

As Baptised Catholics we are called to Stewardship – part of a community of faith and action, where we see the face of Jesus in the face of a neighbour, this begins with a profound recognition that God has lovingly given us our home, this world and all that we possess.

Stewardship calls us to cultivate the gift of our own lives, talents and world responsibly.

We are called to share them lovingly in justice with others. It involves an intentional, planned and proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.

We are blessed in our parishes with the many teams who organise every aspect of preparing our Churches, inside and out for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Do you have time, talent and treasure which you would like to share with your Parish?

We look forward to hearing from you!

Finance Corner 15 June

Aughadown: €847

Castlehaven and Myross:
€1010

Skibbereen: €1605

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Useful Contact Numbers

Alcoholic Anonymous, West
Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta House Crisis helpline
1800 247 247 or text
HELP to 51444.

St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen
Contact Number: 087 918 2698
Samaritans 116 123 free.

Family of Parishes Office: To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, 1 North St, Skibbereen:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10am – 1pm. (Closed Bank Holidays)

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St Ciarán & All Saints

Family of Parishes

Newsletter

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

Sunday 22 June 2025 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Vol 3: 39

What's in a name?

Sacred Heart Church in Rath is based on one of the oldest and most powerful devotions, which come from the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. 2025 marks the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX formally extending the Feast of the Sacred Heart to the entire Catholic Church. This year it falls on June 27th. In fact, the whole month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

This image is rich with symbolism, the exposed Heart, often depicted with a crown of thorns, represents the suffering of Jesus and His immense love for humanity. Flames emanating from the heart signify the transformative and purifying power of His love, while the cross above the Heart is a reminder of His sacrifice for the sins of the world. The wound on the side of His Heart represents the wound inflicted on Him by both the Roman soldiers and all of us through our sins. Jesus by His silence before His persecutors, praying for His killers, loving a dying thief and asking forgiveness for sinners, shows that the unconditional, infinite and divine love of His Heart is the only force that can heal the world of its hatred, sin and rejection of God.

Jesus in His Passion and Death absorbed all the violence, evil, hatred and sin of the world into Himself. He conquered its power in one supreme offering of self to the Father on the Altar of the Cross. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus is the gentle, yet powerful transformation of violence into love, sin into grace, hatred into forgiveness and death into life.

Now more than ever we need the love and protection, which Jesus has promised to those who have devotion to His Sacred Heart.

“May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved”

The Rath Parish Team



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 21 June 2025

Saturday – 6.30pm Paddy and Kitty Collins, Bawnahow South
Corinna O'Donovan, Gortnaclohy.

Sunday – 11am Marie Keane, Coomnageehy.
Frank McCarthy, Ilen Street, First Anniversary.
Eileen Keating, (née McCarthy), formerly of
Drishanemore and Brian Bannister, recently
deceased.

Monday – 9.30am Breda Carey, formerly of Adrigole, recently deceased.

Tuesday - 9.30am Nan Baldwin, Townshend Street

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes

Thursday – 9.30am Paddy McCarthy, High Street

Friday – 9.30am Florence Lynch, Townshend Street.

Saturday – 6.30pm Fr John Hurley, former PP of Leap, late of Clonakilty.
Paddy McCarthy, High Street

Jerry O'Donovan, Abbeystrewry, Month's Mind
Margaret McCarthy, Lisalohorig, Month's Mind.

Sunday – 11am Pauline Butler, Galleyhead Lighthouse
Angela and Derry O'Byrne, Coronea
Yvonne Gilmartin, Lucan and Coolnagurrane
Mary McCarthy, Carrigfadda, Month's Mind.

Cemetery masses: 20 August at 7.30pm New Cemetery
27 August at 7.30pm Abbey Cemetery.

Skibbereen Parish Accounts year ending 31 December 2024

Income	Expended
Offertory Collection / Donations €78,437.00	Wages & Salaries (include PAYE/PRSI) €49,835
Shrines €20,617	Accounting /Bookkeeping / Professional Fees €3,925

Weddings €250	Maintenance (Church & Presbyteries) €7,857
Reimbursements from Skibbereen FOP's €12,630	Diocesan Fund (10%) / Benevolent Fund (8%) €13,935
Donations for Cathedral Bicentenary Renovation Fund €58,181	Training €1,260 Light & Heating €15,225
VAT Refund €1,690	Stationery/Telephone & Newsletter €9,174
Certificates €172	Church Requisites €7,387
Investments and Interest €741	Property Tax & Rates & Service Charges €2,148
Covid loss of income claim received €17,048	Priests Cover €860
Mass cards stipends €1,162	Insurance €11,591 Bank Charges €1,026
Bequests €5,000	Alarms (new system) €3,361
Donations €1,538	Honoraria €1,425
	Confirmation/Communion/Hospitality €1,812
	Professional engineering fees €11,001
	Wedding & funerals fees €111
	Bicentenary Renovation expenses €4,112
TOTAL INCOME €197,466	TOTAL EXPENDED €146,045
2024 Special & Diocesan quarterly collections €11,055	Special & Diocesan quarterly collections lodged directly to Diocesan bank accounts €11,055

Summary of Skibbereen Parish Accounts 2024

Opening balance 01/01/2024 - €144,131.00

Surplus for 2024 - €51,421.00

Closing balance 31/12/2024 - €196,552.00

Independent Accountants Report on the Unaudited Accounts of the Parish of Skibbereen
for the year ending 31 December 2024 by Chartered Accountants Moore Ireland.

Accounts approved by the Parish Finance Committee on 15/05/25.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.
Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 22nd June – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9.30am Rath – Paddy Burke, Lough Hyne

Donal “Dano” O’Driscoll, Ballylynch – 1st Anniversary.

Liam Fitzgerald, Church Strand

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 23rd June – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 25th June – 10.15am Rath – Gerald & Teresa O’Brien, Skibbereen and Dave Murphy, Baltimore.

Friday 27th June – 10.15am Rath – Irene Coughlan

Saturday 28th June

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 29th June – SS Peter and Paul Apostles

9.30am Rath – Special Mass for the Donors to the Sacred Heart Church, Rath living and deceased.

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

Second Collection this weekend Sunday 22nd June for Peters Pence.

Recently Baptised: We welcome Callie Rose Keegan, daughter of John and Karen into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands as she received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 14th June in Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

We are delighted to welcome **Cór Cois Abhainn**, directed by Ian Sexton to the Sacred Heart Church, Rath today.

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

Summary of Rath & The Islands Financial Accounts for 2024

Opening Balance 01/01/2024 €57,823.00

Surplus for 2024 €8,733.00

Closing Balance 31/12/2024 €66,556.00

Breakdown:

Income	Expenditure
Offertory Collection / Donations €44,550	Parish Secretary / Honoraria €4,787
Shrines €4,142	Maintenance €9,576
Weddings €400	Diocesan Fund (10%) / Benevolent Fund (8%) €7,787
Rent €1,000	Reimburse Skibbereen Parish €564
Tax Refund from Revenue €2,741	Light & Heating €8,338
Vat Refund €307	Stationery/Newsletter/Telephone €2,353
Special Collections / Diocesan Quarterly Collection €5,420	Church Requisites / Alter Servers €1,339
Donations €1,924	Property Tax / Rates / Moter Tax €1,011
Rath Crib €224	Priests Cover €4,010
Skour Well Mass Donations €275	Insurance €7,263
Cape Clear Renovation Fund €1,359	Bank Charges / Professional Fees €869
Cape Clear Cemetery Mass €266	Special Collections / Diocesan Quarterly Collection €5,420
	Training and Hospitality €558
TOTAL INCOME €62,608	TOTAL EXPENDED €53,875
Surplus of Income over Expenditure €8,733	

Independent Accountants Report on the Unaudited Accounts of the Parish of Rath and the Islands for the year ending 31st December 2024 by Moore’s Chartered Accountants.

Accounts approved by Rath Finance Committee on Monday 19th May 2025.

The O’Driscoll Clan Gathering will take place on the weekend of Friday 27th to Sunday 29th June. Mass times in Sherkin and Oileán Chléire just for this weekend will be as follows:

Oileán Chléire – Mass on Saturday 28th June at 3.30pm in Séipéal Naomh Ciarán.

Sherkin - Mass on Sunday 29th June at 11.00am at Sherkin Abbey.

Normal schedule resumes the following weekend 5th & 6th July.