

St. Patrick's Cathedral Ministry Groups

September 2020

The following is a list of the many groups involved in the day to day life of the Faith Community of Skibbereen Cathedral and Parish

1. Ministers of the Word - Proclaim the Scripture Readings at Mass. This is done at:
 - a. Weekend Masses: Saturday 6.30 pm & Sunday morning at 9.00 am & 11.30 am
 - b. Weekday Masses: 9.30 am

In recent years Ministers of the Word have developed additional roles including

- c. Baltimore Road Nursing Home at the monthly Mass
- d. Skibbereen Community Hospital - Good Friday Stations of the Cross and November Service of Remembrance

This past year has seen the introduction of

- e. Lay Led Liturgical Services on weekday mornings when no priest is available for Mass.

2. Ministers of the Eucharist assist with Communion at:
 - a. Weekend Masses: Saturday 6.30 pm & Sunday morning at 9.00 am & 11.30 am
 - b. Weekday Masses: 9.30 am (except Friday: 6.30pm)
 - c. Baltimore Road Nursing Home on Sunday morning
 - d. * Skibbereen Community Hospital on Wednesday and Sunday
 - e. With the Ministers of the Word are part of the Lay Led Liturgical Services
 - f. Supplement the First Friday Communion calls of the priests taking Communion to people's homes.

Church Music

3. * Cathedral Adult Choir at 11.30 am Mass each Sunday and other occasions during the year.
 4. * Children's Choir at the 6.30 pm first Saturday night of month Mass during the school year. At the 6.30 pm Mass Christmas Eve and for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation.
 5. * Morning Mass hymns, a cantor leads an opening and closing hymn at 9.30 am weekday Masses.
 6. At weddings and funerals singers and musicians with a knowledge of Church Music are employed by the families involved.
 7. Musicians at Christmas Day Masses
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8. Ministers of the Environment who clean the church and ensure it is a fit place for us to celebrate in.

9. Tidy Towns – look after the maintaining of the shrubs and flowers along the roadside frontage of the Cathedral

10. Altar Society who purchase and arrange the flowers on the altar every week

11. * Altar Servers – These young people assist the priest and sacristy team before, during and after Mass

12. Altar Server Parents – oversee the Altar Servers and are part of the Safeguarding Team. They also organise the cinema trip and other treats.

13. Safeguarding Team – Three people, trained by the Diocese, oversee the safeguarding standards of the parish and the 'Garda Vetting' standards

14. Parish Finance Committee – with the parish clergy ensure that there is proper supervision of Parish Income and Expenditure and publish annual accounts.

15. * Church Collectors – organise the taking up of parish and diocesan collections.

16. Money Counters and Banking Group – prepare and bank the collections.

17. * Offertory Gifts – organising people to bring up the gifts at Sunday Masses. Family members attending an anniversary Mass are invited to take up this role.

18. Parish Catechists – on completing a diocesan training diploma they work with parish and parent groups.

19. Weekday Morning Mass Praying Community – a daily prayer in and for the parish.

Including:

- Rosary before Mass
- Prayers after Mass – Divine Mercy
- Friday Morning prayer – Miraculous Medal Devotion

20. <u>Weekend Mass Praying Community</u> – the cornerstone of parish life.

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21. Good Friday Pageant – a group of parents who work with the children to act out the story of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.
 22. Easter Paschal Fire – those who make sure that we have a fire for the Holy Saturday Night Vigil.
 23. Corpus Christi Procession – a group that come together to plan and organise the Procession through the town on the feast of Corpus Christi.
 24. Christmas Crib and Easter Remembrance Garden.
 25. * Cemetery Mass in St. Patrick's Cemetery and Abbeystrewery & November Cemetery Prayers
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26. Hospital Chapel Sacristy Team – look after the hospital chapel and ensure that it is ready for Mass on Saturday. They also organise the November Remembrance Service and other special prayer occasions.
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27. Legion of Mary who:
 - a. Stock the Bookstand in the Cathedral
 - b. Deliver the Parish Newsletter to the hospital
 - c. Hospital Rosary and visits
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28. * Eucharistic Adoration Group – organise the rota of people who give time before the Blessed Sacrament.
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29. * Lectio Divina Group – meet monthly – a way of praying and reflecting on the Sunday Mass readings.
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30. Parish Assembly – meet monthly, 8 times per year. This group, chosen by parishioners, discusses and plans for the short term and longer term direction of parish life.
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31. Sacristans Team – working with the Sacristan they assist with the preparation of Masses and other liturgical prayer and cooperate with the many other groups involved in the Cathedral

32. Secretarial Team – work with the Parish Secretary
 - in the booking of Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and wedding bookings
 - with parish administration and bill paying.
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33. Parish Newsletter – each week the Editor organises the many notices that are sent in and prepares and prints the Newsletter for Skibbereen, Rath, Sherkin and Cape Clear.

34. * Parish Website – maintaining the Parish Website

35. Society of St. Vincent de Paul – are supported by the annual Christmas Collection and are a faith led, social action group.

36. St. Joseph's Young Priests Society – prayer and practical support for students for the priesthood. This parish based group have an annual Mass for their deceased members in the Cathedral.

37. Primary Schools x 4 – are involved with us throughout the year especially with the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacraments.

38. Skibbereen Community School – the School Chaplain and R.E. Team organise students to come to the Cathedral for Masses and link with the parish in a variety of ways.

39. Church Stewards: Organising entry and exit to the Cathedral for church ceremonies in light of Covid 19 regulations and restrictions.