

## Dates for The Diary

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### New Year Resolutions (*Rúin na hAthbhliana*)

**“Tús maith leath na hoibre”.** A good beginning is half the work.

### Saints of the Day:

January 20 St Fabian pope and martyr and St Sebastian martyr.

January 21 St Agnes virgin and martyr

### Clergy

\*Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP (MODERATOR)  
Phone: 028 22878  
\*Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP (On sabbatical leave)  
\*Fr Evin O'Brien CC Skibbereen, Phone: 028 22877  
\*Fr Kevin Hanley OFM Conv ,CC Text/WhatsApp: 087 901 0627

### Useful Contact Numbers

**Alcoholic Anonymous**, West Cork: 087 611 4946.  
**Pieta House** Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444.  
**St Vincent de Paul**, Skibbereen Contact Number: 087 918 2698  
**Samaritans** 116 123 free.



**St Ciarán & All Saints**

Family of Parishes

### Newsletter

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

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## Lourdes 2025

Our week began on Friday 19 September. We flew from Cork to Lourdes along with 12 other students from St. Angela's College and Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh. We landed and got ready for a busy day. We attended mass and did some sightseeing ahead of the assisted pilgrims arrival later that evening. We spent our time with the assisted pilgrims, taking them to masses and processions or simply chatting to them. All of the 18 students on our team were rostered to help at different points of the day in the hospital where the assisted pilgrims stayed. This work involved setting up for mealtimes, serving food and cleaning up. We were very lucky to be able to have an active role in the various liturgies and processions during the pilgrimage. We got to carry gifts, do readings and be part of the choir and musician groups. This made it a very memorable experience. We were part of the leading group for the torch light procession one evening. William and Jamie got to carry the statue of Our Lady. The view of all the candle lights that followed us was amazing. This was an experience that will stay in our hearts forever. We were so moved by the kindness and selflessness of all the volunteers. It was truly inspiring. We would like to thank everyone in our Parish who supported us so generously in our fundraising for the pilgrimage.

Jamie Byrne, Chloe McCarthy, William Doyle, Helena Bohane, Dylan Moloney and Elaine O'Sullivan.

**Family of Parishes Office:** To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, 1 North St, Skibbereen:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10am – 1pm. (Closed Bank Holidays)

\*Phone 028-22828\* Email [stciaranasfop@gmail.com](mailto:stciaranasfop@gmail.com)\*



### **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](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Wednesday

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 17 January 2026**

**Saturday – 6.30pm** - Jeremiah Daly, Kilcrohane.

Denis Crowley, The Moorings.

Kate Tobin, Kilcrohane.

**Sunday - 11am** - Kathleen Kiely, anniversary and Ciara O'Driscoll, birthday remembrance.

John Dwyer, Church Cross.

Jeremiah and Catherine McCarthy, Inchinagotagh.

**Monday – 9.30am** - Lesley Hancock, recently deceased.

**Tuesday – 9.30am** - Special Intention

**Wednesday -** **No Mass**

**Thursday – 9.30am** - Ted Harnedy, Shepperton.

**Friday - 9.30am** - Margaret Harnedy, Shepperton.

**Saturday – 6.30pm** - John Collins, Chapel Lane and Jeremiah and Hannah O'Donovan, Drominida.

Detta Carey, Derrylugga.

Donald and Eily Feeley, Cork Road.

**Sunday - 11am** - Paddy O'Shea, Market Street.

Edmond Harrington, Reenmurragha.

Patrick and Teresa O'Donovan, Lassnaroe and their son Michael.

Victor O'Donovan, Month's Mind.

We extend our condolences to the family of Tony O'Driscoll, Inchinagotagh, Skibbereen who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

**Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.**

**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.

**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.

**Hospitality Morning in the Presbytery on Monday after the 9.30am Mass**

**Catholic Schools Week** runs from 18 - 24 January with the theme, *Normal Lives, Called to Holiness!* The 2026 theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; for every student, teacher, parent, and grandparent living each day in friendship with Jesus. We give thanks for the great work of our Catholic schools and pray for all involved.

**Fundraiser Night in Aid of Skibbereen Community Hospital** Starring Effie O'Neill and a host of bands in the **West Cork Hotel** on **Saturday 7 February**. Tickets €28.00 can be bought from the West Cork Hotel Skibbereen. Raffles and spot prizes also on the night. Everyone come along for a super night of entertainment and variety.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

#### Mass Intentions

##### Saturday 17th January

**4.45pm** Sherkin

##### Sunday 18th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9.30am** Rath – Nora Sheehan, Ballylynch – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and remembering her brother Timothy Hastings, Co Mayo.

Agnes Davis, Lackahane.

Marian O'Driscoll, Baltimore Hill & Turkey – Months Mind

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 19th January - 10.00am** - Rath - John & Margaret Holland, Highfield

**Wednesday 21st January 10.00am** – Rath – Pat & Annmarie Holland, Inishbeg

##### Saturday 24th January

**4.45pm** Sherkin

##### Sunday 25th January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9.30am** Rath – John Stanley Holland, Highfield

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Weekday Masses** – Mass on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21st January is at 10am.

#### Change to clergy list from January 2026 to July 2026:

Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP (moderator)

Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP (on sabbatical)

Fr Evin O'Brien CC

Fr Kevin Hanley OFM Conv, CC

We would like to welcome Fr Kevin Hanley to our Family of Parishes, and we look forward to working with him while Fr Bernard is on sabbatical.

**Rath NS Parents Association Quiz Night** on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in Bushes Bar. €40 - Teams of 4. All proceeds to Rath NS.

#### Fundraiser Night in Aid of Skibbereen Community Hospital

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West Cork Hotel – Saturday night 7<sup>th</sup> February

Tickets €28 available from Reception in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen Tel 028 21277. Raffles and spot prizes also on the night.

Please come along for a super night of entertainment and variety guaranteed.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support evening on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.

**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.

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