



INVITATION TO THE *OTHER* CATHEDRAL

All the priests and lay people of Cork & Ross are invited to the North Cathedral in Cork City (T23 NX76), to celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday morning (next Thursday 17 April) at 10 a.m. At the Mass, the holy oils will be blessed, and priests renew their vows. Bishop Fintan invites you to the Mass, and to meet him at the cuppa afterwards (for all).

FORTY DAYS OF LENT:

The Last days (Holy Week).....

- **DAY 35, MON. 14:** Write an overdue letter today, or a card, or a text.
Service with Confessions, Cathedral 7pm.
- **DAY 36, TUES. 15:** Send your *Trócaire* money to W23 NX63 (www.trocaire.org)
- **DAY 37, SPY WED:** Pray for someone whose forgiveness you need.
- **DAY 38, HOLY THURS:** An act of kindness honours Jesus, who washes feet.
- **DAY 39, GOOD FRIDAY:** Fast from food today, no screens — silence.
- **DAY 40 HOLY SAT:** Live simply for the last day of Lent. Then enjoy Easter: congratulations, you made it!

FINANCE CORNER (6 APRIL)

AUGHADOWN €800; KILMACABEA €745;
 CASTLEHAVEN: €860 (Dev. Fund €730)
 SKIBBEREEN (CATHEDRAL): €1,605
 RATH & THE ISLANDS: €720 (Diocesan Needs collection, 30 March: €305)

CLERGY

- *Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP (MODERATOR) 028-22878*
- *Fr Terry O'Brien MSC, Co-PP, Leap, 028 33177 kilmacabeparish@gmail.com*
- *Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP Castlehaven (Union Hall) TEXT/WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627 frbernard1984@gmail.com*
- *Fr Evin O'Brien CC Skibbereen, PHONE 028 22877*

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

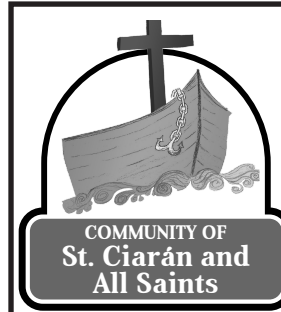
Pieta Hse: Text **HELP** to 51444.

St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen: 087 918 2698

Samaritans: 116 123 free.

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136

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

13 APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY

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COME TO OUR CATHEDRAL

We enter into the ceremonies of Holy Week this weekend with the blessing of the palm and the reading of St Luke's passion. We will follow

Jesus through his Last Supper on Holy Thursday to his suffering, crucifixion and death on Good Friday. Then on Holy Saturday we will await the resurrection, with the whole Christian world.

On that night, we will gather in the Cathedral in Skibbereen to celebrate the Easter Vigil. This celebration is for the whole Family of Parishes of St Ciarán & All Saints. Priests, choirs and ministers from all five parishes will participate together in the liturgy which gives meaning to our Christian way of life. This celebration is called 'the mother of all vigils'.

The Easter Vigil has four parts: the Liturgy of Light, of the Word, of Water/Baptism and of the Eucharist. Once again we sing the Gloria — and the Easter Alleluia, which wasn't used during Lent. We renew our baptismal promises and re-commit ourselves to the Christian life.

• *And this year we welcome Mr Anthony Boadle as he receives the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, becoming a full member of our Church.*

All are welcome to celebrate the greatest night in the Church's year in the Cathedral this coming Saturday, 19 April at 9.00pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fr Kevin [MODERATOR, FAMILY OF PARISHES]



.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 Wednesday

Mass Intentions from Saturday 12 April 2025

Saturday – 6.30pm Joanna Dorman, (née Thornhill) and Ellen O’Leary, (née Thornhill), formerly of Riverdale, First Anniversaries.

Donal O’Reilly, Creagh and late of Drisheen.
Charles and Vincent Hodnett, Rosscarbery.

Palm Sunday – 11am Jack, Peg, and Mary Maher, Kilnaclasha.
Daniel O’Leary, formerly of Market Street.
John O’Halloran, Coronea.

Monday – 9.30am - John and Margaret O’Sullivan, Dunbeacon.
Confessions after Mass

7 pm Service of Reconciliation

Tuesday - 9.30am Timothy Moynihan, Drishane and Shountellig.
Confessions after Mass

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes. **Confessions after Mass**

Holy Thursday – No parish morning Mass

10am Mass of Chrism in the North Cathedral Cork (T23NX76)

6.30pm Mass of the Last Supper

Visitation of Altar of Repose until 8.30pm

Good Friday – 12 noon Children’s Way of the Cross

3pm. Passion/Veneration/Holy Communion

Confessions after the ceremony

Special Collection for The Holy Places on Good Friday

Holy Saturday – Confessions 10am to 11am

9pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – Mass 11am

Eucharistic Adoration in Rath Church Wednesday 16 April 7pm to 9pm

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

We extend our condolences to the families of - recently deceased: Philomena Hallahan, Curragh, Skibbereen and Kanturk. Anthony Burke, Chapel Lane, Skibbereen and Clonakilty, May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome into our faith community:

Grace Dempsey, daughter of Conor and Catherine,
Bobby Bohane, son of John and Molly,
Fionn Daly, son of Anthony and Aisling,
who were baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on 5 April.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 14 April from 10am until 6pm. Please note that there is no Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The Adoration will resume on **Friday 25 April.**

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 in the Presbytery, on Wednesday after the **9.30am Mass.** All welcome. 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 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 porches of 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.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday of The Lords Passion

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 14th April – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 16th April – 10.15am Rath

Thursday 17th April – Holy Thursday

7.30pm Rath – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with visitation of the Altar of Repose until 9.30pm

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

11.00am Sherkin – Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Rath – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Cape Clear – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday

9.00pm Easter Vigil for the Family of Parishes in St Patricks Cathedral, Skibbereen

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

Weekday Masses – Monday and Wednesday at 10.15am. There will be no 10.15am Mass on Good Friday morning. Confessions by appointment.

Easter Penitential Service will be held for the Family of Parishes in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on **Monday 14th April at 7pm**. A number of priests will be available for confession. All are welcome.

Holy Thursday 28th March – Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork at 10am. All Welcome.

Special Collection for The Holy Places will be taken up on Good Friday.

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Easter Sunday: Weather permitting there will be refreshments after 9.30am Mass. All are Welcome.

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.

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.

Rosary at the Grotto – If you wish to pray for peace in this troubled world, you may do so every Tuesday at 8pm at Our Lady's Grotto, Cork Road, Skibbereen. All welcome.

Baltimore Tidy Towns Annual Baltimore Big Community Clean up – Good Friday 18th April at 10am at the Community Hall. Easter goodies for all who take part. We provide bags and gloves (and litter pickers if you don't have your own). All welcome.

We need new volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels to this parish. If you'd like to volunteer or just want more information, email bcagrp.ie@gmail.com.