



**ST CARLO ACUTIS** (1991-2006) was a web designer who spread the Catholic faith on the Net. He died from leukemia aged 15. Many people came to faith through his influence, including his own mother. Patron of young people searching for faith.



**ST PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI** (1901-1925) picked up his faith at school. His parents tried to persuade him to be less holy. He visited sick people in the slums and gave his things away. When he died, all of Turin came to the funeral, especially the poor. Patron saint of 'ordinary people'.

### THIS WEEK

**MON 15, OUR LADY OF SORROWS:** this Sunday we honour the Holy Cross, then on Monday we remember Mary, the woman who stood at the foot of the Cross. She understands our griefs.

**WED 17, ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN** (1098-1179): musician, writer, mystic and Doctor of the Church since 2012.

**THURS 18,** Anniversary of the death in 2018 of Fr Pat O'Sullivan MSC, retired PP Leap. Fr Pat pioneered local inter-parish cooperation, which our Family of Parishes tries to continue.

**FINANCE CORNER FOR 7 SEPTEMBER**  
AUGHADOWN: €830

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: €875;

SKIBBEREEN: €1,500;

RATH & THE ISLANDS: €692.

**Diocesan collection** on 21 Sept for Priesthood Education (all churches).

### ☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

'The young know the rules. The old know the exceptions.'

OLIVER WENDALL HOLMES

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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

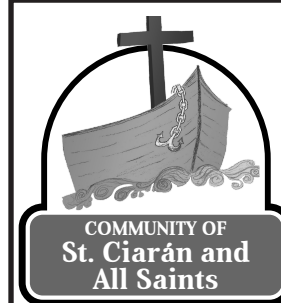
#### FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

Open **this** week: Wednesday & Friday: 10 am -1 pm [Closed Monday 15 Sept]

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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)

14 SEPT 2025 FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS VOL 4: 2

## I BROUGHT MY RUBBISH TO MASS LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday, I did a strange thing. I brought a bag onto the altar with me, full of items I was planning to throw out. And at the homily I went through these items, talked about our different coloured bins and how to segregate our rubbish:

- hard and soft plastic, paper and cardboard in the recycling bin;
- an apple butt (and all food waste) in the brown bin;
- a used toothpaste tube (and all soiled materials) in the rubbish bin;
- washed bottles and jars in the bottle bank (their lids in the rubbish bin).

Why did I bring all that stuff to the

altar, you might ask? I was making a point, relevant in this Season of Creation (1 September to 4 October)

We all make choices every day; we should make good choices. Talking about morality in the past was probably mostly about sex. But morality is about all of life, even the choices we make to protect the environment.

Creation is God's gift to us. We can spoil this gift by polluting it, by littering, or just by not taking enough care when we dispose of rubbish. Or, with a little effort, we might leave the world in a better way than we found it...

**Fr Bernard** (EDITOR)



What should parishes do to protect the environment? Sr Anne Byrne, a member of Eco-Congregation, offers suggestions in next Sunday's newsletter. Sneak preview: see [www.ecocongregationireland.com](http://www.ecocongregationireland.com)



### **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 13 September 2025**

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Tadhg O'Donovan, Glenfael, First Anniversary.  
John Goggin, Mallavonae  
Eily May Wall, Mill Road.
- Sunday – 11am** Denis and Ita Crowley, Glencurragh.  
Tim and Alice Thornhill, Ilen Villas.  
Kevin Donelan, Townshend Street, First Anniversary.
- Monday – 9.30am** Get Well Intention.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Frances Butler, Charleville, First Anniversary.
- Wednesday** **No Mass**
- Thursday – 9.30am** Special Intention
- Friday – 9.30am** James O'Sullivan, Lisheenroe and his siblings
- Saturday – 6.30pm** The O'Sullivan family, late of High Street.  
Betty Sheehan and Sheila Horbath.  
Mary Weblin, Gortnaclohy.
- Sunday – 11am** Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road and Noreen Daly and her son Michael, Union Hall.  
The Vocation Society of St Joseph.  
Paddy Harrington, Reenmurrigha.

**We extend** our condolences to the families of Mary Kelly (née Murphy) of 3 Pound Hill, Skibbereen and Jeremiah (Jerry) Harrington, Naas, Co Kildare & Skibbereen who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

**We welcome** into our faith community Anna O'Neill, daughter of David and Aneta, who was baptised in St Patrick's cathedral on sixth September.

**Weekday Masses** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at **9.30am**. The **Rosary** is prayed before each Mass and on **Thursday** it is said for the special intention of vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Cathedral every Monday and Friday from **10am to 6pm**. There are scheduled hours available for adoration, but all are welcome for any period of time.

*"By being faithful to a Holy Hour of Adoration you can teach by example. The young should be taught the value of Eucharistic Adoration." St Pope John Paul II*

**Rosary** every **Tuesday at 8pm** at **Our Lady's Grotto**, Cork Road, Skibbereen. All welcome.

**Confessions** every Saturday **10am to 11am**.

**Hospitality Morning** in the Presbytery **Monday** after the 9.30am Mass.

**New Parish Pastoral Council** - After three years the present Parish Pastoral Council in Skibbereen is coming to the end of its term. I wish to thank all the members of the outgoing Council for all their commitment and work over the last three years. The process is now in place for forming the new Parish Pastoral Council in Skibbereen. Nomination papers will be handed out at Masses next weekend. Members of the present Council will be speaking at the Masses about their experience of being on the Council. As we move forward and continue to develop our Family of Parishes it is more important than ever that people will make themselves available for the very important work on our new Parish Pastoral Council. I earnestly invite you to take a nomination form that contains a lot of information and seriously consider becoming a member.

**Renewal of Footpaths** – Cork County Council are renewing the footpaths in front of the Cathedral in Skibbereen. While this work is being done, access to the Cathedral will be restricted at times. There will also be restrictions on parking. I ask that people bear with the Council while this work is being done. The Cathedral will be fully functional during this period. We and the Council regret any inconvenience this may cause.

**Second collection:** There will be a second collection next weekend 20/21 September for the **Priesthood Education fund**. Your continued support in promoting vocations is sincerely appreciated.

*The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 15 September**.*



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

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

#### **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**9.30am** Rath – Fred Chaplin

John Walsh, Ballylynch and London

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 10am** Rath

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 10am** Rath

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Weekday Masses** – Mass on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> at **10am**.

**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.

**The Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. The bus will leave Skibbereen at 5am and will pick up pilgrims along the Clonakilty to Bandon route. The cost including the bus, breakfast and evening meal is €80. Please book by contacting Kathleen Courtney at 086 4084688 or Anne Power 087 6255254.

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**The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund will take place across the Diocese next weekend 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September.**

This fund plays a vital role in supporting the formation and ongoing education of those serving in priestly and diaconal ministry. Currently one seminarian returned to his studies for the priesthood in St Patrick's College, Maynooth last week and another candidate is pursuing formation for the Permanent Diaconate.

A discernment group for men considering diocesan priesthood also began recently and will continue during the year ahead. In addition, the fund also supports the ongoing training and education of priests in the Diocese. We are deeply aware of the financial challenges many individuals and families face at this time. Nevertheless, we kindly ask you to support this important collection as generously as possible.

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**St Patricks Cathedral, Skibbereen Renovation Fundraiser – Commemorative Plaques.** Remember your family or relative, living or deceased. Permanently fixed on the pews in the Cathedral. Inscription maximum 10 words. Cost €200 per plaque. Enquiries to the Parish Office 028/22828