

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

For the formation of religious and seminarians:

"We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."

THIS WEEK

MON 29: ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, virgin and Doctor of the Church: Catherine was a renowned mystic and courageous reformer of Religious life; she is reputed to have convinced the pope to return from Avignon to Rome. Patron of Europe, nurses and fire-fighters.
• *Today is the anniversary of the ordination of Dr John Buckley as auxiliary bishop of Cork & Ross in 1984, forty years ago.*

TUES 30: ST PIUS V: This Dominican was elected pope in 1565 and implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent. After being elected pope, he continued to wear the white habit of the Dominicans, supposedly the origin of the pope's white garments to this day.

WED 1 MAY (May Day): ST JOSEPH THE WORKER. 'Queen of the May' is traditionally sung today and throughout this month.

THURS 2 MAY: St Athanasius: he fought against Arianism, defending the true nature of Christ, human and divine. Patron of theologians.

FR I 3 MAY: Saints Philip and James, apostles: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew. James, son of Alphaeus, is often known as James the lesser, to distinguish him from the son of Zebedee, St John's brother.

• *First Friday of May.*

[World Press Freedom Day - United Nations]

FINANCE CORNER (21 APRIL)

Aughadown: €940

Castlehaven & Myross: €780

Diocesan Needs, Second quarter €510

Kilmacabea €795

Diocesan Needs, Second quarter €266

Skibbereen: €1,135

Rath & the Islands: €620

☆ POINTS TO PONDER ☆

• 'When I think upon God, my heart is so full of joy that the notes dance and leap from my pen; and since God has given me a cheerful heart, it will be pardoned me that I serve Him with a cheerful spirit.'

— *Franz Josef Haydn*

• 'If you have no joy in your religion, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere.'

— *W.A. Sunday*

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — alcoholicsanonymous.ie

Pieta House Free 24/7 Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444.

St Vincent de Paul, Market St, Skibbereen

— Contact Number: **087 918 2698**

Samaritans Phone 116 123 free.

Southdoc Phone 0818 355 999

Women against Violence

Helpline 1800 203 136: westcorkbeacon.ie

CLERGY

• Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP, Skibbereen

(MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878

• Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap

EMAIL: kilmacabeaparish@gmail.com

• Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall

TEXT OR WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627

• Fr Evin O'Brien CC — PHONE 028-22877

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

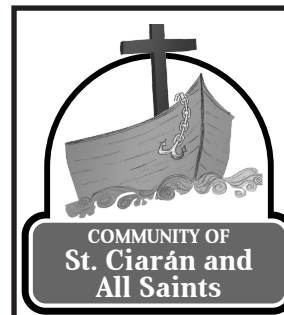
TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS,

ANNIVERSARIES, CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE,

SKIBBEREEN: Mon, Wed, Thurs. Fri: 10 am-1 pm.

Phone 028-22828

Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com



COMMUNITY OF
St. Ciarán and
All Saints

St Ciarán & All Saints

FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28 APRIL 2024

VOL 2: NO 31

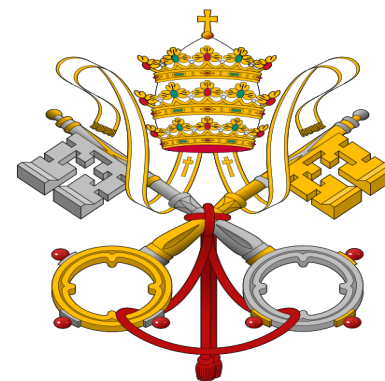
POPE FRANCIS SAYS "HI!"

Just ten days ago, I returned from Rome, where I had been on a visit with nine other priests ordained in 1984 — forty years ago. We celebrate our Ruby Anniversary this June, and thought the best way to mark it was to spend a few days in the Eternal City.

And so on a Tuesday evening, we celebrated Mass together at the Irish College, where they laid on a reception for us (you'll find a photo on my Facebook page). Then we were up at the crack of dawn the next day to queue for the papal audience at St Peter's Square, working hard to keep our place in the queue as various groups of Italians tried to muscle in on us.

After going through airport-style security, we had several more checkpoints before we got to the platform where the pope

was delivering an address - in the back row behind hundreds of others. We thought that was as good as it was to get — till a papal aide, in a fancy morning suit, came looking for the 'sacerdoti irlandesi' whom the pope was to meet.



Several groups got an audience, — Pallottine priests, African sisters, various cultural groups — and us. He told a joke in Italian, shook each of our hands, smiled a lot and posed, in his wheelchair, for a photo with the group.

As he was whisked away, he made one request: 'Pray for me'. The meeting was the highlight of the trip, maybe even the highlight of my life. I will try to do as he asked — you might do the same. And please pray for me too.

Fr Bernard
UNION HALL



Skibbereen Parish News

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 27 April 2024**

Saturday – 6.30pm Billy Hurley, Gortnaclohy.
Charlie and Hannah Davis, Home Rule Terrace.

Sunday - 11am John and Margaret McCarthy, Derrygool & The Abbey.
Special Intention.

Monday – 9.30am Get well Intention.

Tuesday – 9.30am Get well Intention.

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Parish.

Thursday - 9.30am Nora O'Connor, Drominidy.

Friday – 9.30am Paddy Collins, North Street.

Saturday – 6.30pm John and Eily O'Sullivan, Lissalohorig.
Ann O'Mahony and Tony O'Mahony, Smorane.

Sunday - 11am John O'Donovan, Ballyalla.
Junior Berry, Thornhill.

Skour Well Mass, Lough Hyne – Tuesday 30 April at 7.30pm. All Welcome.
Spring Station Mass will be held in the home of Dolores and Diarmuid Ruane, Upper Bridge Street on **Friday third of May at 7.30pm.**

We extend our condolences to the family of Sinead Carty of Ballinasloe, Galway who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday & Friday from 10am until 6pm. All welcome.

Hospitality Morning every Wednesday, in the Presbytery, after the morning Mass. All are welcome for tea or coffee and a chat.

Confessions on Saturday at 10am to 11am.

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Saturday mornings from 11.15am – 12 noon in the Presbytery, North Street.

Even though we hear little these days about the Synod and the continuing efforts in our church to be more Synodal in all that we do and say, we are asked to pray. **Prayer for a Synodal Church:** We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father, and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The last Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection in January 2024 amounted to €51,765 throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated. The next quarterly collection will be taken up this weekend. (Delayed a week to accommodate the Mission Appeal by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary last weekend.) This quarterly collection allows the Diocese to provide important ongoing supports to parishes in many areas from Education, School Religious Advisory, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Governance such as Data Protection, Safeguarding and Finance as well as the related staff costs and ongoing utilities. People are very generous to these quarterly collections, for which the Diocese is most grateful. Your support for this weekend's collection is much appreciated.

Spring Station Masses. Station masses in people's homes are a tradition that we are trying to keep alive. We would again like to remind people that if you would like to host a Spring Station Mass in your home, please contact the Office on 028 22828 as soon as possible.

First Friday Calls – This week the priests of the parish will call to the sick with Holy Communion. 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.

Meetings scheduled for this week in the Presbytery:

Monday 29 April: The Bicentenary Committee at 8pm.

Wednesday first May: The Finance Committee at 8 pm.

Thursday second May: The Parish Pastoral Council at 7pm.

Legion of Mary Newsletter is on sale after masses this weekend. Also available at Mary "Trendy's" Salon, North Street & Thornhill Hardware, Bridge Street.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Annie, Frances & Joe Sheehan, Spain, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 29th April - 10.15am Rath – Sheila Gallagher

Tuesday 30th April 7.30pm – Skour Well Mass

Wednesday 1st May - 10.15am Rath

Friday 3rd May - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 4th May

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 5th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am.

Confessions by appointment.

Skour Well Mass, Lough Hyne – Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

The last **Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection** in January 2024 amounted to €51,765 throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated.

The next quarterly collection will taken up this weekend 28th April (Delayed a week to accommodate the Mission Appeal by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary last weekend)

This quarterly collection allows the Diocese to provide important ongoing supports to parishes in many areas from Education, School Religious Advisory, Mission & Ministry, Youth Ministry, Governance such as Data Protection, Safeguarding and Finance as well as the related staff costs and ongoing utilities.

People continue to be very generous to these quarterly collections over the years, for which the Diocese is most grateful. Your support for this weekend's collection would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the Children of Rath N.S. who celebrated their Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday 24th April. Many thanks to all who were involved in making it a special occasion for the Children, their Families, and our Parish.

First Friday Calls – This week the priests of the parish will call to the sick with Holy Communion. 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**.

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Saturdays mornings at 11.15am – 12 noon in the Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen.

Spring Station Masses - Station masses in people's homes are a tradition that we are trying to keep alive. We would again like to remind people that if you would like to host a Spring Station Mass in your home. Please contact the Office on 028 22828 as soon as possible.

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

Even though we hear little these days about the Synod and the continuing efforts in our church to be more Synodal in all that we do and say, we are asked to pray.

Prayer for a Synodal Church

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father, and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Rath Vintage Club Annual Tractor Run Sunday 5th May leaving Rath Church at 2.30pm.

Baltimore Community Playgroup – now enrolling for September 2024 – email baltimorecommunityplaygroup@gmail.com or phone 087/7961426.

Baltimore Community Market every Sunday from 11am to 1.30pm in the Community Hall, Baltimore.