

FORTY DAYS OF LENT:

Three weeks to Easter Week

- DAY 23, MON 11: Do not use the Lord's name in vain today, only in prayer.
- DAY 24, TUES 12: Pay a sincere compliment to someone you meet.
- DAY 25, WED 13: Pray for Pope Francis
- DAY 26, THURS 14: Recycle glass, bottles and jars.
- DAY 27, FRI 15: Fast from food
- DAY 28, SAT 16: De-clutter a room today.

THIS WEEK

MON 11: ST AENGUS. Aengus spent some time at the monastery of Tallaght under the guidance of the Abbot St Maelruain. He was noted for his devotion to saints, both foreign and native and wrote two devotional books about them. Died around AD 824.

WED 13: Today marks the 11th anniversary of the election of Pope Francis as Supreme Pastor of the Church, in 2013. We pray for him.

FRI 15: UN INTERNATIONAL DAY to combat Islamophobia — defined as fear, prejudice and hatred of Muslims that leads to provocation, hostility and intolerance.

FINANCE CORNER (25 FEB & 4 MAR)

Aughadown: €850 & €810

Castlehaven & Myross: €1,010 & €830

Parish Development Fund €910

Skibbereen: €1,415 & €1,485

Rath & the Islands: €510 & €1,135

Kilmacabea: €925 & €629

Parish Maintenance Collection €714

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTICES

Sunday 10 March marks the 25th anniversary of Fr Dan McCarthy RIP, former CC Castlehaven and Glandore. May he rest in peace.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Penitential Service is on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30 pm in Skibbereen.



ANY BABIES FOR BAPTISM?

It would be cause of delight for our Family of Parishes if we could celebrate baptisms during the Easter Vigil. Families bringing children to be baptised would attend the sacristy at approx. 9.30 pm for the ceremonies preceding baptism and go to the font in the cathedral shortly after that — a great privilege for any family. Please contact Annette if interested: ring 028-22828

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

- 'Be tough when you need to be tough. Don't submit to wrong. Don't believe lies. Don't let life cut you down.

'But be gentle too ... Be gentle with the sprigs of kindness you see springing up in yourself and 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

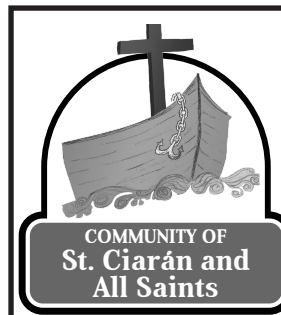
Helpline 1800 203 136: westcorkbeacon.ie

CLERGY

- Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP, Skibbereen (MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878
- Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap EMAIL: kilmacabeparish@gmail.com
- Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall TEXT OR WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627
- Fr Evin O'Brien CC — PHONE 028-22877

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE, SKIBBEREEN: Mon, Wed, Thurs. Fri: 10 am-1 pm. Phone 028-22828 Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com



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 CIARÁN IS OUR MAN

It is not so long since Bishop Fintan, after a diocese-wide consultation, announced that due to the decline in the number of priests and seminarians, resulting in a significant number of parishes no longer having a resident priest, henceforth parishes of the diocese would be grouped into Families of Parishes (FOPs) with a team of priests for each FOP. In alphabetical order, the parishes in our FOP are Aughadown, Castlehaven & Myross, Kilmacabea, Rath & The Islands, and Skibbereen. Our FOP has four active priests

with three retired priests assisting (I am one of the latter).

Each of the parishes has its own individual patron, with St Ciarán & All Saints being chosen to be the overall patron of our FOP. St Ciarán was born in Oileán Cléire (Cape Clear Island) where a number of places/sites bear his name: Cill Chiaráin, Tobar Chiaráin, Gallán Chiaráin, Trá Chiaráin, and the island church which dates from 1835 is Séipéal Naomh Chiaráin. Many families have chosen to have one of their children named Ciarán or Kieran, a practice of long standing.

Born in 352 (1,672 years ago), Ciarán is believed to have established the first Christian church in Ireland right where Cill Chiaráin stands, before St Patrick came to Ireland in AD 432. The ruined *cill* dates from the 12th -16th century. And 5 March is Lá Fhéile Chiaráin.

PRAYER TO CIARÁN NAOFA

A Naomh Ciarán, dean eadarghuí chun
Dé ar ár son. Cosain mé in am an
éigin, agus tabhair saor mé
ó gach uile olc. Amen.

• *The first-ever FOP pilgrimage to Oileán Cléire (in honour of St Ciarán) is scheduled for Sunday 18 August 2024 (pm).*

Fr Des O'Driscoll
OILEÁN CLÉIRE



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 9th March 2024**

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.

Monday – 10am and 12.30pm Confirmations

Tuesday – 9.30am Patrick and Kitty Hodnett, Goleen.

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Parish

Thursday - 9.30am Florence Barnett, North Street

Friday – 9.30am Tony Gallagher, Navan

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, Lassanroe & Market St Month's Mind.

We extend our condolences to the families of:

John (Johnny) O'Donovan of Blackrock Road, Cork & Skibbereen

Noreen Kearney (née Walsh) Cahir, Tipperary & Skibbereen

Cornelius (Nelius) McCarthy of Carrigfadda, Skibbereen

who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community Orla An Barry who was baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on 2nd March 2024, parents James and Zhi Ying.

Weekday Masses Monday to Friday at **9.30am**. (No MORNING MASS ON **MONDAY 11th March** DUE TO CONFIRMATIONS) 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**.

Confirmations will be celebrated on Monday 11th March. We pray for the candidates and their families as they are confirmed in their faith in Jesus Christ and become full members of our church. Bishop Noel O'Regan SMA will confirm the boys from **St Patricks N.S. at 10am** and Fr Tom Hayes VG will confirm the girls from **St Joseph's N.S, Gaelscoil Dr Uí Shúilleabháin, and Abbeystrewry School at 12.30pm.**

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Jesus is in conversation with Nicodemus. He tells him, even in times when we forget about God, God's love is infinite, and God is constantly giving his love to us. God loved us so much he gave us his only Son, who was sent among us for a purpose, and so are we. The Gospel tells us about condemning and saving, believing, and not believing, staying in the darkness, or coming into the light. We have to choose eternal life. We talk about eternal life because we know death is inevitable, but our gospel calls us to trust in God, to realise that eternal life is not about either-or, but rather is about even when God is there for us, even in the unknown, to guide us. So, we need to be aware of his light, his love, his forgiveness, and we need to share this awareness with others to support one another and appreciate the gift of supreme love that God gives us every day and trust him in order to achieve eternal life.

Meeting for **Collectors and Counters** will be held on **Thursday 14th March at 7pm** in the presbytery.

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.

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.

The rosary is recited every **Tuesday evening at Cork Road Grotto at 8pm**. Everyone is welcome to join.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 10th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Angela Sheehy, Creagh

Tessie Sheehy, Ballylynch

Jeremiah O'Driscoll, Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 11th March – No Mass due to Confirmation in Skibbereen

Wednesday 13th March 10.15am Rath

Friday 15th March – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 16th March

4.45pm – Sherkin

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

9.30am Rath – Fiona Scully, Creagh and London

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

Second Collection today Sunday 10th March for Irish Bishops Commission

First Confessions will be held for our First Holy Communion Children on Monday 11th March at 7pm in Rath Church.

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Finding hope in a hopeless world – Session 4. Lent 2024: Asks the question, should we hope in each other. 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.

Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper in September –

A special information evening will be held in **Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm** for those aged between 18 and 25 years who would like to travel to Lourdes with the Diocese of Cork and Ross (Sept 20th to Sept 25th) as a Young Adult Helper.

It is wonderful opportunity for a young person to help those pilgrims who need assistance and to grow deeper in their faith by experiencing the unique spirituality of Lourdes. For more information call Sheila on 021/4902459 or email sheilakelleher@ucc.ie.

Totus Tuus pilgrimage to Fatima - 30th August - 6th September 2024. Flights ex Cork. Cost: €815. Spiritual director: Fr. Marius O Reilly. For more information, contact Damien 087-2049048 or Marian Pilgrimages @ 01-8788159.