

PARISHES NEWSLETTER

Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

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

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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

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 22nd November 20

Sun 22nd OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Cathedral – John O'Driscoll, Church Cross

Rath – Joan Collins, Lahern

Cathedral – Charlie McCarthy, Chapel Lane

Monday 23rd St Columban, abbot and missionary

Cathedral – Special Intention

Rath – Special Intention

Tuesday 24th Ss Andrew Dúng-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

Cathedral – Martin Connolly, Derrylugga

Wednesday 25th St Colman, bishop

Cathedral - Gerard O'Donovan, Kilnaclasha

Rath – Special Intention

Thursday 26th 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Cathedral – Special Intention

Friday 27th St Gergal, bishop and missionary

Cathedral – Patrick Whooley, Munnig North

Rath – Special Intention

Saturday 28th 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Sherkin - Special Intention

Cathedral – Charles & Peggy McCarthy, Cullinagh

Rath – Eileen Bushe, The Cove

Sunday 29th First Sunday of Advent

Cathedral – Theresa O'Donovan, Market Street

Rath – Shelia Connolly, Crow

Cathedral – Mortimer O'Sullivan, Baltimore

Feasts This Week

23rd: St Columban (Columbanus) was born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to 'go on pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine according to the severe Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

24th: St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions. In the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Vietnam, many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19 June 1988, Pope John Paul II canonised one hundred and seventeen of these - ninety- six native Vietnamese men and women, eleven Dominican missionaries from Spain and ten French missionaries.

25th: St Colman was born around 530, probably in west Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to east Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

27th: St Fergal (Virgil) lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754 and died in 784, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

Anniversaries

John O'Driscoll, Drishanemore

James Walsh, 8 High Street, Skibbereen

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

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 Michael

Emergency only
086-7852262.

Mass from Rath Church is available on the parishes facebook pages:
<https://www.facebook.com/Rath-And-The-Islands-Parish-107099597589866/>

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/ti metable

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!

Please see the Parishes Financial Statement for the current year on the Parishes website:
www.skibbereenandrath.ie

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>

Saint Colman of Lindisfarne, (born c. 605, Ireland—died August 8, 676, Inishbofin Island; important prelate of the early Irish church and monastic founder who led the Celtic party at the crucial Synod of Whitby (663/664), held by the church of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Northumbria to decide whether to follow Celtic or Roman usages.

Colman was a monk at the celebrated monastery of Iona—an island of the Inner Hebrides, Argyll—before succeeding St. Finan in 661 to become the third bishop-abbot of the great Northumbrian diocese of Lindisfarne, or Holy Island. His episcopacy witnessed a vital turning point in the development of the Christian church in England.

Though Northumbria had been mainly converted by Celtic missionaries, there was by 662 an influential party that subscribed to Roman church customs, particularly in determining the date of Easter. The Synod of Whitby decided in favour of Rome. Colman objected to the synod’s decisions that brought the English church into closer contact with the European continent.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Colman-of-Lindisfarne>



Kilbennan St. Benin's Church Window St. Colman

As we will not be able to have our usual Prayers at the Cemeteries this year on the Facebook pages you will find a special 'Virtual Visit to the Eight Cemeteries of the parishes of Skibbereen and Rath and the Islands with Rosary and Blessing prayers'. This will include photos from each of the Cemeteries. There is a good leaflet about the **Blessing of the Graves** available on the Parishes website: www.skibbereenandrath.ie

Repainting of the interior of our Church Séipéal Naomh Ciarán is finally complete. Sincerest thanks to all who gave their time, skills, labour and so very many generous financial donations to the preservation of this small remote island Church. Huge thanks to Fr Michael Kelleher Adm, Skibbereen and Rath and The Islands and to Margaret, Parish Secretary for their cooperation and help always. We remember our late curate Fr Peter Queally who also participated in this project. May he rest in peace. Aithmhaisiúcháin ar Séipéal Naomh Ciarán réidh faoi dheireadh.

Buíochas ó croí le gach éinne a thug cabhair, obair airgead agus am dúinn chun an tionscnamh seo a chur i gcríoch. Go raibh míle maith agaibh Ath Mícheál Kelleher Adm, Sciobairín agus Ráth is na hOileán agus Rúnaí paroiste Margaret a bhí ag comhoibriú linn i gcónaí. Cuimhnimid

ar an Ath Peadar Ó Caollaí a thacaigh linn - ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

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 skibbereenparish@gmail.com and she will respond to your request during office hours. **Please note new editorial News email change skibrathisnews@gmail.com**

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