



• **Masses on ALL SAINTS DAY** (Saturday 1 November) •
Rath Parish Church & Kilcoe Church: Sat 10 am
Castlehaven Church: Sat 11.30 am
Leap Church: Sat 12 noon.
Cathedral, Skibbereen: 6.30 pm, **both** Fri 31st Oct. & Sat 1st

THIS WEEK

This is Pastoral Care Week, recognising spiritual caregivers and their ministry.

TUES 28: Ss SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES:
Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases.

FRI 31, BLESSED DOMINIC COLLINS became a Jesuit brother after a military career. Captured by Crown forces, who tried in vain to make him reject his faith. Hanged at Youghal on 31 Oct 1602.

SAT 1 NOVEMBER: All Saints (holyday of obligation).

SUN 2 NOVEMBER: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, for whom an indulgence may be obtained by Confession, Communion, visiting a church and prayer for the pope's intentions.

FINANCE CORNER, 19 SEPT, MISSION SUN.
AUGHADOWN: €805 (Missions €610)
CASTLEHAVEN €985 (Missions €830)
KILMACABEA €475 (Missions €235)
Sun 12th €500, Diocesan needs €365.
RATH/ISLANDS : €780 (Missions €555)

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☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

'The noblest vengeance of all is to forgive'

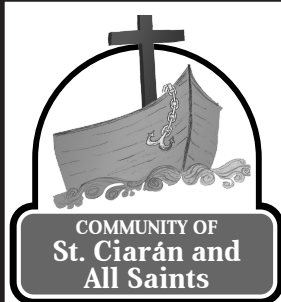
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Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.
Pieta Hse Helpline 1800 247 247; or text **HELP** to 51444.
St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen: 087 918 2698
Samaritans: 116 123 free.
Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136



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NEWSLETTER

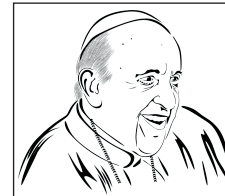
(for the parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven & Myross,
Kilmacabea, Rath & The Islands, and Skibbereen)

SUNDAY 26 OCT 2025 30TH SUNDAY VOL 4: 8

PRIESTS SHOULD ABSOLVE ALL GRAVE SINS — EVEN ABORTION

After the Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2016, Pope Francis wrote a letter called *Misericordia et misera* ('Mercy and Misery'). This letter charts a path forward for our church, rooted in care and compassion. Francis wanted a shift of emphasis away from condemnation and guilt.

Drawing inspiration from the Gospel account of the woman caught in adultery (John 8: 1-11), the pope highlighted the encounter between human frailty and mercy. *Misericordia* (MERCY) is Christ himself; *misera* (MISERY) is the sinner. Judgment gives



way to forgiveness, and condemnation to hope. The sin is acknowledged but

the sinner pardoned. *Misericordia et Misera* calls for mercy and forgiveness as essentials of church life—as a permanent mission. Pope Francis asks all priests to absolve grave sins, including abortion: no barrier should stand between the sinner and God's forgiveness (cf. Romans 8:35).

Francis also encouraged us to continue works of mercy, as expressions of love in our ordinary lives. We are to be 'artisans of mercy', transforming our parishes and our hearts into places of welcome and healing. Mercy is the Church's most powerful message in a world of greed and anger.

(Contributed by **THERESA KING**, from the 'Papal Documents Reading Group', which meets at the Presbytery, Skibbereen every Tues. evening at 7:30 pm — all welcome).



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th October

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 26th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Margo O'Flynn, The Cove – Months Mind

Maureen McCarthy, Bunlick, Skibbereen.

Johanna & Patrick O'Regan, Reengaroga

Claire & Mary Ann O'Neill, Oldcourt

Robert O'Driscoll, Lackahane

Constance Chaplin

Anthony, John & Virginia O'Driscoll, The Cove.

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 27th October – 10am - Rath

Wednesday 29th October – 10am Rath – John Crowley, Cork & Skibbereen

Saturday 1st November – All Saints

10.00am Rath – Mass for All Saints

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 2nd November – The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed – All Souls Day

9.30am Rath – Novena

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th October is at **10am.**

Envelopes for the November Novena for the Dead are now available in the Church

Fr Kevin & Fr Evin would like to thank everyone for returning their Autumn Dues. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Masses for the Feast of All Saints - Saturday 1st November

Friday 31st October – Cathedral 6.30pm

Saturday 1st November – Rath 10am

Saturday 1st November – Cathedral 6.30pm

November Novena for the Holy Souls – 2nd to 10th November

Sunday 2nd November - All Souls Day

Rath 9.30am and Cathedral 11am

Monday 3rd November - Cathedral 9.30am and Rath 7.30pm

Tuesday 4th November - Cathedral 9.30am and Rath 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th November - No Mass in the Cathedral

Leap at 10am and Rath 7.30pm

Thursday 6th November - Cathedral 9.30am and Rath 7.30pm

Friday 7th November - Cathedral 9.30am and Rath 7.30pm

Saturday 8th November

Sherkin 4.45pm and Cathedral 6.30pm

Sunday 9th November

Rath 9.30am and Cathedral 11am

Monday 10th November

Cathedral 9.30am and Rath 7.30pm

Skibbereen Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 2nd November:

Convent - after 11am mass

Chapel Lane - 12.45pm

St Patrick's - 2.00pm

Abbeystrewry - 3pm.

Aughadown Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 9th November:

Lisheen - after Mass

Kilcoe - 12.45pm

Old Church Kilcoe - 1.10pm

Aughadown - 1.30pm

Rath Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 16th November:

Tullagh - 2pm

Creagh - 3pm