



OUR MASS FOR THE BEREAVED IS NEXT FRIDAY

We are told that Jesus wept when his friend Lazarus died, so he knows about grief. Our Bereavement Mass on Fri 28th in the Cathedral is for anyone who experiences that pain. Candles will be lit for those who have died, but those who survive with grief will also be embraced. Come and pray (7.30 pm Mass).

THIS WEEK

THURS 27, THANKSGIVING DAY (U.S.A.). Americans celebrate Thanksgiving to give thanks for the year's blessings, a tradition rooted in the 1621 harvest feast shared by Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people. Abraham Lincoln officially declared it a national holiday.

• *St Fergal (Virgil), Irish missionary and Bishop of Salzburg, Austria*

FRI 28, BLACK FRIDAY (U.S.A.). Americans shop for Christmas on the day after Thanksgiving, reputedly the first day businesses are 'in the black'.

SUN 30: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
— *Year A begins, year of St Matthew.*

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

*Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes...
— ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING*

FINANCE CORNER (16 Nov)

CASTLEHAVEN €865;
KILMACABEA €670
SKIBBEREEN: €1,790;
RATH & THE ISLANDS: €680

CLERGY

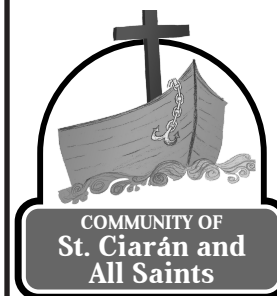
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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 am -1 pm
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St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

23 Nov 2025

CHRIST THE KING

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WHY IS THE POPE GOING TO TURKEY?

Pope Leo will fly to Turkey and Lebanon later this week, his first overseas trip. International travel to meet, evangelise and affirm the faithful is now on every pope's list of duties.

On Friday Pope Leo will take a helicopter ride from Istanbul to Iznik, a lakeside town with a long history (previously known as Nicaea). He'll pray with the Patriarch of Constantinople, near the site of the first Council of Nicaea in AD 325 — 1,700 years since Constantine gathered 300 bishops together to agree on a formal statement of our faith — what it means to be a Christian.

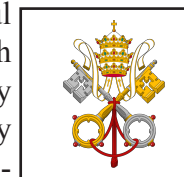
That Creed remains a great

source of unity for Christians. But an argument over a change to it in the eleventh century contributed to a falling-out between the Eastern and Western Church that is only now being repaired.

Pope St John Paul II referred to the Church, East and West, as being like two lungs — both being necessary for peak performance!

Pope Leo is travelling to break down the walls that we Christians have made for ourselves — walls that surely, as one Eastern bishop said, "do not mount up as far as heaven."

Kieran Lettice
Castlehaven parish



POPE LEO'S VISIT TO TÜRKİYE & LEBANON

THURS 27 NOV: Pope travels to Ankara, visits President of Türkiye.
FRI 28 NOV: Ecumenical Prayer service in Iznik (Nicaea).
SAT 29 NOV: Visit to Sultan Ahmed Mosque, Istanbul (Blue Mosque)
SUN-TUES: Beirut — Annaya — Harissa — Bkerké — Rome.



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 22 November 2025

- 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.
- Monday – 9.30am** - Special Intention.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** - Brendan Scully.
- Wednesday** - **No Mass**
- Thursday – 9.30am** - Special Intention.
- Friday - 9.30am** - Sheila Kane Davis.
- 7.30pm** **Annual Family of Parishes Bereavement Mass**
- Saturday – 6.30pm** - Martin Connolly, Derrylugga.
David and Gillian Morrison, Riverdale.
Brian Crowley.
- Sunday – 11am** - John and Mary O'Donovan, Cullinagh.
Betty Crowley, The Moorings.
Jim & Kathleen Mulally, their son Jimmy, daughter Margaret, son in law Frank and all deceased members of the Mulally family.
Don Morrison, Bridgetown and Dunmanway, First Anniversary.

We extend our condolences to the families of Alma Karanauskiene, Skibbereen,
And Harry O'Donovan, The Lough, Cork and Lassanaroe, Skibbereen who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

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.**

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: Today Sunday 23 November:
Tullagh 2pm
Creagh 3pm

Thank you - Fr Evin and Fr Kevin wish to thank all those who contributed a November offering during the recent novena.

The Annual Bereavement Mass will be held for the Family of Parishes on **Friday 28 November at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen.

First Holy Communion - At the Saturday evening Mass on 29 November the children who are to receive their First Holy Communion in 2026 will be enrolled. We welcome the children and their parents to this Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council Skibbereen - The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council in Skibbereen took place recently. The chairperson of the PPC is June Kelly and the vice chairperson is Tony Walsh. The secretary is Rachel Crowley, and the vice secretary is Ewa Stromecka.

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.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 22nd November

4.45pm Sherkin

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

Monday 24th November – 10.00am - Rath

Wednesday 26th November – 10.00am - Rath

Saturday 29th November

4.45pm Sherkin –

Sunday 30th November – First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Rath – Sheila Connolly, Crow Hill

Mary & Dick Connolly, Lissanuhig

Eileen Whooley, Munig – Months Mind

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass on Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th 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.

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.

Skibbereen Community and Family Resource Centre in collaboration with Arts for Health presents - Musical Mornings for Creative Companions

Come and spend an enjoyable musical morning with us!

Discover wonderful music and creativity with other Family Carers and Companions. A relaxed and friendly space to have a cuppa and enjoy songs, stories, melodies and poems.

Facilitated by Justin Grounds - Musician and Composer

Wednesdays at 11am to 1pm

Dates: 26th November, 3rd December, 28th January, 4th February, 11th February

Light refreshments provided

Contact 028 23572 or Gráinne at opcworker@scfrc.ie to book your seat

At the Skibbereen Community and Family Resource Centre, North Street, Skibbereen, P81 ND89

Come get creative at our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop! Design your own festive wreath and take home a beautiful piece of holiday cheer.

Friday 5th December from 2pm - 4pm

Foliage provided. Bring additional personal decorations if you wish

€10 per person

Prebooking essential - please call 028 23572 to book your space

At the Skibbereen Community and Family Resource Centre, North Street, Skibbereen, P81 ND89. Spots are limited – sign up today and don't miss out!