



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

Tues. **10 February** 10.30 am **Kilmacabea**

Mon. **23 March** 10.30 am **Aughadown**

Thurs **16 April** 10.30 am **Skibbereen**
(St Joseph's NS)

Mon. **20 April** 10.30 am **Castlehaven**

Tues. **21 April** 10.30 am **Rath & The Islands**

Fri. **24 April** 10.30 am **Skibbereen**
(St Patrick's Boys NS)

THIS WEEK

MON 13: SUKKOT, the week-long Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, ends today (their autumn harvest festival).

WED 15, ST TERESA OF AVILA was deeply contemplative as well as highly active and practical. Patron of headache-sufferers, and all the sick.

THURS 16, Global Cat Day
— see www.globalcatday.org

SAT 18, ST LUKE, evangelist, author of the gospel we read at Mass this year, a gospel of mercy. Patron of doctors, surgeons, artists, book-binders.

FINANCE: UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Sun. 12th Oct. — Diocesan Needs quarterly collection, fourth quarter;

Sun. 19th — for the Propagation of the Faith (Mission Sunday).

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

‘Creation is the First Bible, and it existed for 13.7 billion years before the second Bible was written.’

RICHARD ROHR OFM

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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

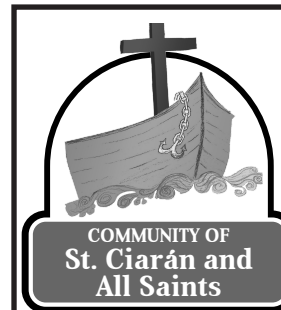
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TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

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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)

SUNDAY 12 OCT 2025

28TH SUNDAY

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How older children are baptised

In many parishes, parents request baptism for their children, so that they can receive First Holy Communion with their class.

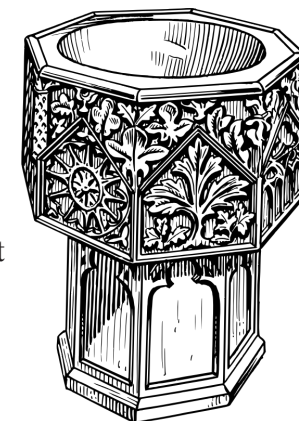
Often, neither the child nor even the parents seem to have any understanding of the commitment required.

The Catholic Church acknowledges that children at the age of seven understand right from wrong. They are then old enough to ‘*understand the call of Christ, and respond with faith at their own level*’.

The Church offers a programme of preparation, called the Order of Christian Initiation of Children, (OCIC). Through this, seven-year-old (and older) children are prepared for baptism through faith-sharing, prayer and pastoral guidance, within a community of believers.

Parents are expected to accept the responsibility for training their children in the faith, and to attend the programme with them.

Siobhán O'Brien [CATECHIST, RATH & THE ISLANDS PARISH]



This year's programme of preparation for local parishes begins with an Information Meeting on Mon 20 October (4.30 pm) in the Presbytery, Skibbereen (for older children seeking baptism, and their parents) More info from Maura O'Flynn, 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 11 October 2025

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Patrick O'Regan, Lisalohorig, First Anniversary.
David O'Neill, Tooreenasillane.
Andrew Hegarty, Dublin.
- Sunday – 11am** Derry O'Sullivan, Lurriga.
Paddy Walsh, Maultrahane, Kitty and Michael
O'Driscoll and Rita and Aidan Hanley, Home
Rule Terrace.
- Monday – 9.30am** Paddy and Kitty White, Glandore.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Don Lombard, Assumption Place.
7.30pm **Station Mass for Skibbereen**
- Wednesday** **No Mass**
- Thursday – 9.30am** Caroline Keane, Dungarvan.
- Friday – 9.30am** Sam Kingston, Connonagh.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Margaret O'Donovan, Lakelands.
John Hurley, Milland, Gortnaclohy.
Special Intention.
- Sunday – 11am** Mary Kate and Peter Harrington, Kilnagospagh.
Patrick White, Gortnaclohy.
Brian Foley, Bridge Street.

We welcome into our faith community Lila Hodnett, daughter of Richard and Sarah, who was baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on fourth October.

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.

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.

Station Mass - There will be a Station Mass for **Skibbereen town and surrounding areas** on **Tuesday 14 October at 7.30pm**. Station offering envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Second collection next weekend Saturday/Sunday **18/19 October** for the Propagation of the Faith.

Bantry ARC House Cancer Support House Fundraiser in The Hall, Drimoleague on **Sunday 19 October 2025 12 noon to 4 pm**. Tea/coffee/entertainment and raffles. Your support is very much appreciated.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport - group leader Jim Keogh. Pilgrimage from Cork to Medjugorje, with Aer Lingus, on third June 2026. For further information and full details please contact **Jim Keogh 021 4885371 or 087 2678793**. Everyone is most welcome.

The Legion of Mary Newsletter is for sale after masses this weekend. It will also be available in Trendy's hair salon, North Street and Thornhills Hardware, Bridge Street.

The Retired Ladies group are back in **Cara House** every **Wednesday at 2.30pm**. New members are most welcome. **Quilting group** meets every **Monday at 7pm** in Cara House. New members are very welcome. **If interested contact 086 1605928**.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th October

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 12th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Leonard, Reengaroga and his wife Mary

The McCarthy Family, Ardnagreine.

Ralph Skinner and his sister Mary Skinner, Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 13th October – 10am - No Mass

Wednesday 15th October – 10am Rath

Friday 17th October – 7.30pm – Mass for all Station areas in the parish.

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9.30am Rath – Eugene & Peggy Davis, Church Strand and all the members of the Davis family.

Patrick O'Driscoll, Baltimore Hill

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – There will be no Mass on Monday 13th October. Mass on Wednesday 15th October is at **10am**.

There will be a station Mass for Rath on Friday 17th October at 7.30pm.

Station offering envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

Second collection next weekend 19th October for Propagation of the Faith.

Eucharistic Adoration in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm. All are welcome even if only for ten minutes, half an hour or an hour to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament.

Diocesan Quarterly Collection this weekend Sunday 12th October 2025.

The Diocese supports parishes through all kinds of services such as Education, School Religious Faith Formation support, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, Stewardship and Governance and in areas such as Data Protection, Finance and property advisory.

This assistance to parishes is only possible through your ongoing generosity.

These collections allow us to support the work in Parishes and Families of Parishes. This work is vital to enable our parishes to be renewed and invigorated. As we continue the Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment in our Diocese and discern how God is calling us to be his Church and Faith Communities into the future, your financial support is vital to allow this to happen. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

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

The Diocese of Cork and Ross are delighted to announce CONNECT 7, an event for Young Adults aged 18-35.

Connect 7 is taking place on **Saturday 18th October in the Cathedral of St Mary at St Anne's, Cork City T23 NX76 from 2pm to 7pm.**

Connect is a gathering for young people of faith and for those who are searching between the ages of 18-35. Previous CONNECT events have been very successful in bringing young adults together to celebrate their faith and find support and nourishment for their faith journey today.

This Connect's theme is: *'Finding purpose – God's plan for my life'*, which will centre around what God is inviting us to do with our lives, whether married, a priest, a religious or single.

Our keynote speakers are Fr. Conor McGrath, Vocations Director in the Diocese of Down and Connor, and Lorraine Buckley, Faith Development Coordinator in the Diocese of Cork and Ross.

The day will include a talk by the two guest speakers, Mass, Adoration, time for a panel discussion, confessions, pizza and more - €10 including food and refreshments. Registration – search for Connect 7 on www.eventbrite.ie