

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

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.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Skibbereen: Saturday 10am-11am

Union Hall

9th May 11.00-11.30

Castlehaven

16th May 11.00-11.30

Finance Corner 19th April

Aughadown: €745

Castlehaven & Myross: €920

Kilmacabea: €560

Skibbereen: €1730

Rath & the Islands: €990

Thank you for your generosity

CLERGY

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

Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP
(On Sabbatical leave)

Fr Evin O'Brien CC, Family of
Parishes. PH. 028 22877

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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)

26th April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

Vol. 4:32

Are you a farmer?

Some weeks ago, having arrived early at a parish for Mass I was approached and asked if I was new to the area. The conversation turned rural and I was then asked if I was a farmer, to which I replied "No: but you might call me a bit of a shepherd". This led on to a request as to how many sheep in my flock. I responded that it depended on the day. When the conversation turned to mastitis... I was then in serious trouble and have since educated myself on veterinary and livestock illnesses.

Today, we mark Good Shepherd Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, when special emphasis is placed on the priesthood and the promotion of vocations. A vocation is a response to the service of others.... Being a shepherd.

Vocations to priesthood and religious life can only become a reality when these are promoted. In the case of priesthood can you recall when your parish last celebrated an Ordination to the Priesthood?

As a family of parishes, let us continue to pray and promote vocations to the priesthood within each family and the community. We pray for Bishop Fintan and the priests of the family of parishes and of the diocese who shepherd us.

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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

CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 am -1 pm

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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 no later than 5pm Wednesday

Mass Intentions from Saturday 25 April 2026

Saturday – 6.30pm - Kathleen O'Regan, New York and formerly of Mardyke Street.
Hannah and Charlie Davis, Home Rule Terrace.

Sunday- 11am - Tony O'Driscoll, Inchinagotagh.
Pat McCarthy, recently deceased.

Monday - 9.30am - Róisín Walsh, recently deceased.

Tuesday - 9.30am – Holy Souls

Wednesday - **No Mass.**

Thursday - 9.30am John Hickey, recently deceased.

Friday – 9.30am – John Hickey, recently deceased.

Saturday – 6.30pm - Special Intention.

Sunday – 11am - Tony O'Driscoll, Inchinagotagh.
Breda White, Month's Mind.

We extend our condolences to the family of Mary Shannon (née McCarthy) Baltimore Road and Upper Bridge Street, Skibbereen who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

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.

Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral on **Monday and Friday 10am to 6pm.** Scheduled hours are available for adoration, but all are welcome for any period of time

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

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

May Eve - One local tradition for many years is on May Eve a Mass is celebrated at Skour Well, Tobar na Sceabhrach, Well of the Slope. Mass will be held at Skour Well on **May Eve Thursday 30 April at 7.30pm.** All welcome.

First Friday Vigil in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday first of May from 8pm to 12 midnight. This includes adoration, confession, benediction, and devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart with Mass at 10pm. Everyone welcome.

Bicentenary of St Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen 1826 - 2026: On **Sunday 10 May** we will celebrate the bicentenary of our Cathedral. On that day Mass will be celebrated, by Bishop Fintan Gavin, at 11am. Afterwards we will have refreshments in the marquee in the Presbytery grounds. All welcome.

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 Dhochtúir Uí Shúilleabháin.

Community Call offers a friendly call and listening service for older people, those living alone, or people living in isolated areas, predominantly in the West Cork region, hosted by the Local Link. If you are interested in this service or wish to find out more on behalf of a loved one, family member, friend or neighbour or you are interested in volunteering your time and wish to join our team please feel free to contact **Louise on 083 400 5125.**

Skibbereen Community Hospital Mega Bingo Fundraiser Sunday 3 May at 3pm in the West Cork Hotel. Everybody welcome, the more the merrier for a great cause and a chance to win a fantastic spot prize in the raffle.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th April

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 26th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Paddy Connolly, Kinsale & Skibbereen

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 27th April - 10.00am – Rath

Wednesday 29th April 10.00am – Rath – Sheila Gallagher and her brother Shay Gallagher

Saturday 2nd May

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass on Monday 27th April and on Wednesday 29th April will be at **10am**.

Congratulations to the 26 Confirmation candidates from Rath National School and the 2 candidates from Abbeystrewry National School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Noel O'Regan on last Tuesday 21st April in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath. A very special day in our parish.

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Save the Date! Eucharist Procession and Relics of St Carlo Acutis

The Diocese of Cork and Ross will be celebrating 100 years of the Cork Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 7th June. In the lead up to this momentous event, the Relics of St. Carlo Acutis will be in the diocese from Fri 29th May - Mon 1st June. The relics will be in St Patricks Cathedral, Skibbereen on Friday 29th May. More details will follow soon.

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.

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Rath Vintage Club Annual Tractor Run will be held on **Sunday 3rd May**. Registration is from 12 noon to 1.30pm at Rath Church car park. Tractors will leave at 2pm on a scenic route by Lough Hyne, Ballinard, Ballylynch and Baltimore village. Proceeds in aid of local charities.

Baltimore, Rath & the Islands Community Council will hold their AGM on Thursday 7th May at 8pm in Baltimore Community Hall. All are welcome to attend. For further information contact baltimoreareacommunitycouncil@gmail.com.

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