

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.

St. Mathilda was the daughter of Theodoric, a Saxon Count. At an early age she was placed in the monastery of Erfurt under the care of Maud, her grandmother, who was Abbess of the monastery. She stayed in the convent until her parents gave her in marriage, in 913, to Henry "the Fowler," so called from his fondness for hawking. He became Duke in 916 on the death of his father, and in 919 he was chosen as King of Germany.

The pious Queen adorned the throne by her many virtues. She visited and comforted the sick and the afflicted, instructed the ignorant, aided prisoners, and endeavoured to convert sinners, and her husband concurred with her in her pious undertakings. She died in 968. Her feast day is March 14th.

Finance Corner 1st March 2026

Aughadown:	€720
Castlehaven & Myross:	€890
<i>Development Fund</i>	€1095
Kilmacabea:	€745
<i>Maintenance</i>	€780
Skibbereen:	€1,545
Rath & the Islands:	€680

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

8th March 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

Vol. 4:25

Water Everywhere

If you have ever gone trekking, especially in warm weather, you will know how important it is to carry plenty of water. You will also have discovered that a litre of water weighs one kilo and, whatever you bring, you have to carry. The Samaritan woman who came to the well was almost certainly planning to return home with a very heavy load.

Pope Leo reminds us in his recent letter of encouragement "Dilexi Te" that, even today, women are expected to carry disproportionate burdens in many societies. "The organisation of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men". Going for water is often the work of women and children.

For Uwamahoro, the woman featured on the Trócaire box, the problem seems to be too much water in the wrong place. It would be a great help to her family if somebody would fix her roof. But their real need is for the kind of authentic development that solves problems at their source. Imagine the difference it would make if sufficient funding were invested in drainage. Imagine what it would be like to have clean water coming from a well in the centre of every village, and local people who were trained to install those wells and to repair them.

Notes from Bishop Kevin Doran (Bishop of Elphin and of Achonry)



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 7 March 2026

- 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
- Monday – 9.30am** - Mary O'Regan, Coronea.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** - Patricia Long, Mileenahorna and Wales.
- Wednesday** - **No Mass**
- Thursday - 9.30am** - Gracie Gagnon, recently deceased.
- Friday - 9.30am** - James and Mary O'Donovan, Coronea.
- Saturday - 6.30pm** - Tony Gallagher, Navan, Co. Meath.
Joseph O'Sullivan.
Patsy, Margaret and John Joe O'Regan, Coronea.
Nora Keohane, Month's Mind.
Pat Connolly, Month's Mind.
- Sunday – 11am** - James and Mary O'Brien, Home Rule Terrace.
Paddy and Josie O'Shea, Market Street, birthday remembrance.
D F O'Sullivan.

We extend our condolences to the families of:
Róisín Walsh, Maulbrack, Skibbereen
John Hickey, Coronea, Skibbereen
who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

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 this Sunday 8 March for Irish Bishops Commission

Padre Pio Mass and Prayer Meeting at the Sacred Heart Church, Rath, Baltimore, P81 AK06 on **Monday ninth March** beginning at 7pm, Adoration and Rosary followed by Mass at 7.30pm. Blessing with First Class Relic of St Pio of Pietrelcina. Petition Box with Mass offered for those intentions. The prayer meeting and Mass will be held on the second Monday of each month except for July and August. Wheelchair accessible.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Thursday 16 April at 10.30am, Confirmation

St Joseph's Girls' School and **Friday April 24 at 10.30am** St Patrick's Boys' School and Gaelscoil.

First Holy Communion in St Patrick's Cathedral, Saturday 16 May at 10.30am St Patrick's Boys' School and **Saturday 23 May at 10.30am** St Joseph's Girls' School and Gaelscoil

St Mary's Church Leap Thursday 12 March at 7.30pm Sally Simpson Laudato Si Animator of Animators will lead a conversation based on Laudato Si and our responsibility to care for creation, our common home and the poor. *"The world sings of an infinite love: how can we fail to care for it" (Laudate Deum)*

Skibbereen **Flower and Garden Club** are holding a demonstration with Sheila Gilbert, Clonakilty on **Wednesday 11 March at 8.15pm** in **Abbeystrewry Hall**. All very welcome. Come along and enjoy.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.
Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

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

Monday 9th March - 10.00am – Rath

Wednesday 11th March 10.00am – Rath – Joe Collins, Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 14th March

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 15th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Tessie Sheehy, Ballylynch

Donie O'Regan, Reengaroga

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A station mass for all station areas in Rath parish will take place in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath on **Friday 20th March at 7.30pm**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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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Trocaire - Vanessa, age 12, and Ineza, age 7, who appear on the Trócaire box this Lent, attend school about a 30-minute walk from their house, walking up one of the community's many steep hills to start class every morning at 8am

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

Today Sunday 8th of March from 2pm to 3pm in the carpark of 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.