

THIS WEEK

MON 20 MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH. This memorial is celebrated on the day after Pentecost Sunday and honours Mary, praying with the disciples at Pentecost.

TUES 21: SS CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS, 25 priests and lay people executed in Mexico in 1927.

WED 22: ST RITA OF CASCIA, married for 18 years, when her husband, an abusive and violent man, was murdered. Patron of victims of abuse, difficult marriages, and of seemingly impossible causes and situations

FRI 24: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA, honouring Our Lady, Help of Christians, who is venerated at the Marian Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai:

*Our Lady of Sheshan,
sustain all those in China,
who, amid their daily trials,
continue to believe, to hope, to love.
May they never be afraid
to speak of Jesus to the world,
and of the world to Jesus.
In the statue overlooking the Shrine
you lift your Son on high,
offering him to the world
with open arms in a gesture of love.
Help Catholics always to be
credible witnesses to this love,
ever clinging to the rock of Peter
on which the Church is built.
Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us,
now and for ever. Amen!*

— POPE BENEDICT XVI

SAT 25: ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, monk of Jarrow, in Northumbria, patron of scholars

• *Today is Africa Day, designated by the African Union as an annual celebration of the continent's unity. The 2024 theme is "Educate an African fit for the 21st Century".*

☆ POINTS TO PONDER ☆

There are three doors that charitable speech must pass through. The gatekeeper at the first door asks, "Is it true?". The second gatekeeper asks, "Is it helpful?" The third asks, "Is it kind?".

— from the writings of Krishnamurti

"Today is the tomorrow I worried about yesterday — and all is well."

FINANCE CORNER (12 MAY)

A special collection was taken for the (diocesan) Office of Mission & Ministry.

Aughadown: €830 (Special €495)

Castlehaven & Myross: €1,005
(Special collection €665)

Skibbereen: €1,640 (Special €885)

Rath & the Islands: €925 (Special €240)

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



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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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JOHN F KENNEDY'S ROSARY BEADS

President John F Kennedy was assassinated four months after he visited Ireland in 1963. He went to his ancestral home and met a cousin Mary Ryan.

Mrs Kennedy invited Mary Ryan to the funeral; her daughter Mary Ann attended in her place. After the burial Mrs Kennedy sought out Mary Ann and gave her JFK's rosary beads. The beads are now on display in the Wexford homestead.

Apparently, when he was growing up, JFK's mother gathered the family regularly for the family rosary and taught them to always keep rosary beads in their pockets.

The second story about JFK was revealed by Father James Blount, a priest in Florida. A few days before the assassination, a parish priest in Tampa where Kennedy was speaking, got an inquiry about confessions and was told that the president would arrive for confession. JFK refused to jump the queue and moved along the pew with the others. He came out

from confession, prayed quietly and left.

The article suggested that while the two stories may seem unconnected, those who pray the Rosary and know the 15 promises made by Our Lady would understand how connected they are. It may be that the article was referring to Promise Number Five which reads:

'The soul that recommends itself to me by recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.'

In a 1991 book 'Padre Pio – the true story' by Bernard Ruffin, the following appears, referring to what Padre Pio said: *'When Kennedy was killed, he told Padre Aurelio that the president was saved.'*

[SUBMITTED BY A FRIEND OF FR DONAL CAHILL, AUGHADOWN]

• The two stories above concerning President Kennedy's Rosary Beads and Confession were first published in 'Totus Tuus' (Edition 37).



**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 18 May 2024

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Barney O'Connor, Gortnaclohy.
Ellen O'Leary, Month's Mind and
her sister Joannah Dorman.
- Sunday - 11am** Mary Hurley, Market Street.
Maria Simons, RIP.
- Monday – 9.30am** Eileen Gee, Dungarvan and formerly of Drimoleague.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Jean Croston, Gortnamuckla.
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Parish.
- Thursday - 9.30am** Special Intention.
- Friday – 9.30am** Special Intention.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Frank Galvin.
Larry O'Driscoll, formerly of Baltimore Road.
- Sunday - 11am** Dick and Kit Fitzgerald, Glencurragh.
Diarmuid O'Donovan, Coolnagurrane.

We welcome to our faith community Fiadh Shannon, daughter of Patrick and Ashley, who was baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on 04 May 2024.

We extend our condolences to the family of Tim (Frank) O'Mahony of Richmond Hill, Cork formerly of Lisheen, Skibbereen who died recently.

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. 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

St John Henry Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer:

“COME HOLY SPIRIT”

Come Holy Spirit

Make our ears to hear

Make our eyes to see

Make our mouths to speak

Make our hearts to seek

Make our hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love. AMEN.

Congratulations to the girls of St Joseph's Girls N.S. and Gaelscoil Dr Uí Shúilleabháin who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11 May and the boys of St Patrick's Boys N.S this Saturday 18 May.

Congratulations to the Graduation Class of 2024 from Skibbereen Community School whose **Graduation Service** will be held on Wednesday 22 May at 2pm.

Corpus Christi Procession Committee. In preparation for our Corpus Christi procession on **Sunday 2 June** a meeting will be held on **Monday 20 May at 8pm** in the Presbytery. All are welcome and the children who were recently Confirmed and those who received their First Holy Communion are asked to participate in the Procession. The route is from the Cathedral to Cara House (via High Street) for Benediction.

Funeral Ministry Team will have a meeting on **Thursday 23 May at 7pm** in the Presbytery.

The Mass, at Enniskeane Parish Church, to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio, will be celebrated on **Friday 24 May at 7.30pm**. Blessings with the relic of Saint Padre Pio will take place. A collection will be taken up at Mass and shared between the Capuchin Day Centre and the Parish Building Fund.

All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock on Saturday 01 June. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details,

Lough Derg – Four-day Pilgrimage 2024. Leaves Cork **Friday 7 June at 9am**. **Returning Monday 10 June**. Please phone Paddy 021 4502572 for booking and information.



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost Sunday

9.30am Rath – Breeda & Paddy Cahalane, Ballymacrown
Con Kelleher, Mardyke Street, Skibbereen

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 20th May - 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 22nd May - 10.15am Rath - Paddy Cahalane, Ballymacrown

Friday 24th May - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 25th May

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 26th May – The Most Holy Trinity

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

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Congratulations to our 8 Communion Candidates who celebrated their Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday 12th May. Many thanks to all who were involved in making it a special occasion for the Children, their Families, and our Parish.

First Friday Calls – 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**.

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 21st May at 7.20pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, P85 X322. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer a free online monthly support meeting. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie

The Mass to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio at Enniskeane Parish Church will be celebrated on Friday May 24th at 7.30pm. Blessings with the relic of Saint Padre Pio will take place. A collection will be taken up at Mass and shared between the Capuchin Day Centre and the Parish Building Fund.

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

Spring Station Masses - Station masses in people's homes are a tradition that we are trying to keep alive. We would again like to remind people that if you would like to host a Spring Station Mass in your home. Please contact the Office on 028 22828 as soon as possible.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament continues every Monday and Friday from 10am to 6pm both days in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. All are welcome.

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - Saturday, June 1st

Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 11.30am.

The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession.

Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland.

See www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details.

LOUGH DERG - 4-day Pilgrimage 2024. Leaves Cork Friday 7th June at 9am.
Returning Monday 10th June. Booking & Information Ph. Paddy 021 4502572

Due to an increase in recipients, **Skibbereen Geriatric Society**, who provide a widespread delivery of **meals on wheels** in the town and surrounding areas, are now seeking volunteer drivers for delivery of luncheons on a rota basis. Anyone interested in this service please contact Linda Shannon on 086/4093114 or at Cara House Market Street, Skibbereen on 028/22269.