

REMINDERS FOR READERS (MINISTERS OF THE WORD)

- The Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) should always be sung. If it is not sung, it may be omitted: please feel free to leave it out.
- During the Responsorial Psalm, there is no need to say “Response” each time the congregation is to respond. Simply wait for the response.
- Please always read from the Lectionary, never a missalette. Check that the right page is open for you, before Mass begins.

THIS WEEK

SUN 11 MAY, Good Shepherd Sunday, is the day of prayer for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

- Mothers Day in the USA.

TUES 13, OUR LADY OF FATIMA, apparitions began on this day in 1917.

WED 14. ST MATTHIAS, apostle and martyr; he took the place of Judas.

THURS 15, Anniversary of Fr Owen Cashman, PP Rath & The Islands (1999)

FRI 16. ST BRENDAN, abbot, navigated the seas to spread the Gospel. On his feast we pray to be brought ‘to the harbour we desire in heaven’.

FINANCE CORNER FOR 4 MAY ETC.

AUGHADOWN: €845; 27 APRIL €835.

CASTLEHAVEN: €990; Dev. Fund €920

KILMACABEA: €720; Maintenance €680

SKIBBEREEN: €1,485; 27 April €1,545.

RATH & THE ISLANDS: €867.

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

All that is necessary for the victory of evil is that good men do nothing.

— EDMUND BURKE

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta Hse Helpline 1800 247 247; or 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 FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 am -1 pm.

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NEWSLETTER

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

11 MAY 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER VOL 3: 33

REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

What did he have? The Rev Ian Paisley was thrown out of the European Parliament for heckling John Paul. Yet on the day Francis died, the numbers signing the book of condolence at Belfast City Hall was something to behold. Gavin Robinson, leader of the DUP, said, ‘Pope Francis did things differently, so gentle and humble’. He was certainly different, travelling by bus, stopping off to collect his laundry, wearing a crucifix of iron rather than gold....

We’ve heard so much about Francis, but three things stand out:

1. His firm belief that the Holy Spirit dwells in the laity in a special way and

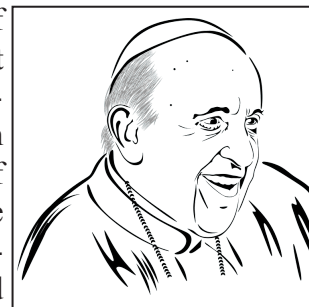
their voices should be listened to;

2. His mission — ‘the smell of the sheep’ — a loving heart, always open in welcome; our mission too, especially to waifs and strays, down-and-outs, misfits, the war-weary;

3. His concern for the planet. He was not unlike Peter the first pope, both at times impulsive and ruled by their hearts. Both could be forgiven at times for losing their nerves rather than their faith, to see things through.

‘Without some kind of loving a man withers like a grape on a dying vine’ (from “The Shoes of the Fisherman”). Both Popes Peter and Francis knew that love is the climate in which people grow.

Fr Donal Cahill PE [AUGHADOWN]





Skibbereen Parish News

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 10 May 2025

Saturday 10.30am First Holy Communion, St Joseph's NS.

Saturday – 6.30pm Jerome Hodnett, St Fachtna's Terrace.
Stephen Buckley, Farranconnor.

Sunday – 11am Diarmuid O'Donovan, Coolnagurrane.
Chrissie O'Donovan, Coolnagurrane, Month's Mind.
Michael and Teresa O'Donovan, Derrygool.
Ellen O'Mahony, Cois Caol, Month's Mind.

Monday – 9.30am Sr Mary Connolly, Convent of Mercy, Skibbereen.

Tuesday - 9.30am James McCarthy, Leap, recently deceased.

Wednesday – 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes

Thursday – 9.30am Rita Cotter, Caheragh, recently deceased.

Friday – 9.30am Special Intention.

Saturday - 10.30am First Holy Communion, St Patrick's NS and Gaelscoil Dr Uí Shúilleabháin.

Saturday – 6.30pm Special Intention.
Anthony Burke, Chapel Lane, Month's Mind
Sunday – 11am Mary Hurley, Market Street
Junior Berry, Thornhill, Skibbereen.

We extend our condolences to the families of - recently deceased:

Marie McAdam (née Hartnett), Riverdale, Skibbereen.

Elizabeth (Betty) Griffin (née O'Donovan), Fossa, Killarney and Lough Hyne, Skibbereen.

John O'Driscoll, Wicklow Town and Sherkin Island.

May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community Arlo Barry, son of Cameron and Annie, Union Hall. Arlo was baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on third May.

At our vigil ceremony on Holy Saturday Anthony Boadle was welcomed to our faith community when he received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, becoming a full member of our Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral every Monday and Friday from **10am to 6pm.**

Sacred Heart Church Rath – Commencing on **Wednesday seventh May**, Eucharistic Adoration every **Wednesday from 7pm-9pm.** All are welcome.

Weekday Masses 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 9.30 am Mass. All welcome.

Second collection: There will be a second collection this weekend for Mission and Ministry.

Thank You - Fr Kevin and Fr Evin wish to thank you for your generosity in the Easter offerings and the Easter collection. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

The Mass to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio will be celebrated on **Friday 23 May at 7.30pm at Enniskeane Parish Church.** 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.

We sincerely thank the Transition Year students of Skibbereen Community School for the excellent work which they carried out at the Nuns' cemetery last week.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Tuesday 20 May at 7.30pm** in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 12th May – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 14th May – 10.15am Rath

Friday 16th May – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 17th May

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 18th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Fr Owen Cashman

Breeda & Paddy Cahalane, Ballymacrown

Danny Connolly, Crow Hill – Months Mind

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm. All are welcome.

Congratulations and every blessing to the children from Rath National School and Abbeystrewry National School who received their First Holy Communion in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath today.

Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the family of Danny Connolly, Crow Hill, Baltimore. May he rest in peace.

Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the family of John O'Driscoll, Wicklow and late of Sherkin Island. May he rest in peace.

There will be a second collection today 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.

West Cork Choral Singers are performing their 'Crowning of the Rose' programme of beautiful music for the month of May at the Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Friday 16th May at 8pm.

Directed by Susan Nares, with Soprano Soloist Orlaith Horan. Accompanied by Tom Doyle Piano/Organ with The Mizen Trio.

Tickets will be available from Choir members, at Thornhill Electrical, Skibbereen or reserve tickets by email and collect at the door from info@westcorkchoral.ie. Tickets are €20 and children are free.

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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.

LOUGH DERG - 4-day Pilgrimage 2025. Leaves Cork Friday 6th June at 9am. Returning Monday 9th June. Booking & Information Ph. Paddy 021 4502572.

Cór Cois Abhainn, a Community Choir of approx. 70 people from Cork City centre, directed by Ian Sexton will be joining us for Mass on Sunday 29th June at 9.30am in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath.