

**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.

**CLERGY**

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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

**Finance Corner - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Aughadown:** €780

*St. Patrick's Day* - €655

**Castlehaven & Myross:** €800

**Kilmacabea:** €

**Skibbereen:** €1525

*St Patrick's Day:* €1130

**Rath & the Islands:** €825

*Thank you for your generosity*

***Saint - this week***

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Oscar Romero,**  
*Archbishop of San Salvador.*

As archbishop, Oscar Romero spoke out against social injustice and violence amid the escalating conflict between the military government and the left-wing insurgents that led to the Salvadorian Civil War.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> 1980, Romero was fatally shot by an assassin while celebrating Mass.

He was canonised by Pope Francis on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018



St Ciarán & All Saints  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

**Newsletter**

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Vol. 4:27**

**From Kerry and beyond ...**

Fr Michael Curran MSC (*Missionarii Sacratissimi Cordis*) will celebrate his Diamond Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this week [1966-2026]. Fr Michael made his first profession of vows on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1960. He went to Rome for his Licentiate in Theology, 1962-1966, and was ordained to the priesthood in the chapel of the student house in Via Aventina, by Cardinal Paul Marella (who had served as Apostolic Delegate in Australia).

Fr Michael has served his Congregation in Ireland and Venezuela (where the Irish Province had a mission outreach). The motto of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is "***May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere***". Fr. Michael served as the Provincial in Ireland [1981-1987] and as the 10<sup>th</sup> Superior General of the MSC's [1993–2005].

Fr Michael continues to minister with joy, simplicity and humour. We wish him well as he continues to be a witness to the ***love of Jesus everywhere***.

**Are you considering a Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life?**

Is the Lord inviting you to serve as a Diocesan Priest, Permanent Deacon, Missionary or Religious Priest?

The answer can be found among the priests serving in the Family of Parishes... take the leap and speak with your priests

**FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE**

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

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

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 21 March 2026**

**Saturday - 6.30pm** - Eileen and Cornelius Harrington, Gortnaclohy.  
Mary (May) Ronan, Cullinagh and her father Michael Tobin.  
Jim McCullagh, Mill Road.

**Sunday – 11am** - Colm Crowley and his uncle Patrick Crowley  
New Zealand.  
Chrissie O'Donovan, Coolnagurrane, First Anniversary.  
Geraldine Hurley, Poundlick.

**Monday - 9.30am** - Special Intention.

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

**Thursday - 9.30am** - Special Intention.

**Friday - 9.30am** - Anthony O'Mahony.

**Saturday – 6.30pm** - Nancy O'Shea, Coiscaol.  
Margaret Bohane and her son Patrick Bohane,  
Drishanebeg.  
John Daly, Coronea.

**Sunday- 11am** - Sadie Walsh, High Street.  
Jerome Hurley, Coolnagurrane.  
John and Eily O'Sullivan, Lisalohorig.  
John Hickey, Month's Mind.  
Philomena Hallahan, First Anniversary.

### **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.

**Second collection** next weekend **Sunday 29 March for Diocesan Needs** the Diocese supports parishes through all kinds of services such as Education, School Religious Faith Formation support, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, Stewardship, and Governance and in areas such as Data Protection, Finance, and property advisory. This assistance to parishes is only possible through your ongoing generosity.

**Thank you** - Fr Kevin and Fr Evin wish to thank you for your generosity in the Spring Stations Offerings. Your continued support is greatly appreciated

**St Patrick's Day Float:** A big thank you to all who helped organise the float to mark the bicentennial of the Cathedral, in the St Patrick's Day parade in Skibbereen. Thank you to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Bicentennial Committee who coordinated everything and helped to decorate the trailer. A very big thank you to the teachers and pupils of Skibbereen Community School for making and painting the model of the Cathedral for the float. Thanks to Noel Kearney for providing the trailer and Frank O'Donovan for towing the trailer on the day. Thanks to John McSweeney for all his help as well. It was great to see all the parishioners, who carried the banner and walked with the float on the day. Due to the efforts of so many, Skibbereen Parish was awarded the overall prize for best float in the parade. Congratulations to all.

**Come and See afternoon Sunday 29 March 2pm–5pm – Mardyke House, Cork.** Are you interested in becoming a priest in the Diocese of Cork & Ross? There will be a "Come and See" afternoon for men aged 18–40 who may be thinking about priesthood in the Diocese of Cork and Ross. It will take place from 2pm–5pm on Sunday 29 March in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP). The afternoon will include time for prayer, reflection, conversation and an opportunity to meet others also exploring this call. Registration is not required — just come along. For more information email [vocations@corkandross.org](mailto:vocations@corkandross.org)



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Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

#### Mass Intentions

##### Saturday 21st March

4.45pm Sherkin

##### Sunday 22nd March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Fiona Scully, Creagh & London

Annie & Paddy Carey, Ballymacrown

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 23rd March - 10.00am – Rath

Wednesday 25th March 10.00am – Rath

##### Saturday 28th March

4.45pm Sherkin

##### Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9.30am Rath – Mary & Charlie Davis, Ballylynch

Doreen Moloney, Baltimore & Dublin.

10.00am Cape Clear

**Weekday Masses** – Mass on Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th March is at 10am.

We welcome Fionn Daly, son of Eoin and Ciara, Ballylynch, into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands. Fionn was baptised in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

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**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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**Rosary every Tuesday** at 8pm at Our Lady's Grotto, Cork Road, Skibbereen. All Welcome.

**Trocaire** - Next month we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. Have you read Laudato Si'? Would you like to learn more about it? Find out more at [trocaire.org/our-work/working-inireland/parishes/laudato-si](http://trocaire.org/our-work/working-inireland/parishes/laudato-si) Laudato Si' Week runs from May 19th – 26th 2025. How could your parish celebrate it? We will have ideas and events keep an eye on our website [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)

#### “Priesthood in Ireland Today” – Book Launch with Bishop Phonsie Cullinan.

*Priesthood in Ireland Today* is a new book edited by Bishop Phonsie Cullinan (Bishop of Waterford & Lismore) featuring reflections on the role of the priest today. The book includes a contribution from one of our own priests, Msgr Gearóid Dullea, and aims to encourage men discerning a call to the priesthood. Bishop Phonsie will launch the book in Mardyke House, Cork City (T12 W8RP) on Monday 23rd March at 6pm, and will speak about some of the themes explored in the book. He will be available afterwards to sign copies. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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