

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.

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Parish Office opening hours this
Easter:

The office will close on Holy
Thursday and reopen on
Wednesday April 8th.

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

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St. Patrick's Day

Aughadown: €655
Castlehaven & Myross: €915
Kilmacabea: €365
Skibbereen: €1130
Rath & the Islands: €608

22nd March 2026

Aughadown: €680
Castlehaven & Myross: €830
Kilmacabea: €515
Skibbereen: €1525
Rath & the Islands: €552

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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)*

29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

Vol. 4:28

Easter is Approaching

I recently read a line of a prayer from a small book - a collection of prayers which stuck with me. The prayer that stayed with me was from Ethiopia. It asked for God's blessings and that we may be "zealous for good." What intrigued me is that it asked for these things "for us thy servants" but also for "those who come after us."

We are used to and encouraged to always remember in our prayers people who have died. We can and should pray for all those who have gone before us. We're also used to praying for those around us that we know, for those who have asked for our prayers and for all of humanity, including people we will never meet.

This Ethiopian prayer was a reminder that we can even pray for those who come after us. We are familiar with the idea of leaving the world a better place for future generations. We can also pray that those who come after us will know God and live in peace.

Especially during Lent, we call to mind that God sent his only Son into the world, that He suffered, died and rose again for all of us. He didn't do this only for his disciples at the time or only for the prophets who lived before Him, He did it for all human beings until the very end of time. Easter is for all of us.

Kieran Lettice
Myross and Castlehaven PPC



Skibbereen Parish News

Priest on duty/emergency 086 785 2262.

Submitting items for inclusion in the parish newsletter – Please email Skibbereen Parish Office: skibbereeparish@gmail.com no later than 5pm Wednesday

Mass Intentions from Saturday 28 March 2026

Saturday – 6.30pm - Nancy O’Shea, Cois Caol.

Margaret Bohane and her son Patrick Bohane,
Drishanebeg.

John Daly, Ardagh, Coronea.

Palm Sunday- 11am - Sadie Walsh, High Street.

Jerome Hurley, Coolnagurrane.

John and Eily O’Sullivan, Lisalohorig.

John Hickey, Month’s Mind.

Philomena Hallahan, First Anniversary.

Monday - 9.30am - James O’Donovan

Tuesday - 9.30am - Victor O’Donovan and deceased family.

Wednesday - **No Mass.**

Holy Thursday - No parish morning Mass

10am Mass of Chrism in the North Cathedral Cork (T23NX76)

6.30pm - Mass of the Last Supper

Visitation of Altar of Repose until 8.30pm

Good Friday - 12 noon Children’s Way of the Cross

3pm Passion/Veneration/Holy Communion.

Confessions after the ceremony

Holy Saturday - 9pm - Easter Vigil for the Family of Parishes

Easter Sunday- 11am - The People of the Parish

We welcome to our faith community Róisín Leonard, who was baptised in St Patrick's cathedral on 21 March, daughter of Mark and Kate.

We extend our condolences to the families of Richard Coakley, Bridge Street & Glencurragh, Skibbereen, and James Sheehy, Ballylinch, Baltimore, who died recently.

St Patrick’s Cathedral: Penitential service Monday 30 March 7.30pm

Holy Saturday – 10am to 11am Confessions

Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.

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

Rosary every Tuesday at 8pm at Our Lady’s Grotto, Cork Road, Skibbereen. All welcome.

Chrism Mass: Bishop Fintan invites all parishioners to the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday (2 April) at 10am in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne.

It will be livestreamed <https://www.churchservices.tv/corkcathedral>

Divine Mercy Sunday in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on **12 April at 2.30pm.** Blessing of the Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction. Concluding at 4pm (approximately). All are welcome.

Weekday Masses (this week) Monday and Tuesday, at 9.30am. The **Rosary** is prayed before each Mass.

Hospitality Morning in the Presbytery– will **not** take place on Monday 30 March and Monday 6 April but will resume on Monday 13 April, after 9.30am Mass.

Envelopes for Easter Offering are available in the Cathedral.

Reminder to please return your Trócaire Boxes to the church, so all monies collected can be forwarded to Trócaire.

Collection for Priests – the collection at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday and Mass on Easter Sunday is for the priests of the parish. The bishop allows only two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Cathedral.

Second collection this weekend **Sunday 28/29 March for Diocesan Needs**

Parish Office hours for Easter: the office will close on Holy Thursday and reopen on **Wednesday eighth April.**



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

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

Monday 30th March - 10.00am – Rath

Wednesday 1st April 10.00am – Rath – Netty Fitzgerald, Lissaclarig

Thursday 2nd April – Holy Thursday

7.30pm Rath - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with visitation of the Altar of Repose until 9.30pm

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

11.00am Sherkin – Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Rath – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Cape Clear – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 4th April – Holy Saturday

9.00pm Easter Vigil for the Family of Parishes in St Patricks Cathedral,

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

9.00am Sherkin – Easter Sunday Mass

9.30am Rath – Easter Sunday Mass

10.00am Cape Clear – Easter Sunday Mass

All Masses on Easter Sunday will be offered for the People of the Parish.

Easter Penitential Service will be held for the Family of Parishes in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on **Monday 30th March at 7.30pm.**

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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.

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Special Collection for The Holy Places will be taken up on Good Friday.

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Come and See Afternoon Sunday 29th 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 29th 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

Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on the 12th of April beginning at 2.30pm. Blessing of the Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction. Concluding at 4pm (approx.). All are welcome.