

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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Parish Newsletter and website notices - Please note newsletter editorial email skibrathisnews@gmail.com Notices for insertion should be concise (about 30 words) and may contain information about non-commercial matters. Written notices may be sent to the Parish Office not later than Wednesday evening for inclusion in the following week's newsletter. Please see the Parishes website for full guidelines: www.skibbereenandrath.ie

Sun 18th Twenty ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cathedral -

Rath -

Cathedral -

Monday 19th St Paul of the Cross

Cathedral - Special Intention

Rath - Special Intention

Tuesday 20th 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Cathedral - Special Intention

Wednesday 21st 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Cathedral - Special Intention

Rath - Special Intention

Thursday 22nd St John Paul II, pope

Cathedral - Special Intention

Friday 23rd St John of Capistrano, priest

Rath - Special Intention

Cathedral - Special Intention

Saturday 24th St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Sherkin - Special Intention

Cathedral - Special Intention

Rath - Special Intention

Sunday 25th 30th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

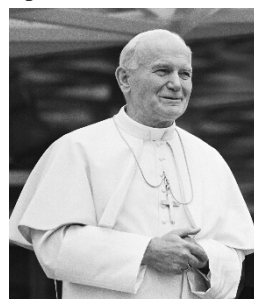
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Feasts this week

19th: **St Paul of the Cross**, 1694-1775, founded the Passionists in Rome, preaching on the Passion of Christ and tending the sick, the dying and the lapsed.



22nd: **St John Paul II** was Pope for over twenty-six years from 22 October 1978, the inauguration of his ministry as universal Pastor of the Church, until his death on 2 April 2005. Ordained bishop of Krakow in 1958 and took a significant part in the Second Vatican Council. As Bishop of Rome visited almost all of the Roman parishes and made apostolic journeys to one hundred and four countries, including Ireland, 29 September-2 October 1979.

23rd: **St John of Capistrano**, 1386-1456, studied civil and canon law and joined the Franciscan Order. A faithful servant of four popes, he attended the Council of Florence, went to Jerusalem as apostolic emissary, and, in 1451, set out on a preaching tour through the German provinces and Poland. In a battle at Belgrade he contracted fever and died there. Patron saint of jurists and military chaplains.

24th: **St Anthony Mary Claret**, 1807-70, founded the Claretians in Spain for missionary work. Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, then returned as chaplain to the Queen of Spain, and built schools and museums, before being exiled with the monarchy.

Due to Government regulation associated with Covid19 pandemic population safety, there will be no further public Masses for the time being.

Parish Office Opening Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 10 am - 12 noon.

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Please note new editorial email skibrathisnews@gmail.com

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Marriages: At least 3 months' notice; Please contact one of the priests or the office for further information.

Baptisms by appointment: each Saturday at 4.00pm (Cathedral) or on Sunday in Rath following 10.15am Mass;

Forms available in Office (Skibbereen) & Sacristy. (Rath) Office: 028 22828, or download from parish website www.skibbereenandrath.ie

Confessions: No Confessions possible just now due to Covid19 restrictions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Cathedral Exposition Chapel – Open every day

Rosary: each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm at the Grotto, Cork Rd.

Priest on Duty
this week:

Fr Evin

Emergency only
086-7852262.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross website maintains an up-to-date list of parishes which provide Mass on a regular (daily) basis. You can view the current list by going to their website:
www.corkandross.org
There is a rumour that Rath Church will soon be broadcasting an internet Mass; watch this space!

Hear Mass via the Radio, TV and Internet
Radio Maria: Mass is broadcast daily at 10.00 am and on Sunday at 10.00 am and 11.00 am. Listen on Saorview ch 210, or on the "Radio Maria Ireland" App, or on Internet <https://www.radiomaria.ie/> and on Facebook "Listen Live Radio"
RTE News Now TV broadcasts Mass every weekday at 10.30am. (Try Sky channel 521)
Church Services website guides you to a multitude of available Masses both here and in Europe:
www.churchservices.tv/timetable

Your attention is draw to the helpful and comprehensive government advice about the threat of the Coronavirus Covid 19 on the HSE website
<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html>

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacraments; First Holy Communion Schedule; Confirmation schedule.
These arrangements are now on hold; please continue to monitor this site for further information.

A letter from Bishop Fintan: 6th October 2020

Dear Fr Michael,
Following the government announcement yesterday evening that the entire country will be elevated to Level 3 in terms of the national plan for Resilience and Recovery Plan of Living with Covid-19 the following changes will take effect from midnight tonight 6th October.

Public Worship

Churches should remain open for personal prayer but not for the celebration of Mass with a congregation (i.e. with no public presence). This is like the situation that applied before 29th June last. The only exceptions to this are weddings and funerals which can take place with up to 25 people in attendance.

Masses are to continue to be celebrated without a congregation. These should be streamed via church webcams where installed or Facebook Live so that parishioners can pray and stay connected. Such means of communication have been very helpful when churches were closed to public worship from 14th March – 29th June. I would encourage you to continue to use such means of communication to give messages of hope and solidarity to parishioners in these difficult times.

Funerals

Up to 25 people will be allowed to attend funerals of loved ones, to pay their respects and grieve together from Wednesday 7th October. This means that immediate family members and close relatives, not exceeding 25 persons, may attend Funeral Masses, burials and cremations, provided that social distancing and hand hygiene rules are adhered to.

Weddings

Up to 25 people can attend the celebration of marriage in a church.

Baptisms

Baptisms are not to take place until further notice.

Meetings

As no organised indoor gatherings are to take place, in-person parish meetings are not to proceed until further notice. I ask that you continue to use new communication means such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams to meet remotely with your parish groups where it is possible.

Celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

All remaining celebrations of these Sacraments cannot take place and are to be deferred until restrictions are restored to Level 2.

Faculties already issued for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation remain valid for any rescheduled date.

First Friday Calls

While visitors from one other household to a maximum of 6 people only may visit a family home it would not be prudent to visit for First Friday calls at this time. However, in the case of an emergency sick-call, having been requested by the family, you should respond and take all necessary precautions such as hand sanitising and the wearing of a face covering.

Those aged over 70 years or who have an underlying condition

Those over 70 years of age and anyone with an underlying condition should exercise judgement regarding the extent to which they engage with others and in activities outside home. Therefore if you find yourself in this situation I would ask you to be careful to ensure your own safety.

These are difficult times for you and your parishioners and I am grateful, as are the people, for the way that you continue to respond generously in such challenging times. Please be assured of my support in whatever way that I can help you and please do not hesitate to contact me.

Be assured of my prayerful support and solidarity.

Yours sincerely in Christ, ✠ Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross

Mission Sunday, 18 October 2020

World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday of the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. All donations from this worldwide papal collection support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is too new, young or poor to sustain itself. On World Mission Sunday we remember all our sisters and brothers around the world who gather this weekend to celebrate Mass, often in difficult circumstances, sometimes facing oppression or persecution. It is a moment in time when we can pause and reflect on the essence of the Gospel preached by Jesus which continues to change and liberate our world. The call to discipleship, by virtue of our own Baptism, beckons us as Christians to proclaim the Gospel message of love and compassion through our own words and deeds, while respecting others.

World Missions Ireland (known as Missio internationally) coordinates World Mission Sunday. We are Pope Francis' official charity for overseas mission, his chosen instrument for sharing the Gospel and building the Church throughout the world. This weekend, thousands of people in Ireland will contribute to World Mission Sunday. Through the generosity of parishioners and donors, we can reach out to offer aid to struggling communities helping them to grow and thrive, by bringing hope to places where there is often turmoil, poverty and uncertainty. We can provide mission dioceses with the essential support they need to become self-sufficient. Working through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations, we ensure resources are distributed equitably and justly, based on need - local church directly helping local church! We thank people for their great generosity and kindness.

St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — DAILY MEETINGS IN SKIBBEREEN. FOR INFORMATION TEL; 087 6114946

Prevention Helpline 1800 742 745: a free phone help-line open daily from 6.00pm — 10.00pm for people who are feeling suicidal or equally for a family member or friend who is concerned about someone.

Living Links –supporting the relatives and other survivors of suicide: Tom Corcoran 085 2445575, tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie

West Cork Women against Violence Helpline: 1800203136

Bingo in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Abbeystrewry Church Hall every Monday at 8.30pm.

West Cork Carers Support Group: The Round Tower, Main Street, Bantry, Tel; 02753848. Are you looking after a dependant family member, neighbour or friend? Check for support, courses and advice.

Crisis or Unplanned Pregnancy Support and Counselling; CURA – 1850622626; www.cura.ie

Legion of Mary Meetings: Monday evenings at 7.00pm in St Vincent de Paul Rooms, Market Street.

South Doc: 1850 335 999