

EASTER VIGIL MEETING

To prepare for our family of parishes' Easter Vigil on Sat 19 April in the Cathedral, Skibbereen, parish ministry reps will meet on Monday week, 31 March at the Cathedral Presbytery, Skibbereen, at 8pm. It is important that every parish is represented there.

FORTY DAYS OF LENT:

The journey to Easter.....

- **DAY 17, MON. 24:** No gossip.
- **DAY 18, TUES. 25:** Do an act of kindness for someone you meet.
[Feast of the Annunciation, 25 March]
- **DAY 19, WED. 26:** Fast from social media, no screens after tea.
- **DAY 20, THURS 27:** Live simply, buy no non-essentials.
[You're halfway to Easter!]
- **DAY 21, FRI. 28:** No meat or fish, give the money you save to Trócaire or any charity.
- **DAY 22, SAT 29:** Do some weeding or planting in your green space.

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

“When we provide the needy with their basic needs, we are giving them what belongs to them, not to us.”

— ST GREGORY THE GREAT

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE: To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, 1 North St, Skibbereen: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10 am -1 pm. [CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS]
• Phone 028-22828 • Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com •

FINANCE CORNER

AUGHADOWN

Sun 16 €755; 17 March €680

CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS

Sun 16 € 850; 17 March €760

KILMACABEA

Sun 9 €630 & €340 (Special)

RATH & THE ISLANDS: €1,080

CLERGY

- *Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP*
(MODERATOR)
- *Fr Terry O'Brien MSC,*
Co-PP, Leap, 028 33177
kilmacabeparish@gmail.com
- *Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP*
Castlehaven (Union Hall)
TEXT/WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627
- *Fr Evin O'Brien CC*
Skibbereen, PHONE 028 22877

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta House Crisis helpline 1800 247 247;

Or text **HELP** to 51444.

St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen: 087 918 2698

Samaritans: 116 123 free.

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

(for the parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven & Myross, Kilmacabea, Rath & The Islands, and Skibbereen)

SUNDAY 23 MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT VOL 3: 28

WHERE DOES OUR SUNDAY COLLECTION GO?

The question of where the Sunday collection goes is frequently asked by parishioners. The answer is very simple: the offertory collection taken up every Sunday stays within the parish it's collected in.

Each of our five parishes has its own bank account and the Sunday collection is lodged to this account eg. Aughadown money stays in Aughadown - Skibbereen in Skibbereen etc.

The money in these accounts is primarily used to cover the day-to-day expenses of the parish, except for 10 per cent which goes to the diocesan fund, to finance programmes run by the diocese. A further 8 per cent goes to the priests' benevolent fund, for sick and retired priests. The remaining 82 per cent of the Sunday Mass col-

lection goes to support the operations and needs of the parish, including routine maintenance, light, heat, insurance, church requisites, administration costs etc.

The four priests in the family of parishes do not receive any income from the Sunday collection — with the exception of Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.

The second collection taken up on various Sundays is lodged to a separate diocesan account and does not interfere with the normal collection.

The 2024 accounts for all of the parishes are currently being finalised and will be published in the newsletter when completed.

Walter Power

AUGHADOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE



Contact numbers: Parish Office 028 22828. 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 Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 22 March 2025

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Donald and Eily Feeley, Gortnaclohy.
Patsy, Margaret, and John Joe O'Regan, Boulibawn.
Jim McCullagh, Mill Road
- Sunday – 11am** John and Nellie O'Mahony, Inchinagotagh.
Richard and Kerry Hodnett, Gortnaclohy.
D F O'Sullivan, Schull Road, Skibbereen.
- Monday – 9.30am** Antony O'Mahony, Caheragh.
- Tuesday - 9.30am** William Hayes, Cullinagh.
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday - 9.30am** Annie and Mary Daly, Kilcrohane.
- Friday - 9.30am** Mary Kelly, Bauravilla, recently deceased.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Eileen and Cornelius Harrington, Gortnaclohy.
Sadie Walsh, High Street.
- Sunday – 11am** Jerome Hurley, Coolnagurrane.
Margaret Bohane and Patrick Bohane, Drishanebeg.
Pat Joe O'Neill, Kilnaclasha and Paddy O'Neill, Upper Bridge Street.

We extend our condolences to the family of recently deceased: Christina (Chrissie) O'Donovan (née Barry) of Coolnagrane, Skibbereen and Cashloura, Drinagh. May she Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community Iarlaith O'Connell who was baptised in Skibbereen on 15 March, son of James and Sorcha.

Weekday Masses Monday to Friday at **9.30am**. **The Rosary** is prayed before Mass each morning. (**The Rosary on Thursday** is said for the special intention of vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral every **Monday & Friday from 10am until 6pm** both days. All welcome.

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

Hospitality Morning, in the Presbytery, on Wednesday after the **9.30am Mass**. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration in Rath Church every **Wednesday 7pm to 9pm**, during Lent.

Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral every **Friday at 6.30pm**, during Lent.

Rosary at the Grotto – If you wish to pray for peace in this troubled world, you may do so every **Tuesday at 8pm** at **Our Lady's Grotto, Cork Road, Skibbereen**. All welcome.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him."

Bantry and South West Cardiac Support Group monthly meeting on Tuesday **25 March at 8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building) P75 T611**. Blood pressure will be taken from 7.30pm. Noreen Coomey returns this month and there will be a discussion on living with cardiac related problems.

A second collection will take place next weekend for the Diocesan Needs quarterly collection.

Monster Charity Bingo: Sunday 6April in The West Cork Hotel at 3pm, €1,500 in prize money. All are welcome and all proceeds are for Marymount.

Divine Mercy Sunday – The annual Divine Mercy Novena will be held in **St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen** on **Sunday 27 April 2025**. **Confessions** commence at **2.30pm** and **Novena prayers** commence at **3pm**. Everyone from the Family of Parishes is invited to attend.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 23rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Anne & Paddy Carey, Ballymacrown

Fiona Scully, Creagh & London

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 24th March – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 26th March – 10.15am Rath

Friday 28th March – 10.15am Rath - **No Mass**

Saturday 29th March

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 30th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Pat Davis, Mardyke Street, Skibbereen

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Monday and Wednesday at 10.15am. **Please note there will be no Mass at 10.15am on Friday 28th March.**

Confessions by appointment.

Adoration in Rath Church every Wednesday evening during Lent from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral every Friday at 6.30pm, during Lent

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament continues every Monday and Friday from 10am to 6pm both days in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. All are welcome.

First Friday Calls – If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion, or would appreciate a visit from a priest, please contact the Parish office 028 22828.

Diocesan Quarterly Collection next weekend Sunday 30th March 2025.

The Diocese supports parishes through all kinds of services such as Education, School Religious Faith Formation support, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, Stewardship and Governance and in areas such as Data Protection, Finance and property advisory.

This assistance to parishes is only possible through your ongoing generosity.

These collections allow us to support the work in Parishes and Families of Parishes. This work is vital to enable our parishes to be renewed and invigorated as we rebuild after Covid and begin this year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment. As we respond to Christ's Mission to build his Kingdom of Love and Peace and Justice, we discern over the next year how God is calling us to be his Church and Faith Communities into the future. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

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A Choral and Organ Concert will be hosted by Glaslinn Choir, **on Friday 28th March at 8.15pm in St Fachtna's Cathedral, Rosscarbery.** The concert will be in aid of two local charities. As 28th March is Daffodil Day, the Irish Cancer Society will be one of the beneficiaries, and the other will be the local branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

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This month, Noreen Coomey returns. Following her very successful workshop on cardiac trends last year, Noreen would like to build on that discussion with a session on living with cardiac-related problems. Blood pressure will be taken from 7.30pm.