

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH
is for disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Saints of the Day

March 1: Saint David was born in Caerfai Southwest Wales into an aristocratic family. He was reportedly a scion of the royal house of Ceredigion and founded a Celtic monastic community at Glyn Rhosyn (The Vale of Roses). He died in 589 AD.

March 3: St. Katharine Drexel is an American saint known for her service to Native and African Americans.

March 7: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity were Christian Martyrs of the third century. Perpetua was a recently married, well-educated noblewoman, said to have been 22 years old at the time of her death. Felicity, a slave woman imprisoned with her was martyred at the same time. They were put to death along with others at Carthage.

Finance Corner 22/02/2026

Aughadown: €850
Castlehaven & Myross: €970
Kilmacabea: €555
Skibbereen: €1560
Rath & the Islands: €560

Thank you for your generosity

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta House 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

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St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

Newsletter

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

1st March 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

Vol. 4:24

BC in BC

When I am saying my morning prayers in Union Hall, I look out at bird feeders, briars, shrubs and trees, and maybe a cow or two, sometimes a cat. Here, in Victoria, when I am saying my morning prayers, I have a choice of three office blocks to look at, or a multi-storey car park! When I head off for my walk in Union Hall, it's on a quiet road where a car occasionally passes. In Victoria, I step out into a city that never sleeps. It's alive and vibrant; and its downtown area is both safe and friendly.

I am enjoying attending Masses, not having to preach, just soaking up the atmosphere. For Ash Wednesday the cathedral was full to overflowing for two Masses, something I have never seen in Ireland. Faith is young here, and it is growing. Forty young adults are preparing to be baptised at the Easter Vigil.

The sabbatical is the best thing I have ever done, yet still every day I pray for people in our family of parishes. If you want to add someone to my list, email me at BCinBC26@gmail.com, or write to me at St Andrews Cathedral, 740 View St, Victoria BC V8W 1J8 Canada.

Happy Lent!

Fr Bernard



Skibbereen Parish News

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 28 February 2026

- Saturday - 6.30pm** - Breda Forde, Skibbereen.
Breda McDonnell, late of Glencurragh, recently deceased in the U.K.
Kate Hurley, Milland.
- Sunday – 11am** - Michael Walsh, Dunmanway.
John and Nellie O'Mahony, Inchinagotagh.
Richard and Kerry Hodnett, Gortnaclohy.
David Fahy, St Fachtna's Terrace, Month's Mind.
Lily Murphy, Month's Mind.
Tom Burns, Month's Mind.
- Monday – 9.30am** - Peter Nolan.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** - Birthday Intention
- Wednesday** - **No Mass**
- Thursday - 9.30am** - Florence Barnett.
- Friday - 9.30am** - Ellen Collins, Newmarket
- Saturday - 6.30pm** - May O'Mahony, Dromig.
Florence Lynch, Coronea.
Mary and Kevin Deasy, Union Hall.
Michael O'Mahony, Smorane and Baltimore Rd.
First Anniversary
- Sunday – 11am** - Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen and Archbishop Denis Hurley, Durban.
Moira Cahalane, Bridge Street, First Anniversary.
Derry (JJ) O'Donovan, Cara House and North Street, First Anniversary

We extend our condolences to the family of: Gerald (Jeremiah) McCarthy, Whitehall, Church Cross, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

We welcome into our faith community, Aurora and Adriana Zalinska, daughters of Dawid and Malgorzata. They were baptised in St Patrick's Cathedral on 21 February.

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.

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 9.30am Mass.

Station Mass - There will be a Station Mass for Skibbereen town and surrounding areas on **Friday 13 March at 7.30pm**. Station offering envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Second Collection next Sunday 8 March for Irish Bishops Commission

An important **Co-Action Information Seminar** will take place at the Mardyke Centre in Skibbereen (P81 E228) on **Wednesday, 4 March from 7 to 8pm**. Included is a presentation by Anne O'Donovan, West Cork Development Manager from the Citizens Information Services who will provide expert guidance on welfare benefits and entitlements. An informal community discussion will follow with the opportunity for questions and answers. Please spread the word, all are welcome.

Community Connect Drive & Drop -Donate to help families in need! **Sunday 8 March 2 – 3pm**. Carpark O'Donovan Rossa GAA Club, Marsh, Skibbereen. Visit our web page for more information: <https://communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop>. Community Connect is a registered charity that helps pregnant mothers, parents with new babies and young children, who are in need. They provide baby equipment, clothing and essential items to these families. Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 1st March – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – John Connolly, Crow Hill

Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballylynch

Tommy Deenihan, Baltimore & Blackrock – First Anniversary

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 2nd March - 10.00am – Rath – Special Intention

Wednesday 4th March 10.00am – Rath

Saturday 7th March

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 8th March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Sean Coughlan, Church Strand

Angela Sheehy, Creagh

Miah O'Driscoll, Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th March is at **10am**.

Congratulations to the 26 pupils of Rath NS who had their Ceremony of Light and confession last night in preparation for their confirmation. We also welcomed two pupils from Abbeystrewry NS.

May the Holy Spirit guide them, their parents and their teachers as they continue to prepare for the sacrament of confirmation on April 21st.

Second Collection next Sunday 8th March for Irish Bishops Commission.

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.

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For the season of Lent, Leap Parish are hosting evenings of prayer in St Mary's Catholic Church Leap every Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join and use this time to reflect and enjoy quiet reflection, prayer, liturgy and song.

Baltimore Lifeboat Dinner – Caseys Hotel, Saturday 7th March. Tickets €25 available from Bushes Bar.

Trocaire - The next storm could destroy everything this family has built. You can help Uwamahoro, the mother on our Trócaire box, to repair and rebuild her family's future.

Community Connect Drive & Drop. Donate to help families in need.

Sunday 8th of March 2-3pm in the carpark of O'Donovan Rossa GAA Club, Marsh, Skibbereen.

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Purple Day or Epilepsy Awareness Day will take place on Thursday 26th March. In Ireland today over 45,000 people live with Epilepsy. For further information please go to www.epilepsy.ie