

This Week :

July 1 St Oliver Plunkett, born in County Meath in 1629, studied for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained there in 1654.

After some years of teaching and service to the poor of Rome he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in Ireland. As archbishop, he was viewed as ultimately responsible for any rebellion or political activity among his parishioners. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered in July 1681. Pope Paul VI canonized Oliver Plunkett in 1975.

July 4 St Elizabeth of Portugal. Born in 1271; died at Estremoz (Portugal) on this day in 1336. A princess of Aragon and a grand-niece of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. Upon being widowed, she gave away her wealth and joined the Third Order of Saint Francis. Honoured as a peacemaker and for assisting the poor and sick.

Jubilee Year of Hope

During their 2024 Summer General Meeting held in Maynooth, bishops welcomed Pope Francis' message for the 2025 Jubilee Year entitled *Spes non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint). This Holy Year has as its theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', and it will be a year of prayerful hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The Holy Year will follow the current 2024 Year of Prayer, wherein Pope Francis (pictured) has urged the faithful to pray for peace, especially amidst the wars in Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. It will begin on Christmas Eve, 24 December, with the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. Pope Francis is calling on all Catholics to renew in the hope of Christ, using Saint Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.

Finance Corner Sunday 23 June

Aughadown: €845

Castlehaven and Myross: €915

Skibbereen: €1500

Rath: €745

Family of Parishes Summer

Holidays: The office will be closed from July 15 to 29.

Useful contact Numbers

Alcoholic 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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Whilst every care is taken to ensure the accuracy of information in this Family of Parishes Newsletter, we cannot accept any responsibility for errors or omissions.



Another volume closes...

With this newsletter, another volume of Family of Parishes newsletters is complete. Our schools have closed, so it's holiday time, and our editors take a well-deserved rest too. On September 1st, we will open Volume Three! Before we close, thanks are due to those who have edited this past year: Geraldine McCarthy (Rath & The Islands), June Kelly (Skibbereen), Trish Barry (Aughadown) and the Castlehaven & Myross team (Annette Glanton, Pamela Deasy and Denise Moloney).

It was a pleasure to work with all who edited these pages, and those who contributed articles too.

One further group deserve gratitude this time round: those business premises in each parish who agreed to stock the newsletter and bring it to a broader audience:

AUGHADOWN: Drinagh Co-op, Aughadown Branch;

BALTIMORE: Bushe's Bar, Camiers Gala Convenience Store;

CASTLETOWNHEND: Batt's Shop

SKIBBEREEN: Fields SuperValu, Hegarty's Costcutter Service Station, Drinagh (Supermarket), Spar Service Station, Trendy Hair Fashions,

O'Sullivans Toymaster, UNION HALL: Cronin's Centra.

Thanks to all of these, apologies to any inadvertently omitted; more businesses are invited to make the newsletter available, it's much appreciated by patrons. Until September 1st: Ciao!

Have a restful summer.

Fr Bernard



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 29 June 2024

Saturday – 6.30pm

Pauline Butler, Galley Head Lighthouse.

Sunday 11am

William and Mary Reen, St Fachtna's Terrace.

Joe Collins, Lissard.

Mary O'Sullivan, Townshend Street and her

husband John.

Monday – 9.30am

Daniel and Mary Collins, Knockataggert.

Tuesday – 9.30am

Sean Crowley, Bandon.

Wednesday - 9.30am

People of the Parish

Thursday - 9.30am

Special Intention

Friday – 9.30am

Michael Crowley, RIP

Saturday – 6.30pm

Peter Nolan RIP.

Sunday 11am

Jeremiah and Mary O'Donoghue, Drishanemore.

Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen and

James O'Leary, Crosslea.

Angela O'Byrne and Derry O'Byrne, Coronea.

William Geaney, Drishanemore, Month's Mind.

We extend our condolences to the family of Frank John McCarthy, Ilen Street, Skibbereen who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community Casey O'Driscoll, Drisheen, son of Conor and Grainne who was baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on 22 June 2024.

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).

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

Confessions on Saturday at 10am to 11am.

Hospitality Morning is taking a break for the months of July and August. See you again in September.

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) has taken a break for the months of July and August. See you again in September.

The Thirteenth Sunday addresses healing – our need for it, and Jesus as the source of it. Each of us, our families and our church, our country and our world need healing. How can we find this healing? Every time we participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, we say a prayer right before we come to communion, *“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”* In other words, deep down in my soul, I need to be healed.

Mark in our Gospel today tells us that a “synagogue official” whose daughter is at the point of death approaches Jesus. He begs, *“come lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.”*

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2. When people take action to reach out to Jesus from their deep needs, he heals them. These are the messages we can take for ourselves today.

Finance Sub Committee meeting on **Thursday 4 July** in the Presbytery at **6.30pm**.

Bicentenary Committee meeting on **Thursday 4 July** in the Presbytery at **8pm**.

We have received a letter from Trócaire expressing their thanks for the generous donation, received from the parish for their Lenten campaign, in the sum of €2,625.00



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 30th June – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Barry St John Ryan, his son Barry and Niamh O'Connor
Nealie Bohane, Droumadoon

11.00am Mass in Sherkin Abbey

Monday 1st July - 10.15am Rath – Joe Sheehan, Spain 30th Anniversary

Wednesday 3rd July - 10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Friday 5th July - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 6th July

4.00pm – Sherkin

Sunday 7th July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Jerome & May O'Sullivan and Jack Walsh, Bunlick
John & Hannah Sheehy, Creagh

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.

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

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.

Baltimore Lifeboat Ladies Lunch – Thursday 1st August 12.30pm – Prosecco Reception, Inishbeg Estate. Tickets €85. Call Ruth McSweeney 086-2698324 or Rosaleen MacKeown 086-8094814

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Parish Office Summer Holidays – The office will be closed from 15th July to 29th July.

Baltimore Community Market every Sunday from 11am to 1.30pm in the Community Hall, Baltimore.

Cork County Council is progressing the feasibility and route options stage of the proposed **West Cork Greenway** – Skibbereen Sections. Funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII) Greenway programme, the proposed project will be developed in three individual sections Skibbereen to Schull; Skibbereen to Drimoleague and **Skibbereen to Baltimore**.

Following a successful initial public consultation in January, route corridor options for the greenway routes have now been developed and will be available to view during the second public consultation, opening on Friday the 28th of June and running until Friday the 26th of July 2024.

Feedback on the route corridor options can be submitted online during this time by visiting the project website at www.wcgskibbereen.ie

Members of the public are also invited to attend in person events in Schull or Skibbereen.

Schull Harbour Hotel on the 2nd of July 2024 (12:00-20:00)

The West Cork Hotel on the 3rd and 4th of July 2024 (12:00-20:00)

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