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 10th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Angela Sheehy, Creagh

Tessie Sheehy, Ballylynch

Jeremiah O'Driscoll, Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am.

Confessions by appointment.

Confirmation Enrolment as part of the Children's Mass this Sunday 3rd March. We will have a short enrolment ceremony in preparation for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation to be held on Wednesday 24th of April.

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Recently Baptised: We welcome Sophie Long, daughter of Roibeard and Aoife into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands as she received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 24th February 2024 in Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

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Finding hope in a hopeless world – Session 3. Lent 2024: Asks the question, why do we experience suffering? If Jesus saves us, why do we still experience pain, suffering, illness and death. Available on the Diocesan website (www.corkandross.org). 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.