

BAPTISMS — SCHEDULE FOR OUR FIVE PARISHES:

Skibbereen	FIRST & THIRD Saturday of the month	4.00 pm
Rath	SECOND Saturday of the month	2.30 pm
Aughadown	SECOND SUNDAY of the month	After 11.30 am Mass
Kilmacabea	THIRD Saturday of the month	2.00 pm
Castlehaven	FOURTH Saturday of the month	4.00 pm

• If you wish to have your child baptised at one of these ceremonies, please arrange with the Family of Parishes' Office (details at end of page).

NB Booking form must be returned **at least two weeks before** date of baptism.

SEPTEMBER

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH —

For our relationship with all of creation: "Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures, loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

MON 8, BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

TUES 9, INTERNATIONAL SUDOKU DAY: keep your brain sharp with puzzles.....

THURS 11: National Day of Catalonia. Anniversary of the New York attacks.

SAT 13, ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: patron saint of preachers. Pray for every priest who will give a homily this Sunday.

SUN 14, FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

☆ **POINT TO PONDER** ☆

"Better be a thorn in the side of your friend, than a mere echo."

— RALPH WALDO EMERSON

FINANCE CORNER (31 AUGUST)

Aughadown: €735

Castlehaven & Myross: €1,030

Kilmacabea: €825

Rath & the Islands: €745

Skibbereen: €1,650

CLERGY

- Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP, Skibbereen (MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878
- Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall
TEXT OR WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627
EMAIL: frbernard1984@gmail.com
- Fr Evin O'Brien CC Skibbereen
[CURRENTLY ON RETREAT]

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, in West Cork phone 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 Phone 116 123 free.

Southdoc Phone 0818 355 999

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136: westcorkbeacon.ie

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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

CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 am - 1 pm. [Closed Bank Holidays]

• **Phone** 028-22828 • **Email** stciaranasFOP@gmail.com •



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)

SUNDAY 7 SEPT 2025 23RD SUNDAY VOL 4: No 1

TRIBUTE TO FR TERRY

“The priests from the family of parishes of St Ciarán & All Saints would like to pay tribute to Fr Terry O'Brien MSC. Since Fr Terry arrived in West Cork in September 2020, he has touched the lives of many people.

His ministry to the bereaved, those preparing for marriage, the sick or anyone else in any kind of need, was always undertaken by him with great diligence and kindness.

Fr Terry's faith in Jesus Christ was central to his ministry here in West Cork. His main desire was to serve Christ and to bring Christ to the people. He did this very well during his time with us.

As priests, we would like to sincerely thank Fr Terry for all his hard work in the Family of Parishes over the past five years. We pray that the good Lord will bless, protect and guide him in his new ministry.”

Fr Evin O'Brien CC

ST CIARÁN & ALL SAINTS

FAMILY OF PARISHES

A PRAYER FOR FR TERRY

Leader, Model, Servant: 'Wherever the Spirit calls you in the Church, may you always strive to do the will of the Father and bring souls to Christ. God bless you for being our priest in Kilmacabea Parish.'



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 6 September 2025

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Bridget Crowley.
Vera Buckley, Farranconnor, Castletownshend.
Nancy Casey, Poundlick.
- Sunday – 11am** Mary Sweeney and John Goggin, London & Skibbereen
J.J. (Derry) O'Donovan, North Street.
- Monday – 9.30am**
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Special Intention
- Wednesday** No Mass
- Thursday – 9.30am** Deceased members of the Fitzgerald Family
- Friday – 9.30am**
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Tadhg O'Donovan, Glenfael, First Anniversary.
John Goggin, Mallavonae
Eily May Wall, Mill Road.
- Sunday – 11am** Noreen and Michael Daly, Union Hall and
Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road.
Denis and Ita Crowley, Glencurragh.
Tim and Alice Thornhill, Ilen Villas.

We extend our condolences to the family of Joseph (Joe) Connolly of 5 Bellevue Place, Townshend Street who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community the following who were baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral: Zara Hegarty, daughter of Thomas and Naomi, Church Cross, who was baptised in July and Dara Konieczny, son of Jan and Sinead, New Zealand, who was baptised in August.

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

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.

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, will resume on **Monday** eighth September, in the Presbytery, after the 9.30am Mass.

Cathedral Renovation Fundraiser: Remember your family or relatives, living or deceased, by having a commemorative, engraved, brass plaque permanently fixed to a pew of the donor's choice in the Cathedral. The cost is €200 per plaque. Maximum of ten words per inscription. Please contact the Parish Office 028 22828.

Coffee morning: We thank all those who attended the coffee morning last Sunday to raise funds for the volunteer students from Skibbereen Community School who intend travelling to Lourdes, to assist the invalids, with the Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage later this month. The sum of €1,300.00 was raised. We also thank Fields of Skibbereen, the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen GAA, and Clóna Dairies for their very generous sponsorship of the event.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th September

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 7th September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Murphy, Baltimore

Hannah O'Driscoll, Schull

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 8th September – No Mass

Wednesday 10th September – **10am** Rath

Friday 12th September – No Mass

Saturday 13th September

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 14th September – **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9.30am Rath – Fred Chaplin

John Walsh, Ballylynch and London

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – There will be no Mass on Monday 8th and Friday 12th September. Mass on Wednesday 10th September will be at the earlier time of 10am.

Recently Baptised:

Sophia Cronin, daughter of Brian and Lorraine, Coolnagurrane, Skibbereen was baptised in Sacred Heart Church, Rath in June and

Éala Kavanagh, daughter of Ian and Mary Ellen, Co Kilkenny was baptised in August in Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

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 28th 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.

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

Vocations afternoon with the Poor Clare Sisters, Saturday 27th September from 2pm to 4pm. If you are considering a religious vocation, feel free to contact us at anytime at vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com or write to us Poor Clares Monastery, College Road, Cork. www.poorclares.ie

Clonakilty Bereavement Support Group

Bereavement is any significant loss in our lives. Grief is our natural response to this loss, Death is a very significant loss, but bereavement can also be in marriage breakdown, miscarriage just to mention a few.

The process of grief can take time; it is a journey that has to be worked through. Grief is unique to each person, the greater the loss the more painful it can be. One of the greatest healers of grief is to share. A support group like Clonakilty Bereavement Support Group is a wonderful way to work through the pain of grief, where you feel understood, listened to, and encouraged to look inward at your inner strengths.

We are offering support over a 5-week period, starting Tuesday, 23rd September at 8:00pm.

It's a free community service, for more information contact the Clonakilty Parish Office on 023 8835654. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am -1.30pm