

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

Parishes website – [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

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**Notifications of anniversaries:** Please place these in the Sacristy letter box.

**Child Safeguarding:** Contact Telephone: (00353) 0 28 22828 (Parish Office)

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**Parish Pastoral Assemblies:** Contact Telephone: 028 22828 (Parish Office)

Skibbereen: - Chair; Anita Henderson; Vice Chairperson: Dolores Ruane; Secretary – Clare Gallagher.

Rath and the Islands: - Chair – Maeve Devlin; Secretary – Annette Cadogan.

**Parish Newsletter and website notices - Please note newsletter editorial email [skibrathisnews@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

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

**Mass Intentions for week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> ALL SAINTS**

Cathedral – Evelyn O'Regan, Baltimore Road

Rath – Special Intention

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**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**

Cathedral – Novena for the Holy Souls

Rath – Novena for the Holy Souls

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Malachy, bishop**

Cathedral – Novena for the Holy Souls

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> St Charles Borromeo, bishop**

Cathedral – Novena for the Holy Souls

Rath – Novena for the Holy Souls

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> St Martin de Porres, religious**

Cathedral – Novena for the Holy Souls

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> ALL SAINTS OF IRELAND**

Rath – Novena for the Holy Souls

Cathedral – Novena for the Holy Souls

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> St Willibrord, bishop and missionary**

Sherkin – Novena for the Holy Souls

Cathedral – Novena for the Holy Souls

Rath – Novena for the Holy Souls

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Cathedral – Novena for the Holy Souls

Rath – Novena for the Holy Souls

Cathedral – Novena for the Holy Souls

**St Patrick's Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church, Rath are open for Personal Prayer from 10am - 4 pm daily.**

**Parish Office Opening Hours:**

Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 10 am - 12 noon. Please contact Margaret in advance by

leaving a message on 028 22828 or email

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**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](http://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.

**Feasts this week**

**3rd: St Malachy** was born near Armagh in 1094. He became Vicar of Ceallach, the reforming Bishop of Armagh, and he continued this work of reform as Bishop of Connor and, later, Bishop of Armagh. Earlier he had restored the monastery of Bangor and in 1142 founded the monastery of Mellifont, the first Cistercian house in Ireland. He had visited St Bernard at Clairvaux on a journey to and from Rome in 1139. He also introduced the Canons Regular into Ireland. Returning to Ireland from a visit to Rome in 1148 he revisited Clairvaux, where he caught fever and died in the arms of Bernard and is buried in the abbey church.

**4th: St Charles Borromeo**, 1538-84, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age of twenty-one, worked for reform in his diocese, drafting the Catechism or the Council of Trent. Patron saint of catechists and seminarians.

**5th: St Martin de Porres**, 1579-1639, became a Dominican lay brother, spending his nights in prayer and penance, his days in the monastery, caring for the sick and the poor. He is renowned for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament

**6th: All the Saints of Ireland.** 'In the communion of saints, many and varied spiritualities have been developed throughout the history of the Churches ... The different schools of Christian spirituality snare in the living tradition of prayer and are essential guides for the faithful. In their rich diversity they are refractions of the one pure light of the Holy Spirit.' (CCC, 2684)

**7th: St Willibrord** was born in Northumbria in 658. He entered the Benedictine order and was sent to study, including spending twelve years, 678-690, at the monastery of Rath Melsigi, near Milford, Co Carlow before going with eleven companions to evangelise Frisia. He established a mission at Utrecht and in 695 was ordained Archbishop of Utrecht by Pope Sergius I. He founded a monastery at Echternach in Luxembourg in 700, where he died in 739.

**Recently Deceased**

Nancy Minehane, Bridge Street, Skibbereen

Peter Lynch, High Street, Skibbereen

Thomas Sutcliffe, Chapel Court, Skibbereen

*God of loving kindness, listen favourably to our prayer: strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead and our hope that your servant will also rise again*

**Recently Married**

Kate O'Sullivan, Derrylugga and Kieran Keohane, Drumnacara, Church Cross.

*Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, bless each day of their married life. Renew your blessing within them, as they choose each day, by your grace, to be a living sign of your eternal love.*

**Anniversaries this weekend:** Evelyn O'Regan, Baltimore Road

**Priest on Duty**  
this week:

Fr Evin

Emergency only

086-7852262.

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| <p><b>The Diocese of Cork and Ross website</b> 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: <a href="http://www.corkandross.org">www.corkandross.org</a></p> <p>There is a rumour that Rath Church will soon be broadcasting an internet Mass; watch this space!</p>   | <p><b>All Saints.</b> 'The ultimate object of veneration of the Saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man by conforming one's life fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were pre-eminent disciples of the Lord. Catechesis and other forms of doctrinal instruction should therefore make known to the faithful that our relationship with the Saints must be seen in the light of the faith and should not obscure the "<i>cultus laetiae</i> due to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit, but intensify it"</p> <p><b>All Souls.</b> 'Indeed, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and "because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Mac 12, 46) she offers her suffrages for them. These consist, primarily, in the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, and in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, alms deeds, works of mercy, and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed' Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death. Death is the end of earthly life, but 'not of our existence'<sup>7</sup> (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. 'Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life' (CCC, 1007). Seen from the perspective of the faith, 'death is the end of man's earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide his ultimate destiny'</p>  |
| <p><b>Hear Mass via the Radio, TV and Internet</b></p> <p><b>Radio Maria:</b> 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 <a href="https://www.radiomaria.ie/">https://www.radiomaria.ie/</a> and on Facebook "Listen Live Radio"</p> <p><b>RTE News Now TV</b> broadcasts Mass every weekday at 10.30am. (Try Sky channel 521)</p> <p><b>Church Services website</b> guides you to a multitude of available Masses both here and in Europe: <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable">www.churchservices.tv/timetable</a></p> | <p><b>The Diocese of Cork and Ross Geographical Area</b></p> <p>The Diocese of Cork and Ross includes Cork city, west Cork and most of mid Cork on the south side of the river Lee. The diocese also extends eastwards to Glounthaune and north-east to Watergrasshill. The Diocese is comprised of two previously separate dioceses.</p> <p>The Diocese of Ross is comprised of eleven parishes on the seaboard stretching from Timoleague, near Clonakilty, to Aughadown, west of Skibbereen. It includes parishes with beaches which are well known to holiday-makers from near and far. Places like Inchdoney, Baltimore and Owenahincha are all under the patronage of St. Fachtna. The diocese also includes several islands, including the gaeltacht of Oileán Cléire and Sherkin Island which has earned a name for study and research of its maritime environment.</p> <p><b>Formation</b></p> <p>Ross diocese enjoyed complete independence between the twelfth century (when most diocesan boundaries were agreed) and 1693 when it was united with Cork and Cloyne. In 1849, it regained its own diocesan bishop until it was united with Cork diocese in 1958. Ross is predominantly a rural diocese and the rural community accounts for a sizable part of the Cork diocese, too. However, Cork city and its suburbs, the country's second largest urban area (pop. 170,000 approx.), is home to the majority of the people of Cork diocese.</p> <p>Cork diocese has at different times been joined with Ross and Cloyne, including a period of 320 years from 1429 when it was joined with the latter. The border of the diocese is aligned with the valley of the river Lee which flows into the sea at Cork but rises near Gougane Barra, in the parish of Uibh Laoire. The heart of this popular pilgrimage and wedding site is the Oratory of St. Finbarr, patron of the Diocese of Cork, to whom tradition attributes the foundation of a monastic settlement in the marshlands of Cork from which the city later evolved. The Lee, famed in anthem and story, also provides an approximate guide to the line between Cloyne and Cork dioceses.</p> |
| <p><b>Mass from Rath Church is available on the parishes facebook pages:</b><br/><a href="https://www.facebook.com/Rath-And-The-Islands-Parish-107099597589866/">https://www.facebook.com/Rath-And-The-Islands-Parish-107099597589866/</a></p>   | <p><b>St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698</b></p> <p><b>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — DAILY MEETINGS IN SKIBBEREEN. FOR INFORMATION TEL; 087 6114946</b></p> <p><b>Prevention Helpline 1800 742 745:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Living Links</b> –supporting the relatives and other survivors of suicide: Tom Corcoran 085 2445575, <a href="mailto:tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie">tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie</a></p> <p><b>West Cork Women against Violence Helpline:</b> 1800203136</p> <p><b>Bingo in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> in the Abbeystrewry Church Hall every Monday at 8.30pm.</p> <p><b>West Cork Carers Support Group:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Crisis or Unplanned Pregnancy Support and Counselling;</b> CURA – 1850622626; <a href="http://www.cura.ie">www.cura.ie</a></p> <p><b>Legion of Mary Meetings:</b> Monday evenings at 7.00pm in St Vincent de Paul Rooms, Market Street.</p> <p><b>South Doc: 1850 335 999</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Your attention is draw to the helpful and comprehensive government advice about the threat of the Coronavirus Covid 19 on the HSE website</b><br/><a href="https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html">https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html</a></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Please see the Parishes Financial Statement</b> for the current year on the Parishes website:<br/><a href="http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie">www.skibbereenandrath.ie</a></p>   |   |
| <p>There is a good leaflet about the <b>Blessing of the Graves</b> available on the Parishes website:<br/><a href="http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie">www.skibbereenandrath.ie</a></p>   |   |