

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”.

Ash Wednesday

18th Feb: Ash Wednesday
Mass with distribution of Ashes
Skibbereen: 9.30am
Rath: 10am
Aughadown: (Kilcoe) 10am
Kilmacabea (Leap) 10am
Castlehaven and Myross
(Castlehaven) 11.30am

Skibbereen: 7pm
Liturgy of the Word and
distribution of ashes

Trocaire boxes are available at the doors of each church. Please take one for your home.

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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Finance Corner 8th Feb. 2026

Aughadown: €1015 / Lourdes €790
Castlehaven & Myross: €855
Kilmacabea: €585 / Lourdes €215
Skibbereen: €1420 / Lourdes €1285
Rath & the Islands: €890
Lourdes €505

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 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



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

Newsletter

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

15th February 2026

6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Vol. 4:22

Lent – not borrowed

The Season of Lent is a time of personal preparation for the Season of Easter. It is a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes before Easter.

Often, Lent can be seen as a time of sacrifice; a time of giving up. Rather it is an opportunity for giving; giving to others less fortunate with your time and energy; and giving time to self in prayer. Try to take up to ten minutes out of your day for personal prayer and reflection.

This is a good preparation for Easter and your journey in Faith. Attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation assists in this penitential journey of faith. Finding the time and space can be a challenge.

If you can create a prayer space in your home, garden, or patio; this will be a witness to all family members who will learn that they too can be creative with their personal prayer-space.



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 14 February 2026

Saturday - 6.30pm - Annie and Mary Daly, Kilcrohane, Bantry.
John Streeton, Lissalohorig.
Denis Murphy, Ballybane East, Ballydehob.

Sunday – 11am - Michael O’Riordan, Riverdale.
John Bohane, Kilderry.
Denis F. Dwyer, Baltimore Road, First Anniversary.

Monday – 9.30am - Special Intention.

Tuesday – 9.30am - John O’Sullivan, Dunbeacon.

Wed - 9.30am Ash Wednesday distribution of ashes after mass
7pm Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes

Thursday - 9.30am - Special Intention.

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Saturday - 6.30pm - Dan and Josephine Griffin, Cork Road.
Denis (D.D.) Kelleher, Home Rule Terrace.
Paddy Collins, North Street.

Sunday – 11am - Eileen Daly, nee Cahalane, Skibbereen & Killarney.
Leo Werner.
Pat Cleary, Market Street.

We extend our condolences to the family of:

Nora Keohane, Curragh, Skibbereen who died recently. May she Rest in Peace

We welcome Emmanuel Odonkor, Ard Carraig, son of Philomena and the late Moses, into our faith community. He was baptised this month in St Partick’s Cathedral.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral every Monday and Friday from **10am to 6pm.**

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 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council: On this Sunday 15 February, the members of the recently formed Parish Pastoral Council will be commissioned at the 11am Mass in the Cathedral. The members are as follows:

June Kelly, (Chair), Rachel Crowley, (Secretary), Anne Herlihy, Mary Croston, Betty Keane, Amy Crowley, Jacinta Crowley, John Deasy, Ewa Stromecka, Catherine O’Regan, Paddy Mullins, Phil Hurley, Francis Hunt, Billy O’Brien, Tony Walsh, John Patterson.

Training for new and existing altar servers will take place on **Saturday 21 February at 3pm** in St Patrick’s Cathedral. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Commemorative Plaques: There has been a great uptake by people in buying plaques to remember their family or relatives, living or deceased. Some of these plaques can now be seen throughout the Cathedral. If you would like to buy a plaque, please contact the Parish Office **028 22828**. The cost of each plaque is €200.00. Inscription is a maximum ten words.

Anam Cara, the organisation which supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Parent Support Evening** on Tuesday **17 February, at 7.30pm** in Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.

Join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart **Pilgrimage to Fatima from the 22 to 26 September 2026** ex Cork and Dublin. Spiritual Director Fr Joe McGee, MSC. For more details ring Karen in Barbers Travel or email kcallaghan@travelnet.ie



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 15th February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 16th February - 10.00am – Rath – Flo Devlin & George Devlin

Wednesday 18th February 10.00am – Rath – Ash Wednesday

Saturday 21st February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 22nd February – First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Claire Connolly, Lough Hyne

Margaret & Jerome Minihane, Creagh

Julia & Michael Forde, Creagh & London

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th February is at 10am.

Wednesday 18th February is Ash Wednesday - Ashes will be distributed after 10am Mass in Rath.

Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes at 7pm in St Patricks Cathedral, Skibbereen

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.

A Prayer to Begin My Lenten Journey (Ash Wednesday)

Loving Jesus, as I place on my forehead the sign of your loving cross.

You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.

Walking into Lent my heart is set on you.

May my fasting fill me with hunger for you,

may my prayer draw me deeper into your presence,

may my acts of charity bring your love

to my home and community.

Lord of Life, grant that by turning back to you in these 40 days

I will reawaken the joy of my Easter faith;

for you raise me up from fear and despair

and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always.

With you, I will rise again

Amen

Please join us for Maranatha on Thursday 26th February in Cork City Hall.

Maranatha is a high-energy, faith-based concert that celebrates young people, joy, belonging, and faith.

Young people from parishes across the diocese attending post-primary schools have been preparing for Maranatha 2026.

The full day event cumulates in a concert in Cork City Hall on Thursday 26th February with over 500 young people singing together.

Maranatha was created to bring young people together to celebrate their faith through music and have fun at the same time.

Please support our young people by coming to this event. Tickets are €15 (plus booking fee) and are available to book on Eventbrite.ie (search maranatha).

Doors open 7pm, with concert beginning at 7.30pm

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Totus Tuus 2026 Pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th August to 4th September. The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers and day trips. There are places available to fly from Cork or Dublin Airport. For more information call Damien on 087 2049048