

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:**  
for prayer with the Word of God....  
“Let us pray that praying with the Word of God may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church”.

#### Saints of the Day

**Jan. 25:** Word of God Sunday and Conversion of St. Paul

**Jan. 27:** St. Angela Merici returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, she founded the Ursuline Sisters to serve and teach the poor. She named her community after St. Ursula, a martyr in the early Church.

**Jan. 28:** St. Thomas Aquinas joined the Dominicans so he could live a life of study and scholarship. Aquinas became a Doctor of the Church

**Jan. 31:** St. John Bosco was dedicated to vocational education and publishing. Today, his intercession is sought as the patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

#### Finance Corner 16/1/26

**Aughadown:** €855  
**Castlehaven & Myross:** €790  
**Kilmacabea:** €1535  
**Skibbereen:** €1535  
**Rath & the Islands:** €1371

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### CLERGY

Fr. Kevin O'Regan Co-PP (Moderator)  
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#### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork:** 087 611 4946.  
**Pieta Hse Helpline**  
1800 247247; 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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COMMUNITY OF  
St. Ciarán and All  
Saints

25 Jan 2026

St Ciarán & All Saints  
FAMILY OF PARISHES  
**Newsletter**  
*for the parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven & Myross, Kilmacabea, Rath & The Islands, and Skibbereen)*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Ordinary Time

Vol. 4:19

## *Listening to the Lord*

Pope Francis inaugurated the Sunday of the Word of God in 2019, asking that it be celebrated in parishes and communities throughout the world on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year, which falls at the end of January.

He encouraged faith communities to find ways to “mark this Sunday with special solemnity” and to focus our attention on the Word of God in the Bible that guides and directs us as we seek to live out our Christian faith.

In his homily on the inaugural Sunday of the Word of God, Pope Francis encouraged all of us to make the Word of God a central part of our daily life

*Let us make room inside ourselves for the word of God.*



### **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 24 January 2026**

**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, Reenmurrigha.  
Patrick and Teresa O'Donovan, Lassnaroe and their son Michael.  
Victor O'Donovan, Month's Mind.

**Monday – 9.30am** - Lucy Harnedy, Shepperton.

**Tuesday – 9.30am** - Nora Deasy, Union Hall.

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

**Thursday – 9.30am** - Timmy Keohane, Rossmore.

**Friday – 9.30am** - Julia Keohane, Rossmore.

**Saturday – 6.30pm** - Frank and Anna McCarthy, Coronea.  
Margaret O'Donovan, Lakelands.  
William and Mary O'Regan, Schull and Dominic Hodnett, Skibbereen.

**Sunday - 11am** - Jerry O'Sullivan, Baltimore Road and Philomena Hallahan, Curragh.  
David Broderick, Cork.  
John O'Mahony, 98 Street.

We extend our condolences to the family of Chris Kelly, Kent and Townshend Street, Skibbereen who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral Monday and Friday from **10am to 6pm**. There are scheduled hours available for adoration, but all are welcome for any period of time.

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

**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**

**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. Come along for a super night of entertainment and variety.

### **A Prayer for Students at the End of Catholic Schools Week**

Thank you, God, for our School and our friends. Help us to value the importance of the friendships we have made. Give us strength to be honest in all that we do. Help us to show forgiveness when people make mistakes even when it is hard and we have been hurt. Help us to show respect and value that we are all special in your eyes. Encourage us to persevere when things are hard; to make the right choices so that we can be the best that we can. Amen



**Parish Office**, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.  
**Priest on Duty/Emergency** – 086/7852262

#### **Mass Intentions**

**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

**Monday 26th January - 10.00am - Rath**

**Wednesday 28th January 10.00am – Rath**

**Saturday 31st January**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – Billy Andy O'Driscoll, Baltimore

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Weekday Masses** – Mass on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th January is at **10am**.

**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.

**Diocesan Celebration of the Day for Consecrated Life.** Please join us in thanking God for those who have dedicated their lives to God through consecrated life on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 3.30pm in St Francis Church, Cork. All welcome.

**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.

**Rath NS enrolment open day** will take place on Friday, January 30th and perspective pupils and parents are welcome to visit any time from 2.15-4pm. Contact the office at 028 20135 or [rathnationalsc@gmail.com](mailto:rathnationalsc@gmail.com) for further information.

#### **Calling all those involved in music ministry across our diocese**

Choir directors, choir/music group members, organists, musicians, and individual singers etc. You are warmly invited to Songs of Praise, an afternoon dedicated to reflection, prayer, and spiritual nourishment.

**This event will take place on - Sunday 1st February 2026 at 2.30pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork.**

Music plays a vital role in our worship often demanding time, energy, and commitment. This gathering offers a space to pause, give thanks, and be renewed through sacred song, scripture, and shared prayer, in the beautiful setting of the Cathedral. This afternoon is for all who are involved in music ministry to come together to learn new music, reflect, listen, and lift our voices in praise, followed by an opportunity to chat over light hospitality.

Please do share this invitation widely with choirs/music groups, and individuals. We look forward to welcoming you for this time of shared praise and renewal. This is a free event. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the day to help cover costs. Booking is essential to facilitate hospitality. Telephone Lorraine Buckley on 021 735 5517.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project, is delighted to offer a new **Formation in Faith programme for young adults (18–35 years)**.

'Formation in Faith' begins on **Wednesday, 28th January 2026**. The programme will run for 9 weeks from **5.45–8.00pm** in **Mardyke House, Cork (T12 W8RP)**.

Participants can choose between two concurrent pathways:

**Sycamore Formation Series:** A video-based programme with guided group discussion on Catholic formation. **Foundations in Theology:** A lecture-based introduction to Catholic theology. Each session begins with food and refreshments, and provide participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. To sign-up or for more information, email Sheila at [youthministry@corkandross.org](mailto:youthministry@corkandross.org)