

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE - that the world might grow in compassion
We pray that each of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

THIS WEEK

TUES 3 JUNE, ST KEVIN wished to be a hermit at Glendalough, but disciples followed him and a great monastic city grew nearby. St Kevin was so close to nature that it is said a blackbird built its nest in his outstretched hands as he prayed. Patron of blackbirds.

WED 4TH, SS CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS: twenty-two Ugandan youths martyred in 1886.

THURS 5TH, ST BONIFACE: This 'Apostle to Germany' who founded monasteries in Bavaria and is honoured at Fulda there, was born in Crediton, Devon in the UK.

FINANCE CORNER FOR 25 MAY

AUGHADOWN: €937

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: €885;

KILMACABEA: €880 (18 May: €1006)

SKIBBEREEN: €1,585;

RATH & THE ISLANDS: €670.

SUNDAYS OF JUNE

Sunday 1 June: Ascension Day

Sunday 8 June: Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 15 June: Trinity Sunday

[‘Day for Life’/Father’s Day]

Sunday 22 June: Corpus Christi

[Procession Day, Skibbereen]

Sunday 29 June: Ss Peter & Paul

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

‘God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! All of us are in God’s hands.’ — POPE LEO XIV

CLERGY

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• *Fr Evin O'Brien CC 028 22877*

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 **this** week: Wed, Thurs, Friday: 10 am -1 pm (CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS).

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COMMUNITY OF
**St. Ciarán and
All Saints**

St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

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JUNE IS JUBILEE MONTH

For most diocesan priests, June is the month when their ordination anniversary is celebrated. Their last academic months are over and exams are complete, so in June the next step beckons. The journey through seminary is complete, so it is time for pastures new, wherever the Lord (or more usually the Bishop!) calls.

There are the ordination anniversaries of our Family of Parishes' diocesan priests in this June:

2 June	Ordination of Fr Kevin O'Regan, Moderator (1990)
8 June	Ordination of Fr Des O'Driscoll, Sherkin (1968)
9 June	Ordination of Fr Donal Cahill PE, Aughadown (1963)
9 June	Ordination of Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP Castlehaven et al (1984)
10 June	Ordination of Fr Evin O'Brien CC (2017)
22 June	Ordination of Fr Terry O'Donovan, Union Hall (1974)

• *We also remember our first moderator, Fr John Heinhold, now PP Baltinglass, Co Wicklow, who was ordained for the Kiltegan Fathers on 1 June 1996.*

Sacred Heart Missionaries

Our Family of Parishes is blessed in the service of the Sacred Heart Missionaries, whose ordination anniversaries are celebrated as follows:

26 March	Ordination of Fr Michael Curran MSC, Leap (1966)
24 July	Ordination of Fr Terry O'Brien, Co-PP Kilmacabea et al (1993)



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 31 May 2025

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Con O'Mahony, Coronea.
Sunday – 11am William Geaney, Drishanemore, First Anniversary.
Rita and Jim Crowley, Bunulun.
Monday – 9.30am Breda Barnett
Tuesday - 9.30am Patricia Long, Milleenahorna and South Wales.
Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes
Thursday – 9.30am Michael O'Rourke, Cork Road
Friday – 9.30am Eddie Collins, Newmarket
Saturday – 6.30pm
Sunday – 11am JJ (Derry) O'Donovan, North Street.

We extend our condolences to the families of Eileen (Eily) Harrington (née O'Sullivan) Glencurragh, Skibbereen
Jerry O'Donovan, Abbey Lodge, Abbeystrewry, Skibbereen
Dan O'Donovan, Coornishal, Skibbereen,
recently deceased.

We welcome to our faith community Grace Collins, daughter of Mark and Roisín O'Boyle, who was baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 25 May.

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

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.

First Friday Vigil in St Patrick's Cathedral, on sixth June 8pm to 12 midnight. It includes adoration, confession, benediction, and devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart with Mass at 10pm. Everyone is welcome to all or part.

God our Father, we pray for all students in our parish undertaking the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams this week. May the Holy Spirit give them peace, wisdom, and courage at this time. May they know that their worth and value are not defined by exam results, but by the love of God and those around them - family, friends, and community.

The Bicentenary Committee of St Patrick's Cathedral thanks all those who attended and participated in the Table Quiz in the Rugby Club on 24 May. They also thank the Rugby Club for facilitating the night and those who donated and sponsored prizes. A very enjoyable time was had and the sum of €1,405.40 was raised for the Bicentenary Conservation Fund.

Community Call offers a friendly call and listening service hosted by the Local Link. This is for older people, those living alone, or people living in isolated areas, predominantly in the West Cork Region. This service is provided by a team of volunteers and calls can vary from five to 45 minutes, and even occasionally longer. We are here to listen! The conversations are strictly confidential, and information stays within the service team. The volunteers share information about events and services in their community, our coordinator links with the local community and voluntary groups, offering information and support for our callers. If you are interested in this service or wish to find out more on behalf of a loved one, family member, friend or neighbour. Alternatively, if you are interested in volunteering your time and wish to join our call team... Please feel free to contact **Louise - Mobile: 083 400 5125 or Local Link Bantry Office: 027 52727.**

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.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 1st June – The Ascension of The Lord

9.30am Rath – John Davis, Lackahane.

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 2nd June – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 4th June – 10.15am Rath

Friday 6th June – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 7th June

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 8th June – Pentecost Sunday

9.30am Rath

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.

Special Collection today Sunday 1st June 2025.

We are blessed to have three beautiful churches in our Parish and we are lucky to have a balance in our accounts to finance the day-to-day costs of these churches. However sooner or later repairs will be required and when this happens our finances will not be able to cope. Therefore, we now deem it prudent to build up a financial reserve to deal with this when it occurs. This money will be placed in a separate account and will be used for this purpose only.

We will have two special collections in 2025 – Sunday 1st June and Sunday 3rd August. Thank you for your support.

Rath NS 6th class boys have qualified for the All-Ireland FAI soccer 5 a side competition. To help reduce costs for their trip to Dublin, they will be holding a fundraising cake sale after mass next Sunday 8th June and selling raffle tickets. All support will be greatly appreciated.

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Join over 10,000 Pilgrims - All Ireland Rosary Rally, Knock on Saturday, 7th June

Over 10,000 pilgrims are expected at the 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 7th at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9.30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8pm to 10pm. Highlights include a Rosary making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1pm by Msgr Steve Rossetti, USA. Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2.30pm, with Holy Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Music by Dana. A youth conference runs 6pm to 7.30pm. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: www.allirelandrosaryrally.com.

The Diocesan Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment continues to unfold. We are deeply grateful to all who took part in the recent sessions within our *Families of Parishes*. Your prayer, presence, and reflections have enriched this process. Over the coming weeks, the responses received are being carefully and prayerfully reviewed. This next stage—of reflection and discernment—will help determine the steps we are called to take together as a Diocese. We ask for your continued prayer that this next phase may be shaped by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and a shared desire to respond to the call of Christ in our time.

Skibbereen Geriatric Society are holding a fundraising event in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen on Saturday 14th June. Tina Turner Tribute Act, International Star Rebecca O'Connor will perform all of the hits that earned Tina Turner the title "Queen of Rock and Roll"

All monies raised will assist with the construction of 8 new accommodation units at Mardyke Street, Skibbereen. Tickets from Hotel (028) 21277.