



On Tuesday 6th May, St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen celebrates its 199th birthday; it was dedicated on that day in 1826. In 2026 our Cathedral will celebrate its Bicentenary, a great occasion for our Family of Parishes, a true milestone.

APRIL 20TH-26TH: WEEK OF JOY

EASTER SUNDAY, 20 April: 'Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb' (John 20:1).

EASTER MONDAY, 21 APRIL: 'Jesus said, 'Do not be afraid' (Matthew 28:10).

EASTER TUES. 22 APRIL: 'Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord' (John 20: 18).

EASTER WED. 23 APRIL: 'Yes, it is true, the Lord has risen' (Luke 24: 35).

EASTER THURS. 24 April: 'Jesus stood among them and said: "Peace be with you"' (Luke 24:36).

EASTER FRI. 25 April: On the lakeshore, Jesus said: "Come and have breakfast" (John 21:12).

FINANCE CORNER (13 APRIL)

AUGHADOWN: €800

CASTLEHAVEN: €1,030

KILMACABEA: €1105 (diocesan €455).

SKIBBEREEN: €1,335.

RATH & THE ISLANDS: €680.

CLERGY

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta Hse: Text **HELP** to 51444.

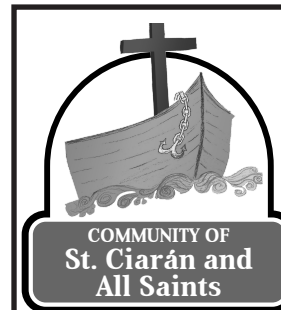
St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen: 087 918 2698

Samaritans: 116 123 free.

Women against Violence
Helpline 1800 203 136

After two weeks' Easter holidays, the Parishes' Newsletter resumes
on Sunday 12 May. A joyful Easter to all who read this page!

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE: To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, Skibbereen: Mon, Wed Thurs & Fri 10 am -1 pm. [CLOSED EASTER WEEK & MAY BANK HOLIDAY]
• 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)

20 APRIL, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY VOL 3: 32

HAPPY EASTER!

Normally Easter is the highlight of the church's year, but this year Easter has a special ecumenical dimension. Not only does the date of Easter 2025 coincide in both the Eastern and Western churches, but it's also a special anniversary, the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, a hugely significant moment in the early Church.

The Council of Nicaea, as well as coming up with the Nicene Creed which most Churches use, decided to establish a common date for Easter. [This was maintained until 1582 when the Western Church chose the Gregorian calendar over the Julian.]

As the Nicaean Council sought to bring churches closer together to unity, we pray for all ecumenical endeavours

throughout the world, that we may be faithful to our Lord's prayer at the Last Supper: *"I pray ... that all of them may be one, Father; just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be one in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me"* (John 17: 20-21).



This Easter, we pray for all Christians throughout the world, and for peace, especially in the Middle East where our Lord once lived.

We pray that all Christians may seek to make the light of Christ present and visible in a world often threatened by darkness.

For Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Canon John Ardis

Rector, Abbeystrewry (Skibbereen)

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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 Wednesday

Mass Intentions from Saturday 19 April 2025

Saturday – 9pm Holy Saturday Vigil
Sunday – 11am Easter Sunday
Monday – 9.30am Kathleen Ring, Coronea Drive.
Tuesday - 9.30am Mary Kelly, Bauravilla.
Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes
Thursday – 9.30am John and Mary Murphy, Bauravilla.
Friday – 9.30am Lil and Tadhg Harnedy, Poundlick.
Saturday – 6.30pm Bill Hurley, Gortnaclohy.
Derry Browne.
Tony Burke, Chapel Lane.
Sunday – 11am Dick and Kit Fitzgerald, Glencurragh.
Charlie and Hannah Davis, Home Rule Terrace.
JJ (Derry) O'Donovan, recently deceased.
May Ronan, Month's Mind.

Please see the notice boards for the mass intentions for the following two weeks.

We extend our condolences to the families of - recently deceased:
Annie McCarthy, Derrygool, Skibbereen & Los Angeles, California.
Ellen O'Mahony (née Ryan) Cois Caol, Skibbereen and Fermoy
May they Rest in Peace.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Please note that there is no Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Easter Monday. The Adoration will resume on **Friday 25 April** from **10am to 6pm**.

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

Rosary – every **Tuesday** at **8pm** at **Our Lady's Grotto**, Cork Road, Skibbereen. All welcome.

Hospitality Morning the hospitality morning will not take place on Wednesday 23 April, but it will resume as usual on Wednesday 30 April.

Collection for Priests:

The collection at the **Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday and Mass on Easter Sunday** is for the priests of the parish. The bishop allows only two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the Priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Cathedral.

Envelopes for Easter Offering are available in the Cathedral.

Divine Mercy Sunday –

The annual **Divine Mercy Novena** in **St Patrick's Cathedral**, on **Sunday 27 April 2025**. **Confessions** at **2.30pm** and **Novena prayers** at **3pm**. Everyone from the Family of Parishes is welcome to attend.

Second collection:

There will be a second collection on weekend of Saturday and Sunday 10 & 11 May for Mission and Ministry.

First Friday calls –

Fr Kevin will make his usual visits to the housebound on **Friday 2 May** with Holy Communion. 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**.

Fr Kevin and Fr Evin would like to thank all those who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies, especially the young people who participated in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Your presence enriched the experience for all. We wish all parishioners and those joining us for Easter all the blessings of the Risen Lord.

The parish office will be closed Easter week – 21 to 25 April.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

9.00am Sherkin – Easter Sunday Mass

9.30am Rath – Easter Sunday Mass

10.00am Cape Clear – Easter Sunday Mass

Monday 21st April – 10.15am Rath – Martina O'Brien, Bunlick

Wednesday 23rd April – 10.15am Rath

Friday 25th April – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 26th April

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 27th April – Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Paddy Connolly, Skibbereen & Kinsale

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 28th April – 10.15am Rath – Sheila Gallagher, Baltimore

Wednesday 30th April – 7.30pm Mass at Skour Well

Friday 2nd May – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 3rd May

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 4th May – Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 5th May – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 7th May – 10.15am Rath

Friday 9th May – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 10th May

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

The priests of the Family of Parishes would like to thank all those who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies. Your presence enriched the experience for all.

We wish all parishioners and those joining us for Easter all the blessings of the Risen Lord.

Weekday Masses – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am. There will be no 10.15am Mass on Wednesday 30th April. There will be Mass at Skour Well at 7.30pm. Confessions by appointment.

Reminder to please return your Trócaire Boxes to the church, so all monies collected can be forwarded to Trócaire.

The Parish office will be closed Easter week – 21st April to 25th April inclusive.

Divine Mercy Sunday – The annual Divine Mercy Novena will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on **Sunday 27th April 2025**.

Confessions commence at 2.30pm and Novena prayers commence at 3pm.

Everyone from the Family of Parishes is invited to attend.

One local tradition for many years is on May Eve a Mass is celebrated at Skour Well, Tobar na Sceabhrach, Well of the Slope. **Mass will be held at Skour Well on Wednesday 30th April at 7.30pm.** All Welcome.

Rath Vintage Club Annual Tractor Run will be held on **Sunday 4th May**.

Registration is from 12 noon to 1.30pm at Rath Church car park. Tractors will leave at 2pm on a scenic route by Lough Hyne, Ballinard, Ballylynch and Baltimore village. Proceeds in aid of local charities.

There will be a second collection on Sunday 11th May for Mission and Ministry.

The office of Mission and Ministry was formed by Bishop Fintan to develop the vision for the Family of Parishes in the Diocese. To identify and respond to the needs of the parishes and faith communities as they develop new ways of ministry and new structures to serve the mission of our Diocese. Your contribution will help this office to achieve this goal.

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