

OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

Saturday 1 June
marks the 28th Anniversary of Ordination
of Fr John Heinhold SPS,
Co-PP Skibbereen & Moderator (1996)

THIS WEEK

MON 27: ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, sent by Pope Gregory the Great to preach to the English, established the See at Canterbury.

WED 29: ST PAUL VI, born Giovanni Montini in 1897, as Archbishop of Milan was elected pope to succeed John XXIII in 1963. He completed the Second Vatican Council in 1965 and implemented its reforms, also controversially issuing *Humanae Vitae* in 1968. When he was canonised in 2019, his feastday was assigned to today, the date of his ordination as priest.

• *Today is International Day of UN Peacekeepers: pray that God may bless and protect Irish soldiers serving on this mission.*

THURS 30 MAY: The NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART, begins today in Kilmacabea Parish (starting in Glandore Church and alternating with Leap). Continues to Fri. 7 June.

FRI 31: THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY, honours Mary's visit to the newly-pregnant Elizabeth, carrying her Son with her in the womb.

SAT 1 JUNE: ST JUSTIN, MARTYR

• *Today is Global Parents Day (UN), a day to appreciate all parents throughout the world.*

CHANGE OF PLAN

A decision has been taken to postpone this summer's pilgrimage in honour of St Ciarán. A 'Coordinating Team' is to be put in place in our Family of parishes, consisting of two members from each of our pastoral councils. A 2025 pilgrimage to Cape Clear may be one of the projects they will undertake.

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

Scottish philosopher John Macmurray contrasted 'illusory religion' with 'real religion'. The maxim of illusory religion is:
"Fear not; trust in God and He will see that none of the things you fear will happen to you."

Real religion has a different maxim:
"Fear not; the things you are afraid of are quite likely to happen to you, but they are nothing to be afraid of."

FINANCE CORNER (19 MAY)

Aughadown: €820

Castlehaven & Myross: €990

Kilmacabea: €1,100 (12 & 19 May)

Skibbereen: €1,550

Rath & the Islands: €736

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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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



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)

TRINITY SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024 VOL 2: No 35

WITHOUT FAITH, BAPTISM IS MEANINGLESS

When infants are baptised, parents and godparents promise to bring that child to the fullness of faith as Christians.

*"Infant Baptism only makes sense when parents want it and are ready to ensure that their child will be formed in the life given to it in baptism. It is forbidden to baptise a child without these assurances"**.

Once a young person reaches the age of reason, seven to eight years, and has not been baptised, they will need a comprehensive catechesis [instruction in the faith of the Church], before they can be considered ready for this sacrament.

To believe in something or someone, we must be able to understand and articulate what we believe. Christianity is believing in the person of Jesus Christ. For this faith

* from 'Sacraments of Initiation' by Liam Walsh OP, (p 101)

to have any meaning, someone asking for baptism needs to develop a personal loving relationship with Jesus.

Baptism is a work of God. It requires faith and conversion. To be baptised is to make oneself part of the Church as a

community;
to be ready to take full part in the Eucharist;
to contribute one's gifts to making the Church the way of salvation for others as well as for oneself.

Faith is a gift, and a commitment to a new way of living. Without this commitment, it becomes meaningless, and shows disrespect for the community of faith, and even for God Himself.

On this Trinity Sunday we reflect on our Christian lives, and how transformed we are through our baptism.

Siobhán O'Brien [CATECHIST]
Rath & The Islands Parish





**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 25 May 2024

Saturday – 6.30pm Frank Galvin.
Larry O'Driscoll, formerly of Baltimore Road.
Sunday - 11am Dick and Kit Fitzgerald, Glencurragh.
Diarmuid O'Donovan, Coolnagurrane.
Monday – 9.30am Elizabeth Langley, Skibbereen and UK
Tuesday – 9.30am Laurence O'Driscoll, Skibbereen and Massachusetts
Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Parish.
Thursday - 9.30am John O'Donovan, Mohonagh and Cork Road.
Friday – 9.30am Margaret O'Brien, Upper Bridge Street.
Saturday – 6.30pm Annie and Paddy Connolly, Deelish.
Con O'Mahony, Coronea.
Sunday - 11am Breda Barnett, North Street.
Tadhg and Mary Whooley, Shreelane.

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).

Rosary for the Month of May. The Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto every Tuesday evening during the month of May at 8pm. **All welcome.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every **Monday & Friday from 10am until 6pm.** **All welcome.**

Hospitality Morning every **Wednesday**, in the Presbytery, after the morning Mass. **All are welcome** for tea or coffee and a chat.

Confessions on **Saturday at 10am to 11am.**

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) Saturday mornings from **11.15am – 12 noon** in the Presbytery, North Street.

Congratulations to the boys of St Patrick's Boys N.S. who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18 May.

Exam Time is upon us so, we remember all those sitting exams. We read in Philippians 4:6, ***“Do not worry about anything, instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done...”***

The Holy Trinity - Let's begin our understanding by defining what the word “Trinity” means: The word Trinity joins the words Tri (Three) + Unity = Trinity. By doing this, it expresses the Christian understanding of God: God is three persons but one single essence.

The three persons of the Trinity are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. One God with one will, one purpose, one nature, one essence, are of equal importance and honour, equally infinite and eternal. Even though they are one, each of these three has different attributes: The Father begets, the Son is begotten, and the Holy Spirit proceeds. Even though they are one, the Father loves, the Son receives the Father's love and returns it, and the Holy Spirit is their shared love. Even though they are one, all things proceed from the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

The only reason God created the universe and us is that He Loves Us! And God wants us to partake in His Love completely for all eternity! We are to join with God by becoming Love, God's essence, and enter into full union with the Trinity. We become one with the Father via our union with the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ. So, when we pray as Christians, we speak to the Father by being in the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. At the same time the Father talks to us through Jesus Christ via the Holy Spirit.

Corpus Christi Procession 2024 will take place next **Sunday 2 June** following the 11am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. We invite all from the Community of St Ciarán and All Saints (Our Family of Parishes) to join in our procession. We ask everyone to gather outside the Cathedral, the Rosary will be prayed, and Hymns sung as we proceed down North Street, turn left onto High Street and turning right to go in front of the Garda Station, right down Distillery Road and into St Vincent De Paul, where there will be Benediction and a Blessing. ***Please cooperate with the stewards to ensure the safety of all.***

The following meetings are scheduled for the week in the Presbytery:

Bi-Centenary Committee Monday 27 May at 8pm.

Safeguarding Representatives Thursday 30 May at 6.30pm.

Altar Servers and their parents Thursday 30 May at 7pm.

CONNECT Summer BBQ - There will be a special CONNECT Summer BBQ for young adults aged 18 - 35 years on **Thursday 6 June at 7pm in Mardyke House** (T12 W8RP). The evening will include food, fellowship, music, and much more. There is a nominal fee of €8.00. To register simply go to eventbrite.ie and search for “CONNECT BBQ”. Please do spread the word. Come yourself and invite a friend.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 26th May – The Most Holy Trinity

9.30am Rath – Bernard O'Driscoll, Corner House, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 27th May - 10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Wednesday 29th May - 10.15am Rath

Friday 31st May - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 1st June

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 2nd June – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi

9.30am Rath – John Davis, Lackahane

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Saturdays mornings at 11.15am – 12 noon in the Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen.

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The next meeting of the **Bantry Cardiac Support Group** will take place on Tuesday 28th May 2024 in the Meeting Room, Bantry Primary Care Centre at 8 p.m.

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