

#### A REMINDER FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (OR 'OF THE EUCHARIST')

• The Communion Rite, which begins with the Our Father, is your time of service. Approach the altar at the start of that rite, either when we stand to pray, or immediately after the 'Our Father'. Thank you for your service.

#### THIS WEEK

**TUES 20, ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA,** (AD 1380- 1444) promoted devotion to the Holy Name and to St Joseph.

**THURS 22, ST RITA OF CASCIA** was married to an ill-tempered and abusive husband. When her husband was murdered, her sons sought to avenge his death, but she persuaded them to forgive. Rita is the patron of victims of abuse, and of seemingly impossible causes and situations.

**SAT 24, OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS:** Day of prayer for the Church in China.

**SUN 25, AFRICA DAY (UN).** Celebrated all over Ireland and internationally.

**FINANCE CORNER FOR 11 MAY**  
(Including special diocesan collection for the Mission & Ministry Office)  
AUGHADOWN: €615; Diocesan €415.  
CASTLEHAVEN: €1,220; Diocesan €500  
KILMACABEA: €837; Diocesan €705  
SKIBBEREEN: €1,315; Diocesan €1,265.  
RATH & THE ISLANDS: €747.

#### FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.  
CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.  
Open *this* week: Monday, Thursday & Friday: 10 am -1 pm.  
• Phone **028-22828** • EMAIL [stciaranasFOP@gmail.com](mailto:stciaranasFOP@gmail.com) •

#### ☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

Politics is a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good.

- FROM 'FRATELLI TUTTI' #180 (POPE FRANCIS)

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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



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# NEWSLETTER

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

**18 MAY 2025    FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER    VOL 3: 34**

## LEO: WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

The former Bob Prevost was born on Chicago's south side — the poorer and more Catholic side of the city, where many Irish people also settled. The south side of Chicago also has many troubled neighbourhoods, with drug problems, poverty and violence. Bob learned a lot about life in Chicago, Illinois.

Fr Bob Prevost OSA worked in Trujillo, Peru, as a missionary, close to where our Cork & Ross priests worked. Many of our missionaries knew him. He has their respect.

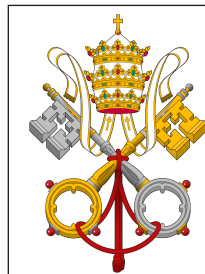
Cardinal Bob Prevost chose Leo as his papal name when elected on 7 May. The last Pope Leo wrote a major defence of workers' rights, called '*Rerum Novarum*'. Our new pope

sees how easily workers can be exploited today in the "gig" economy. He wants a church on the side of the poor, migrants, the dispossessed.

The first Leo may also inspire him. The story goes that Pope Leo I was bishop of Rome when Attila the Hun was about to attack the city. This kindly man went out to meet Attila, unarmed and alone, and persuaded him to leave the Romans in peace; this won their bishop (and pope) the title Leo the Great

The people of Rome loved St Leo and admired his courage. May our Pope Leo have the same gift of courage, to speak against all who oppose Christian and human values.

**Fr Bernard** [EDITOR]





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

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 17 May 2025**

**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.

**Monday – 9.30am** Get Well Intention

**Tuesday - 9.30am** Hester O'Brien, recently deceased.

**Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes

**Thursday – 9.30am** Jean Croston, Gortamuckla

**Friday – 9.30am** Holy Souls.

**Saturday – 6.30pm** Joe and Helen Harnedy, Mardyke St and Dromig.

**Sunday – 11am** Annie and Paddy Connolly, Deelish.  
Frank Galvin, The Abbey.  
Denis Cotter, Sunnyside, Dunmanway.

**We extend** our condolences to the family of Michael (Mickey) Holland, Creagh, Baltimore, recently deceased.

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

**Sacred Heart Church Rath Eucharistic Adoration** every **Wednesday from 7pm to 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.

**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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday this week.**

**On this Sunday 18 May** our newly elected Pope Leo XIV will be formally inaugurated. We pray for him today and in the future and pray for the Church – **Come Holy Spirit**.

**St Patrick's Cathedral Bicentenary Renovation Fundraiser** – Table Quiz in the **Rugby Club Skibbereen** on Saturday 24 May at 8pm. Please support. See posters for details.

**Lough Derg** – Four-day Pilgrimage 2025 Leaves Cork **Friday sixth June at 9am**. Returning **Monday ninth June**. For booking and information phone **Paddy 021 4502572**.

**Join over 10,000 Pilgrims at the All-Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock on Saturday, seventh June** - Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8pm to 10pm. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus information: [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com).

### **Pray for Life Novena**

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Friday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on Saturday 31 May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders.



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

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

#### **Mass Intentions**

##### **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

**Monday 19th May – 10.15am** Rath

**Wednesday 21st May – 10.15am** Rath

**Friday 23rd May – 10.15am** Rath

**Saturday 24th May**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

**Sunday 25th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Rath

**10.00am** Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

**Recently deceased:** We extend our condolences to the family of Michael Holland, Highfield, Baltimore. May he rest in peace.

**Recently Baptised:** We welcome into our faith community here in Rath, Zoe O'Sullivan, daughter of Mark and Katie who was baptised in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**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.

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

#### **Prayer for Pope Leo XIV on his Inauguration today:**

Almighty God, we thank you for the election of Pope Leo XIV.

Bless him with wisdom, courage and compassion as he leads your church.

Grant him the strength to serve faithfully and guide us closer to you.

May his papacy bring peace, unity and renewed faith to all.

Amen.

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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.

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

#### **Thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood?**

There is a "Come and See" afternoon for men aged between 18 and 40 who may be thinking about Priesthood for the Diocese of Cork and Ross. It will take place from 2-5pm on Sunday May 25th in Mardyke House, Cork City (T12 W8RP). The afternoon will include time for prayer, reflection, discussion and a social dimension. For more information email [vocations@corkandross.org](mailto:vocations@corkandross.org).

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