

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL  
For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Devotions will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**SPRING AND EASTER  
OFFERINGS**

The priests of the Family of Parishes extend their sincere thanks to all who supported them through the Spring and Easter Offerings.

*Thank you for your generosity*

**CLERGY**

Fr. Kevin O'Regan Co-PP  
(Moderator) PH: 028-22878

Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP  
(On Sabbatical leave)

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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)*

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Vol. 4:30**

***BC in BC – round 2***

The last Easter Vigil I attended in Skibbereen was about 90 minutes long. I remember it had finished by 10.40 pm. I don't know how long this year's took.

Here in Victoria BC (Canada) our Easter Vigil ended at 10.45 pm. This was after five Old Testament readings, each followed by a sung psalm accompanied by organ, cello, flute and tambourines. Fifteen adult candidates were baptised and a further fifteen were received into the Church; then all 30 were Confirmed. In addition, everyone renewed their baptismal promises with lit candles. just like in our lovely cathedral in Skibbereen I'm sure.

So how did we manage to fit all that into one hour and three quarters? Simple! The Vigil began outside on the street at 8pm, and most people were disappointed to see it end less than three hours later: it felt like we were in heaven: another joyful sabbatical experience for me.

Thanks for your prayers and support, for the cards and emails sent to me for St Patrick's Day and Easter. Your love has touched my heart. We will continue to pray for each other...

Fr Bernard (email [bcinbc26@gmail.com](mailto:bcinbc26@gmail.com))

**FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE**

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

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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 11 April 2026**

**Saturday – 6.30pm** - Special Intention.

James Long, Mileenahorna and Wales.

Pat McCarthy, Month's Mind.

**Sunday- 11am** -

Tadg Crowley

Anthony Burke, Chapel Lane, First Anniversary.

Pat Joe Hayes, Tragumna.

Ellen O'Mahony, Cois Caol, First Anniversary

**Monday - 9.30am** - John and Margaret O'Sullivan, Dunbeacon.

**Tuesday - 9.30am** - Denis and Anne Barry.

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

**Thursday - 10.30am** Confirmation, St Joseph's Girls' NS

**Friday – 9.30am** – John, Peg and Mary Maher, Kilnaclasha.

**Saturday – 6.30pm** - Billy Hurley, Gortnaclohy.

Dickie and Eily May Fitzgerald, The Abbey.

Mary McCarthy, Lisalohorig.

**Sunday- 11am** -

Joe and Helen Harnedy, Mardyke Street and Dromig.

Pat Joe O'Neill, Kilnaclasha and Paddy O'Neill,

Upper Bridge Street.

John and Margaret McCarthy, Derrygool and The Abbey.

Róisín Walsh, Month's Mind.

Michael O'Donovan, First Anniversary.

Richard Coakley, Glencurragh, Month's Mind.

We extend our condolences to the families of Kathleen Hegarty (née Murphy) Skibbereen

Austin Barrett, Farnanes and Skibbereen

Liam Salter, Bawnishal, Castlehaven

Sylvanus John Connolly Oldcourt, Skibbereen who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen this Sunday **12 April at 2.30pm.** All are welcome.

**Masses this week: Monday & Tuesday 9.30am, Thursday 10.30am and Friday at 9.30am.**

**Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.**

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

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

**Hospitality Morning** in the Presbytery on Monday after 9.30am Mass.

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

**Visiting Choir:** Next **Sunday 19 April** we welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen, the choir from St Patrick's Church, Rochestown. The choir will sing at the **11.00am Mass** as part of the planned events to mark the bicentennial of the Cathedral.

**Fr Kevin and Fr Evin** would like to thank all those who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies, especially the young people who participated in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Your presence enriched the experience for all.

**Confirmation:** We welcome to our parish our Bishop Fintan Gavin who will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday next 16 April at 10.30am** for the pupils of St Joseph's Girls' NS. We pray for the candidates and their families at this important moment in their faith journey

**Padre Pio Mass and Prayer Meeting** at the Sacred Heart Church, Rath, on **Monday 13 April beginning at 7pm, Mass at 7.30pm.**

**Please return** your Trócaire boxes to the church, so all monies collected can be forwarded to Trócaire.

**Tidy Towns** - volunteers meet at the Fairfield, **Tuesday at 7pm.** New volunteers most welcome.



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

#### **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 11th April**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

**Sunday 12th April – Second Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Rath – Ellen Connolly, South Rath

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 13th April - 10.00am** – Rath – Ann Corish, Co Wexford.

**Wednesday 15th April 10.00am** – Rath – Mary Hubbert, Rosscarbery

**Saturday 18th April**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

**Sunday 19th April – Third Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Rath – Martina O'Brien, Bunlick

Daniel Connolly, Crow Hill

James Sheehy, Ballylynch – Months Mind

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Weekday Masses** – Masses on Monday 13th April and Wednesday 15th April are at **10am**.

**Padre Pio Mass and Prayer Meeting** will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, Rath on **Monday 13th April** beginning at 7pm with Adoration and Rosary, followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

Blessings 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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen** on the Sunday 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.

**The annual** pilgrimage of The Apostolate of Eucharistic adoration takes place in Knock on Saturday 18th April from 6pm to 9pm and on Sunday 19th April from 10.30am to 5pm. Bus leaving Skibbereen at 4am on Sunday 19th April. For further details please contact Phil 086 123835

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

**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.

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

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

This May join the **Missionaries of the Sacred Heart team as we walk St Declan's Way from the Rock of Cashel to the Round Tower in Ardmore**. Spiritual Director Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details regarding this fundraising pilgrimage, please contact Mary at 021/4546691 or email [mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie](mailto:mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie)

**Join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Pilgrimage to Fatima** from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kcallaghan@travelnet.ie)

**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