

## POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAR. 2025

### — for families in crisis

“Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

### FORTY DAYS OF LENT:

#### *The journey to Easter.....*

- **DAY 5, MON. 10:** Do a random act of kindness for someone you meet on your travels today.
- **DAY 6, TUES. 11:** Feed the birds.
- **DAY 7, WED. 12:** Gather glass, paper and cardboard for recycling.
- **DAY 8, THURS 13:** Pray the Rosary, or say your favourite prayer.  
— *Remember Pope Francis: he was elected as Supreme Pastor of the Church on this day in 2013.*
- **DAY 9, FRI. 14:** Skip one meal, give the money you save to Trócaire or any charity.
- **DAY 10, SAT 15:** Walk or cycle today instead of driving — safely.

### FINANCE CORNER (2 MARCH)

Aughadown €830

Castlehaven €860; Dev. Fund €1065

Kilmacabea €580; Maintenance €530.

Rath: €685. Skibbereen: €1,760.

**FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE:** To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, 1 North St, Skibbereen: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10 am -1 pm. [CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS]

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**OUR GOAL THIS LENT** is the Easter Vigil on 19 April, at 9pm in the Cathedral, Skibbereen. A preparatory meeting for the Easter Vigil will be held in the Presbytery, Skibbereen, on **Mon 31 March at 8pm**. Coordinators of Ministers of the Word (readers), people involved in music ministry (choirs, cantors) and a rep from each sacristy is asked to attend.

### CLERGY

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*Castlehaven (Union Hall)*  
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- *Fr Evin O'Brien CC*  
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### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Alcoholics Anonymous** in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

**Pieta House** Crisis helpline 1800 247 247;

Or text **HELP** to 51444.

**St Vincent de Paul,**  
Skibbereen: 087 918 2698

**Samaritans:** 116 123 free.

## St Ciarán & All Saints

FAMILY OF PARISHES

# NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT VOL 3: 26

## BE A FANATIC THIS LENT!

Until I did some research for this piece, I didn't know that Lent comes from an old English word 'lencten', meaning "to lengthen" It makes sense because Lent is in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

We may have already made up our minds what we're 'giving up' for Lent — sweets, biscuits, chocolate and treats seem to be regulars. Giving up something can get easier once we've done a week of it, it becomes a new habit. How many people have you heard saying that they gave up sugar for Lent and never went back on it?

What if we decided to focus on the

positive rather than the negative? We don't even have to do the same thing every day. We could visit an elderly neighbour; call into the church and say a prayer or light a candle. We could be more friendly or more patient. We could volunteer to do something in our parish or community. We would get a positive benefit, and others would too. Surely this is a win / win situation that could become a positive new way of life, a new habit.

“Good habits are worth being fanatical about” — John Irving.

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

— NAOMH CIARÁN & NAOMH PÁDRAIG, GUÍ ORAINN!



**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](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 08 March 2025**

- Saturday – 6.30pm** May O'Mahony, Dromig.  
James and Mary O'Brien, Home Rule Terrace.
- Sunday - 11am** Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen and Archbishop Denis Hurley, Durban.  
Margaret Caverly, Munig.  
John Daly, Ardagh, Coronea, First Anniversary.
- Monday – 9.30am** Paddy and Mary O'Regan, Coronea.
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Patricia Long, Milleenahorna and South Wales.
- Tuesday 7.30pm** **Station Mass** for Skibbereen and rural areas
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday - 9.30am** Tony Gallagher, Navan, Co Meath.
- Friday 9.30am** Paddy Kissane, Dunbeacon.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Joseph O'Sullivan, Cork and Castletownbere, First Anniversary.  
Mary Hodnett Deasy, Union Hall and Skibbereen.  
John and Eily O'Sullivan, Lissalohorig.
- Sunday - 11am** Sean Connolly, Oldcourt and his daughter Sharon Connolly.  
Geraldine Hurley, Poundlick.  
Colm Crowley.  
Denis Dwyer, Month's Mind.

We welcome to our faith community the following:

**Caoimhe Crowley**, (daughter of Colin and Eileen) and **Jack Connolly**, (son of Danny and Catherine) who were baptised last Saturday in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen

**Recently deceased:** Moira Cahalane (née O'Regan) Mohonagh, Skibbereen, and Barryroe. May she Rest in Peace.

**Weekday Masses** Monday to Friday at **9.30am**. **The Rosary** is prayed before Mass each morning. (**The Rosary on Thursday** is said for the special intention of vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood).

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

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

**Hospitality Morning**, in the Presbytery, on Wednesday after the **9.30am Mass**. All welcome.

**Second collection:** There will be a second collection this weekend, for the **Irish Bishops' commissions**.

**A Station Mass** for the town and rural areas will take place in **Skibbereen Cathedral on Tuesday 11 March at 7.30pm**. Station offering envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**Eucharistic Adoration in Rath Church on Wednesday evening from 7pm-9pm**.

**Stations of the Cross** in the Cathedral every **Friday at 6.30pm**, during Lent.

This year, **Trócaire's Lenten campaign** focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through, Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)

**Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club** are holding a demonstration with Breda Keohane, Ballinhassig, in the **Abbeystrewry Hall on Wednesday 12 March at 8.15pm**. A great night assured. All very welcome. Refreshments served.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation which supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support evening on **Tuesday 18 March at 7.30pm** in **Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty**.

**A Choral and Organ Concert** will be hosted by Glaslinn Choir, on **Friday 28 March at 8.15pm** in **St Fachtna's Cathedral, Rosscarbery**. The concert will be in aid of two local charities. As **28 March is Daffodil Day**, the Irish Cancer Society will be one of the beneficiaries, and the other will be the local branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** from Cork Airport on **4 June 2025**. For further information and full details please contact Jim Keogh 087 2678793 or 021 4885371.



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

**Priest on Duty/Emergency** – 086/7852262

#### **Mass Intentions**

##### **Sunday 9th March – First Sunday of Lent**

**9.30am** Rath – Angela Sheehy, Creagh

Miah O'Driscoll, Rath

Josephine Griffin, Cork Road, Skibbereen

**10.00am** Cape Clear

##### **Monday 10th March – 10.15am** Rath

##### **Wednesday 12th March – 10.15am** Rath

**Friday 14th March – 7.30pm** Rath – Mass for all Station Areas in Rath Parish

##### **Saturday 15th March**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

##### **Sunday 16th March – Second Sunday of Lent**

**9.30am** Rath – Tessie Sheehy, Ballylynch

Jim McKenna, Cork & Baltimore – Months Mind

**10.00am** Cape Clear

##### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patricks Day**

**9.30am** – Donie O'Regan, Reengaroga

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

Confessions by appointment.

**Adoration in Rath Church** every Wednesday evening during Lent from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

**A station mass for all station areas in Rath parish** will take place in the Sacred Heart Church **on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please note there will be no morning Mass in Rath on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Mass on St Patricks Day** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March is at **9.30am**

**There will be a second collection this weekend, March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** for Irish Bishops Commissions.

**Rath NS** are hosting a breast cancer awareness talk next **Tuesday, March 11th at 3.30pm**. All welcome to attend.

**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.

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

#### **Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport** with Spiritual Director

Our pilgrimage departs from Cork with Aer Lingus on **4th June 2025**.

Everyone is welcome! Full daily programme and optional tours. 4-star hotel conveniently located close to the village centre and the St James Church.

Half board: breakfast & dinner each day. Coach transfer to Medjugorje on arrival and return from your hotel to airport for return flight. Check-in assistance at airports. 20kg check-in bag and 1 small cabin bag. For further information and full details please contact Jim Keogh 087 2678793 /021 4885371.

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**Baltimore St Patricks Day Parade Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Floats meet at 11.30am in car park across from Garda Station at 11.30am. Parade starts at 12 noon. Prizes given for Best Eco Green Float, Best Maritime Float, Best Overall Float and Best Newcomer Float. Prizes will be awarded later in the square with music.