

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

Saturday 9th April 2022 – 5th Week of Lent

4.45pm Sherkin Island: Special Intention

6.30pm Cathedral: James and Mary O'Brien, Home Rule Tee

7.30pm Rath: Miah O'Driscoll, Rathmore House, Months Mind

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9.00 am Cathedral: - John and Eileen O'Sullivan, Lissalohorig

10.00am Cape Clear: - Special Intention

10.15 am Rath - Special Intention

11.30am Cathedral - Jeremiah & Catherine McCarthy, Inchinagotagh

Monday 11th April - Monday in Holy Week

9.30am Cathedral - Jack & Peg Maher, Kilnaclasha

10.15am Rath - Special Intention

Confessions will be available after both Masses

Tuesday 12th April – Tuesday in Holy Week

9.30am Cathedral – Richard Roberts, Counakilla, Drimoleague

Confessions will be available after Mass

Wednesday 13th April - Wednesday in Holy Week

9.30am Cathedral – John and Margaret O'Sullivan, Shountellig

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

Confessions will be available after both Masses

Thursday 14th April - Holy Thursday

6.30pm Cathedral - Mass of the Lord's Supper with Holy Hour after Mass

7.00pm St. Ciarán's Church, Cape Clear – Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm Rath - Mass of the Lord's Supper with Holy Hour after Mass

Friday 15th April - Good Friday

11.00am St Mona's Church, Sherkin – Way of the Cross

12 noon St Patrick's Cathedral: Children's Way of the Cross

3.00pm St Patrick's Cathedral: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Sacred Heart Church, Rath: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm St. Ciarán's Church, Cape: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 16th April – Holy Saturday

10.30am Cathedral: Blessing of Food for the Easter table with the Polish Community

12 noon St Patrick's Cathedral: Confessions

7.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Rath: Easter Vigil

9.00pm St Patrick's Cathedral: Easter Vigil

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday; The Resurrection of the Lord

9.00am St Mona's Church, Sherkin: Easter Sunday

9.00am St Patrick's Cathedral: Easter Sunday

10.00am St Ciarán's Church, Cape Clear: Easter Sunday

10.15am Sacred Heart Church, Rath: Easter Sunday

11.30am St Patrick's Cathedral: Easter Sunday

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

Baptisms: Please contact the parish office (028 22828) to arrange your child's baptism.

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

All invited to join Pope Francis in Friday global prayer for peace in Ukraine

On this Friday 25th March, which is also the Feast of the Annunciation, Catholics around the world are invited to join their prayers with those of Pope Francis as he consecrates both Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This Act of Consecration places the warring countries under the protection of Mary our Mother, trusting in the power of her intercession. Such an act looks towards God, the source of all peace, and seeks God's peace through Mary.

Pope Francis will lead worldwide prayer to Our Lady for peace.

People are invited to join Bishop Fintan in person in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork, on **Friday afternoon at 4pm** as he leads the Diocese in this Act of Consecration.

The liturgy will also be live-streamed on www.corkcathedral.ie

In churches and parishes, people are invited to spend time in prayer on Friday for peace in Ukraine. Some parishes may have a scheduled time of Adoration on that day.

People are also invited to pray the Prayer of Consecration with family or on one's own if one cannot join a parish or diocesan liturgy. The text of the Prayer of Consecration is available here.

<https://corkandross.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/ACT-OF-CONSECRATION-IN-ENGLISH.pdf>

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence; it is also

recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed, 'so that the Church, with uplifted and welcoming heart, be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection'

Priest on Duty this week: Fr Evin
Emergency only
086-7852262.



Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Saint Patrick's College,

Maynooth, has advertised its new Diploma in Youth Ministry & Spirituality. The diploma is tailored for those who wish to work in Youth Ministry and the closing date for receipt of applications is June 2021. This programme in Youth Ministry and Spirituality is designed to be a pathway for someone with sufficient working experience in youth ministry but who does not have a previous degree in theology or youth ministry. Such a candidate may desire to develop their conceptual, theoretical, and practical skills, and to receive a professional qualification in youth ministry. For more information, visit <https://maynoothcollege.ie/courses/diploma-in-youth-ministry-and-spirituality>

Holy Week

During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem. The Lenten season lasts until the Thursday of this week. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The days of Holy Week, from Monday to Thursday inclusive, have precedence over all other celebrations. It is not fitting that Baptism and Confirmation be celebrated on these days.

Confessions

Historically the two most important times to attend confession are Christmas and Easter. Our Easter confessions for both parishes will be held during Easter week in St Patricks Cathedral Skibbereen on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning after the 9.30am Mass and on Holy Saturday at 12 noon and in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Monday, and Wednesday morning after the 10.15am Mass.

Children's Way of the Cross 2022

It is hoped to have the 'Children's Way of the Cross' on Good Friday, April 15th, at 12.00 noon in the Cathedral. We invite young people who would like to participate, aged 8/9 upwards; to come to the Cathedral on Monday April 11th at 3.30 pm. Clíodhna O'Sullivan will be there to welcome you and will take you through what's involved. (There will be further practises on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons) If you want further information leave a message on 028-22828. We have not been able to have this for the last two years because of Covid restrictions. We look forward to our young people leading this simple and meaningful telling of the events of the first Good Friday.

Good Friday

A message from Bishop Fintan; It is better that the Veneration of the Cross would be celebrated by means of a gesture of reverence or bow before a central Cross rather than in the traditional manner in light of ongoing covid risks.

Special Collection

The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Places.

Blessing of Food on Holy Saturday 10.30am

Tradycyjne błogosławieństwo pokarmów nastąpi w wielkanocny odbędzie się w Skibbereen w Wielką Sobotę, 16 kwietnia 2022 roku o godz. 10.30. Prosimy o przekazanie tej informacji dalej. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy!

The traditional Blessing of Food for the Easter table will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Holy Saturday, 16th April 2022 at 10.30am. Please spread this message. You are all welcome to attend.

Please note - the usual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on 24th April 2022 in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Bishopstown, Cork

The day commences at 1.30pm and includes the Rosary, several Priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Stations of the Cross, and a talk by Fiona Kiely.

Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm.

Thank you

Fr Michael and Fr Evin would like to thank all those who attended the spring station Masses in the Parish last Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Your support for your priests is very much appreciated. Envelopes are still available for anyone who has not yet contributed to the spring stations

First Penance

Congratulations to the young people who celebrated their First Penance during the past week in Rath.

Lough Derg Pilgrimages - 2022

Pilgrimage season re – opens Sunday May 1st, 2022, to book your retreat please contact for further information the Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94PC60 call or email our office on 0719861518 or email Info@loughderg.org – www.loughderg.org

St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS —TEL; 087 6114946

Suicide Prevention Helpline 1800 742 745: a free phone helpline opens 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

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

South Doc: 1850 335 999