

THIS SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, IS WORLD DAY OF THE POOR. Pope Francis established this celebration on the second last Sunday of the Church's year. He called it.....

'the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the



little ones and the poor, and who will judge us on our works of mercy....'

The third Sunday of November is also **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims: may they rest in peace.**
[See worlddayofremembrance.org]

THIS WEEK

MON 17, ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, queen, widow and exile: a woman of prayer and service of the poor.

SAT 22, ST CECILIA, patroness of music and musicians, cantors and choirs: we thank them all!



☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

'Treat everyone with politeness and kindness, not because they are nice but because you are.' —ANONYMOUS

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FINANCE CORNER FOR 9 NOVEMBER (including diocesan collection for Youth Ministry)

AUGHADOWN: €880 (DIOCESAN € 645).

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS:

€ 760 (DIOCESAN € 605).

KILMACABEA: €845 (DIOCESAN € 460)

SKIBBEREEN: €1,365 (DIOCESAN €890)

RATH & THE ISLANDS:

€930 (DIOCESAN € 440)

• *Diocesan collection last Sunday supported the work of Youth Ministry Coordinator, Sheila Kelleher.*

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

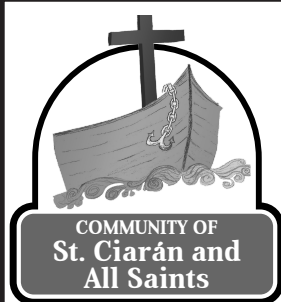
Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

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



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

16 Nov 2025
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VOL 4: 11

FROM ADVENT, WE'LL STAND MORE AND KNEEL LESS AT SUNDAY MASS

As you know, I live in Union Hall, a place popular with visitors, many of whom join us for Mass. I'd imagine most of our parishes see Mass attendance rise in vacation periods.

Visitors behave differently from us: they stand while we are kneeling. When we go to Mass in other parts of Ireland, the opposite happens: we kneel while they are standing!

In truth, 24 dioceses in Ireland follow one way of attending Mass, while we in Cork & Ross follow an older pattern. From this Advent, we will

adopt the practice used by all the other Catholics in Ireland. It's time we did.

The diocese is issuing a page which summarises the changes. It's interesting that the Council of Nicea, 1700

years ago, commended that Christians stand during Mass. The Lord's Day was to be celebrated as a time of joy and resurrection, not penitence — so prayer was to be done while standing.

It has taken a little while for us to reach that standard, but at least now we will be doing what the other Catholics in Ireland are already doing.

— **Fr Bernard** (EDITOR)



CHANGE IN POSTURES AT MASS FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Start of Mass to end of Opening Prayer: We **stand**.*

*Prayer over the Gifts till the end of the 'Holy Holy': We **stand***

*For Prayer after Communion: We **stand**. [EVERYTHING ELSE IS UNCHANGED]*



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 15 November 2025

Saturday – 6.30pm - Peggy and Charles McCarthy and their grandson Stephen, recently deceased.

John Breen, Market Street.

Charlie McCarthy, Chapel Lane.

Sunday – 11am - Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.
James and Bridget Keane, Mardyke Street.
JJ (Derry) O'Donovan, North Street.

Michael O'Sullivan, Mardyke Park, First Anniversary.

Michael Lucitt, First Anniversary.

Monday – 9.30am - Cis and David Power and Breda Carey, Beara

Tuesday – 9.30am - Michael and Kate O'Brien, Bridge Street.

Wednesday - **No Mass**

Thursday – 9.30am - John, Josephine, Terry and John Joe O'Sullivan, North Street.

Friday - 9.30am - Kathleen O'Shea.

Saturday – 6.30pm - Liam Calnan, Coolnagurrane.
James Walsh, High Street.
Lindsay Jones McCullagh, First Anniversary.

Sunday – 11am - John and Mary O'Donovan, Cullinagh.
Theresa O'Donovan, Market Street.
Florence and Eileen Crowley, Inchinagotagh.

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 Saturday 10am to 11am

Hospitality Morning in the Presbytery on Monday after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Prayers and Blessing of Graves: Rath on Sunday 23 November:
Tullagh 2pm
Creagh 3pm

Department of Education Survey about School Choice: The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. While it is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard, it is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within the school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent, prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primary-school-survey The IEC message regarding this survey is available on the Cork and Ross Social media platforms.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen -We are again seeking volunteer cleaners for our beautiful cathedral. If you have an hour to spare once every five weeks, we would love to have you on board. Please contact the **Parish Office 028 22828 or Frances 086 3706615.**

West Cork Warriors Special Olympics Club is a sports club that caters for 4 - 12 years with an intellectual disability. Training on Saturdays in **Skibbereen Sports Centre 11am to 11.45am.** New athletes welcome, please contact: westcorkwarriors@sosportsclub.ie.

Memory Café – Wednesday 19 November 11am to 1pm at Skibbereen Community & Family Resource Centre P81ND89. Supporting people living with memory loss, their family, friends, and carers.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th November

4.45pm Sherkin – Mary O'Reilly

Sunday 16th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Denis McCarthy, Reengaroga

Joan Collins, Lahern

Kathleen Scully, Creagh

Dermot McSweeney, Church Strand

10.00am Cape Clear - Phil Reardon & deceased members of the Family

Monday 17th November – 7.30pm Rath – Novena

Wednesday 19th November – 10.00am - Rath

Saturday 22nd November

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Sunday 23rd November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

9.30am Rath – Richard & Eileen Bushe, The Cove

John O'Driscoll, Schull

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass on Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th at **10am**.

Rath Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 23rd November:

Tullagh - 2pm Creagh - 3pm

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.

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.

Best of Luck to Ilen Rovers team in their replay of the Intermediate 'A' Football Championship County Final against Ballinora in Páirc Uí Chaoimh today.

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Join us for a friendly morning meet up, supporting people who are living with memory loss and their family, friends and carers.

Incorporating music for memory with guest facilitator Justin Grounds – a trip down musical memory lane supporting emotional wellbeing and cognitive function, recalling happy times.

To book your place please contact 028/23572 or email opcworker@scfr.ie.

Parkinsons Ireland in Skibbereen Community and Family Resource Centre on Friday 21st November 11am to 12.30pm,

Charlotte Deasy - our Parkinson's nurse will be in attendance and will give a talk on support and services available through Parkinson's Ireland with time for questions on Parkinson's symptoms and treatment afterwards.

Please email jackieoreilly@parkinsons.ie or text 0872047169 to reserve your place. Friends, carers, family & anyone affected by PD are all very welcome.