

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:
for the prevention of suicide....

"Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life."

THIS WEEK

MON 3, ST MALACHY, the first Irishman to be officially canonised, reformed the Church in Ireland in the twelfth century. Died in AD 1148.

WED 5, ST MARTIN DE PORRES, (1579-1639), patron of mixed-race people, public health workers, all those seeking racial harmony and social justice.

THURS 6, 'MEN MAKE DINNER' DAY, first Thursday in November since 2001.

SUN 9: Dedication of Lateran Basilica.

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

'A mature Christian sees Christ in everything and everyone else. That is a definition that will never fail you, always demand more of you and give you no reasons to fight, exclude or reject anyone.' — FROM 'THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST' by Richard Rohr OFM.

FINANCE CORNER FOR 26 OCTOBER
AUGHADOWN: €985.

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS: €1,345.

KILMACABEA: €820.

SKIBBEREEN: €1,715.

[19 Oct €1130, Mission Sunday €935]

RATH & THE ISLANDS: €920.

• *Diocesan collection in all churches on 9 November for Youth Ministry, supporting the work of Youth Ministry Coordinator, Sheila Kelleher, and investing in our young people, who are our future.*

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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

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NEWSLETTER

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

2 Nov 2025 ALL SOULS DAY VOL 4: 9

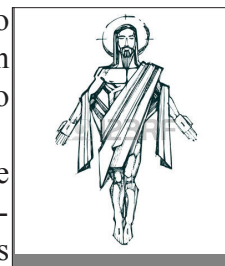
IMAGINE MEETING YOUR LOVED ONES IN HEAVEN

Recently, I had a peculiar dream. It was a vision of what it was like when my parents met again in heaven. I had never imagined what it might be like for the people you knew to meet each other again in heaven?

Today is a day to remember them all, a happy day of many memories of Mam died in 2008. She had had all, a happy day of many memories of Alzheimers for 12 years, so though we were heartbroken at her passing, there was also an element of relief.

My Dad went on to live life to the full for the following seven years, as he always had. He died suddenly at the age of 98, in a hotel car park after his lunch.

And what did my mother say to him when he finally arrived in heaven? Probably: "What kept you?" It would be just like them. Have you



friends and family members who have died. We are all headed towards our heavenly destiny, our salvation assured by our share from baptism in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Vera Lynn sang "We'll meet again". After COVID, the promise given was "We will all meet again." The Christian promise is always: We will meet in heaven. I hope to see you there. — **Fr Bernard** (EDITOR)

In Cork & Ross diocese, we have a tradition of nine Masses (novena) for our dead in November. Details of the novena in your parish are overleaf. Please join in your local novena and pray for all the souls.



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 01 November 2025

Saturday – 6.30pm Rose and Ger King, The Abbey.
James and Ellen Davis and family, Upper Bridge St.
Peter Byrne, recently deceased.

Sunday – 11am Novena

Monday – 9.30am Novena

Tuesday – 9.30am Novena

Wednesday No Mass in Skibbereen

10am Leap Novena

7.30pm Rath Novena

Thursday – 9.30am Novena

Friday - 9.30am Novena

Saturday – 6.30pm Novena

Sunday – 11am Novena

We extend our condolences to the families of Eileen Whooley (née Sheehy) Munnig South, Skibbereen

And Daniel (Dan) Hegarty, Bauravilla, 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**. 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 (except November 1st)

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

Prayers and Blessing of Graves:

Skibbereen on Sunday 2 November:

Convent - after 11am Mass

St Patrick's 2.00pm

Chapel Lane 12.45pm

Abbeystrewry 3pm

Aughadown on Sunday 09 November:

Lisheen - after Mass

Old Church Kilcoe 1.10pm

Kilcoe 12.45pm

Aughadown 1.30pm

Rath on Sunday 16 November:

Tullagh 2pm

Creagh 3pm

The month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed when we enter their names on the List of the dead, that they may be prayed for at all masses during November, especially during the novena for the holy souls. If you wish to have the names of your loved ones inscribed on the list there are envelopes at the back of the Cathedral. Please return these to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

First Friday Vigil in St Patrick's Cathedral, on **07 November 8pm to 12 midnight**. It includes adoration, confession, benediction, and devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart with Mass at 10pm. Everyone is welcome to all or part.

World Diabetes Day - Free Screening Event: Friday 14 November 11am - 2pm, Bantry Primary Care Centre, P75 T611.

World Diabetes Day is focused on diabetes and well-being. Close to 50% of people have undiagnosed diabetes. If you are worried you may have diabetes or living with diabetes and would like further information come along to meet the HSE Diabetes Integrated Care team for this free screening day on 14 November. You will meet a variety of health professionals who are there to answer any questions you may have and empower you with knowledge to self-manage your diabetes. **Booking is not required.**



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

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

Monday 3rd November – 7.30pm – Rath – Novena

Tuesday 4th November – 7.30pm – Rath - Novena

Wednesday 5th November – 7.30pm - Rath – Novena

Thursday 6th November – 7.30pm – Rath - Novena

Friday 7th November – 7.30pm - Rath – Novena

Saturday 8th November

4.45pm Sherkin - Novena

Sunday 9th November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass for the November Novena each evening at 7.30pm.

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

Second collection next weekend 9th November for Youth Ministry.

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

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Monday 10th November

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