

SUGGESTION FOR CHOIRS/CANTORS/SINGERS

On his first appearance on the balcony of St Peter's, Pope Leo sang the 'Regina Caeli'. This is the prayer Catholics sing (or say) instead of the Angelus in Eastertide, honouring Our Lady in April and May:

Regina caeli, laetare! alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

Resurrexit sicut dixit; alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum; alleluia.

Queen of heaven rejoice, alleluia!

for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!

has risen as he said, alleluia!

Pray for us to God, alleluia!

THIS WEEK

MON 26, ST PHILIP NERI is often called the patron saint of joy, known for his appealing personality, his kindly way with people and sense of humour.

THURS 29, ST PAUL VI was pope from 1963 to 1978; he is remembered on the anniversary of the day he was ordained a priest in 1920.

• 'Ascension Thursday' used to be celebrated today, transferred to next Sunday.

SAT 31, THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY recalls Mary's visit to St Elizabeth, 'carrying her Son within her'.

FINANCE CORNER FOR 18 MAY

AUGHADOWN: €705

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: €870;

SKIBBEREEN: €1,345;

RATH & THE ISLANDS: €1020.

[Mission & Ministry: € 435]

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

'The unexamined life is not worth living.' — SOCRATES

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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 **this** week: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10 am -1 pm.

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St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

25 MAY 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
VOL 3: 35

WHY ARE OUR PASTORAL COUNCILS MEETING TOGETHER THIS WEEK?

— Maura O'Flynn explains

We are still getting used to working together as families of parishes. The priests meet regularly and are ministering across the parishes. It is now time that we take that to the next level and bring the parish pastoral councils together to begin a conversation about a shared vision.

We have a very significant meeting on **Thursday next, 29 May, in the GAA Pavilion, Skibbereen** (8pm). The councils from Aughadown, Castlehaven, Kilmacabea, Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands will come together to meet, chat, reflect and talk about their future.

This gathering is arranged locally, by the family of parishes for the family of Parishes. I have been invited to facilitate it. Some of you know me already. I am the Parish Catechist in Castlehaven and have met many council members on different occasions. I look forward to being with you on Thursday next.

Three of the five councils (Aughadown, Skibbereen, Rath & the Islands) are finishing their three-year term: they have information and experience to share. This meeting is not about their renewal, that will be done in their own parish. Neither is it about finance or fundraising, finance committees look after that.

The evening is about hearing others' experiences, to plan towards a shared future. Keep this significant gathering in your prayers, for 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them' (Matthew 18:20).

Maura O'Flynn (Contact via email: maura@mauraoflynn.ie)



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 24 May 2025

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Joe and Helen Harnedy, Mardyke St and Dromig.
Patrick O'Driscoll, Convent Hill and Drishanebeg.
Margaret O'Brien, Upper Bridge Street.
- Sunday – 11am** Annie and Paddy Connolly, Deelish.
Frank Galvin, The Abbey.
Denis Cotter, Sunnyside, Dunmanway.
- Monday – 9.30am** Elizabeth Langley, Skibbereen and UK.
- Tuesday - 9.30am** John O'Donovan, Coornishal.
- Wednesday – 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday – 9.30am** Daniel O'Donovan, First Anniversary
- Friday – 9.30am** John O'Donovan, family and friend, Drominidy.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Con O'Mahony, Coronea.
- Sunday - 11am** William Geaney, Drishanemore, First Anniversary.
Rita and Jim Crowley, Bunulun.

We extend our condolences to the family of Margaret McCarthy (née Caverley), Lisalohorig, recently deceased.

We welcome to our faith community Kelsey O'Connell, who was baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 17 May, daughter of Shane and Amy.

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.

Congratulations and every blessing to the children of St Joseph's NS, St Patrick's NS and Gaelscoil Dr Uí Shúilleabháin, who received their First Holy Communion in St Patrick's Cathedral recently. We thank the parents and guardians, teachers and catechists for their work in preparing the children for their Holy Communion.

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.

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**.

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 14 June**. Tina Turner Tribute Act, International Star Rebecca O'Connor will perform all the hits that earned Tina Turner the title "Queen of Rock and Roll" All monies raised will assist with the construction of eight new accommodation units at Mardyke Street, Skibbereen. Tickets available from the Hotel **(028) 21277**.

The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday, May 29th.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 25th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Con Kelleher, Mardyke Street, Skibbereen

Kitty Lyons, Skibbereen & London

Miní McKenna, Baltimore & Cork

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 26th May – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 28th May – 10.15am Rath

Friday 30th May – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 31st May

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 1st June – The Ascension of The Lord

9.30am Rath – John Davis, Lackahane.

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 on 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.

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 today Sunday 25th May 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.

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 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Saturday 31st 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 for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena @PrayforLife_ie on X and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Knowing and Living our Catholic Faith

Catechism/YouCat pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Sat 31st May, 2025. Guest speaker: Rev. Fr. John Harris O.P. Prior Provincial, Irish Dominican Province. See Church Notice Board for details of Pilgrimage. Further enquiries: Máirín 087 7950325.

Report on May 6th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

The meeting took place on Tuesday 6th May 2025:

1. The opening prayer was said for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and the closing prayer was for a successful conclave.
2. Cór Cois Abhainn, a community choir from Cork City, will be performing at St Matthews, Baltimore on Saturday evening 28th June 2025. They will also join us for Mass on Sunday 29th June singing for 15 minutes before Mass & will then join us in our congregational singing during Mass.
3. Mass on Sunday 29th June will be dedicated to Sacred Heart Church Donors living and deceased. Refreshments will be served after this Mass.
4. Positive feedback on the Easter Ceremonies and Skour Well Mass.
5. Adoration is taking place on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm