

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY *For children with incurable diseases*
 Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Saints & Blesseds

Feb. 8th Josephine Bakhita (c. 1869 – 8 February 1947) was a Sudanese-born former slave who became a Roman Catholic Canossian nun in Italy, living and working there for 45 years. In 2000, she was declared a saint.

Feb. 10th St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict...consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns.

Feb. 13th Bl. Archangela Giralani was born in Trino, in northern Italy, in 1460. Though planning to become a Benedictine nun, she was thwarted in her desire by her horse - the animal refused to carry her to the convent. She then became a Carmelite in Parma, Italy, taking the name Archangela, being professed in 1478. She died on January 25 1494.

Finance 1st Feb. 2026

Aughadown: €885
Castlehaven & Myross: €930
Development Fund €1,005
Kilmacabea: €490
 Maintanace €595
Skibbereen: €1,425
Rath & the Islands: €1,005

Thank you for your generosity

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Useful Contacts

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*

COMMUNITY OF
 St. Ciarán and All

MISSION SUNDAY

8th February 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vol.

MISSION POSSIBLE

The 8th February 2026 is dedicated as the World Day of Prayer for Missions. Ireland has had a rich tradition of sending women and men Consecrated, Lay and Ordained to serve in mission territories: dedicating their life to accompany local communities to establish schools, clinics, hospitals, parishes and share their faith to enhance the spiritual life of the people they served.

In exercising this amazing ministry, often in challenging circumstances, missionaries have used their gifts. Some missionaries would have had a farming background and so were well disposed to help local farmers treat land and to reap rich crops. Others might have had a trade and were able to set up irrigation and water purification systems, build schools, churches and hospitals. And those in the medical profession help those in need which often results in locals training in medicine.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross established Missionary activity overseas in 1965. Led by Bishop Lucey, the first priests included Fr. Paddy Leader (Clonakilty), Fr. Michael Crowley (Enniskeane), and Fr. Michael Murphy (Kilmichael), who later became Bishop of Cork and Ross. Priests and Religious of the diocese have served in parishes in Peru and Ecuador and have been supported in this Mission by various communities of Religious Sisters. Our own family of parishes is honoured to have missionaries return home and carry out the Lord's work amongst us. Always keep them in your prayers and be proud of the difference they make, both at home and abroad.

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.
 CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

Open this week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10 am -1 pm

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Skibbereen Parish News

Contact numbers: Parish Office 028 22828.

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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 07 February 2026

Saturday - 6.30pm Pat Connolly, Deelish.

Annie and Mary Daly, Kilcrohane, Bantry.
Special Intention.

Sunday – 11am

Anthony Keane, Coomageehy, First Anniversary.
Fionnghuala Hickey, First Anniversary.
Deceased members of the Caverly family, Munig.

Monday – 9.30am - Eileen and Jerry Forde, Douglas.

Tuesday – 9.30am - Special Intention

Wednesday - No Mass

Wednesday - 7pm - Ceremony of Light St Patrick's BNS School
and Gaelscoil

Thursday - 9.30am - Paddy O'Regan, Coronea

Thursday – 7pm - First Confession, St Joseph's GNS School

Friday - 9.30am - Special Intention.

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.

We extend our condolences to the families of:

Noel O'Toole, Dublin and Skibbereen

Sr Katharine Donovan, Carrigeens, Leap & Ardfoyle Convent, Cork

Tim O'Regan, Drinagh West

Jerry Diarmuid (Jeremiah) Connolly, Raheny, Dublin & Skibbereen

Nicholas (Nick) Daly, Aughaville, Bantry & Clonakilty

Tom Burns, Coronea, Skibbereen

Lily Murphy (née Doyle) Market Street and Ballydehob
who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

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.

Beginning on Monday 9 February 2026, a Saint Pio Mass and Prayer Meeting will be held at the **Sacred Heart Church, Rath, Baltimore**, on the **second Monday of each month** (except in July and August). Confession-Adoration-Rosary-Intercessory Prayers, commencing at **7.00pm. Mass at 7.30pm.** Blessing with First Class Relic of St Pio of Pietrelcina. Petition Box with Mass offered for those intentions.

Second collection: Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Annual Collection 2026: The annual collection for the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a **Talk on Grafting Apple trees and early Spring work** in the garden with **Paul McCormack** in **Abbeystrewry Hall Skibbereen** on **Wednesday 11 February at 8.15pm.** Please come along and bring a friend.

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.**

The parish office will close at the earlier time of **12 noon on Thursday 12 February** and reopen on **Monday 16 as normal.**



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 8th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Teddy Collins, Reengaroga and his wife Maggie

Kathleen & John Joe O'Driscoll, Ballymacrown

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 9th February - 10.00am - Rath

Wednesday 11th February 10.00am – Rath

Saturday 14th February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 15th February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Rath First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass will be held today Sunday 8th February.

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The annual collection for the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 7th/8th February 2026.

The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September this year. People are encouraged to join the pilgrimage as helpers (male and female), nurses and doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes. Further information is available on the Cork and Ross Diocesan Website, by emailing: lourdes@corkandross.org or by ringing 085 2525040.

There has always been great support for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund and your support and continued generosity for the collection on 7th/8th February is greatly appreciated.

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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Baltimore Oral History Group invites you to Baltimore Memories in the Community Hall today Sunday 8th February at 3pm.

Over the past few months, Baltimore Oral History Group have been recording interviews with members of the community, and we would like to invite you to come for a cup of tea and chat and to hear short extracts from these conversations.

If you have any old photographs, bill tops, receipts, etc. please bring them along on the day where we can scan and return them and add them to our growing collection of the people and places of Baltimore.

Join us for a Trip Down Memory Lane and share your Baltimore Memories over a cup of tea.

Baltimore Community Hall today Sunday 8th February 2026 at 3pm.

Family Carers Information Session to learn about the free supports and services offered by FCI as well as guidance on rights and entitlements as a family carer in Clonakilty Park Hotel on Tuesday 17th of February from 10.30am to 2pm. Tea/Coffee/Lunch provided. Contact Lynne on 086/0759064 for more details.