

### OUR PARISHES SUPPORT MISSIONARIES

— VERY GENEROUSLY

Sister Nuala and Sister Mary got a great welcome when they visited our Family of Parishes recently and spoke at masses here, telling of the good work of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. And our parishes donated the amazing sum of €9,400 to help them in their mission:

**Aughadown €1,496**

**Castlehaven & Myross € 1,930**

**Kilmacabea €1,695**

**Rath & The Islands € 1,257**

**Skibbereen €3,022**

“What generosity!” wrote Sr Nuala, acknowledging these sums. She carries fond memories of us in West Cork.

### THIS WEEK

**MON 13: OUR LADY OF FATIMA** (optional), commemorates the 1917 apparitions of Our Lady to three Portuguese children.

**TUES 14: ST MATTHIAS (FEASTDAY)**, he was chosen by lot to be counted among the twelve apostles, taking the place of Judas.

**THURS: 16 ST BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR**, a Kerryman, born AD 486. He visited Scotland, reaching the Hebrides and points beyond. The statue of St Brendan in Wolfe Tone Square, Bantry, was designed by the recently-deceased Imogen Stuart and the late Ian Stuart.

### O GOD

*who helped St Brendan navigate the seas  
in his eagerness to spread the Gospel;  
grant us, at his intercession,  
on our journey through life,  
to set our course according to your peace  
and bring us to the harbour we desire in  
heaven, through Christ our Lord. AMEN*  
(2011 ROMAN MISSAL, prayer for the feast)

### OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

This Wednesday 15 May  
marks the 25th anniversary  
of the death of **Fr Owen Cashman**,  
late PP Rath & The Islands.  
— MAY HE REST IN PEACE —

### FINANCE CORNER (5 MAY)

**Aughadown:** €905

Development Fund €1,435

**Castlehaven & Myross:** €865

Development Fund (Union Hall only) €555

**Kilmacabea** €725 & Maintenance €770

**Skibbereen:** €1,580

**Rath & the Islands:** €830

### ☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

- Look at God, looking at you ... and smiling.  
— *Anthony de Mello, Indian Jesuit*

### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 — [alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://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](http://westcorkbeacon.ie)

### CLERGY

- Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP, Skibbereen (MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878
- Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap EMAIL: [kilmacabeparish@gmail.com](mailto:kilmacabeparish@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  
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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)*

ASCENSION OF THE LORD    12 MAY 2024    VOL 2: No 33

## LOSING JESUS WAS LIKE LOSING ANY FRIEND ... HEARTBREAKING

Can we imagine what it was like for the apostles when Jesus left them and ‘was lifted up while they looked on’? They stood there and continued to stare in fear, in disbelief...

They had given up what they did and followed him. They had been there when he was taken and condemned to death. They saw him die. And then he rose from the dead and he came back to them again.

He met with them, he spoke with them, he showed them his hands and his feet and ate with them. They were witnesses to all this. He sent them out in twos to work in his name, they were to continue this ministry.

When he had done all of this he was taken up to Heaven. He had given his instructions for when he would not be with them but they could not believe Jesus was gone from them.

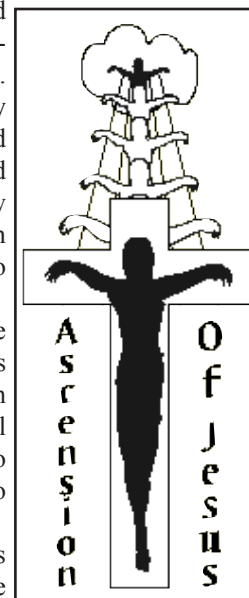
Thinking about how the apostles might feel reminds me of how we feel at the death of a loved one. They have been with us, we know them, we love them, and then they go from us and we are upset and disbelieving.

We wonder how we will cope, there is a void in our lives. They too may have left instructions for us telling us what to do when they are gone.

They live on in our hearts. They are always with us. We carry them with us just like Jesus stayed in the hearts of the disciples. He continued to be with them in all that they did and said... And Jesus is with us today

and every day.

**Maura O'Flynn**, Family of Parishes CATECHIST  
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**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: [skibbereeparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereeparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

**Mass Intentions from Saturday 11 May 2024**

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Jerome Hodnett, St Fachtna’s Terrace.  
Stephen Buckley, Farranconnor.
- Sunday - 11am** Sr Mary Monica O’Mahony, Convent of Mercy Liverpool.  
Pat Joe Hayes, Tragumna, Month’s Mind.
- Monday – 9.30am** Sr Mary Connolly, Convent of Mercy Skibbereen.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Richard Hodnett, late of Tragumna and Clonakilty
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Parish,
- Thursday - 9.30am** Niall O’Donovan, Cullinagh
- Friday – 9.30am** Dan O’Leary, Market Street
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Barney O’Connor, Gortnaclohy  
Ellen O’Leary, Month’s Mind and  
her sister Joannah Dorman
- Sunday - 11am** Mary Hurley, Market Street  
Maria Simons RIP

**Saturday 18 May, 10.30 am First Holy Communion** for St Patrick’s Boys National School.

**Summary of Skibbereen Parish Financial Accounts for 2023**

**Briefly:**

Opening Balance 01/01/2023	€166,688
(Deficit) for 2023	(€21,557)
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	€145,130

**Breakdown:**

Income	Expended
Offertory Collection / Donations €78,310	Wages & Salaries (include PAYE/PRSI) €49,781
Shrines €18,071	Accounting /Bookkeeping / Professional Fees €3,568

Weddings €500	Maintenance (Church & Presbyteries) €14,295
Reimbursements from FOP’s €13,382	Diocesan Fund (10%) / Benevolent Fund (8%) €10,485
Special Collections / Diocesan Quarterly Collection €16,867	Special Collections / Diocesan Quarterly Collection €16,867
Baptism Certs / Mass Cards €960	Stationery/Telephone & Newsletter €10,480
VAT Refund €761	Church Requisites €7,356
Deposit Interest €80	Property Tax & Rates & Service Charges €2,263
	Light & Heating €14,643
	Priests Cover €937
	Training €1,025
	Insurance €11,134
	Bank Charges €1,480
	Honoraria €1,350
	FHC/Confirmation/Hospitality €1,926
	Alarms & Pest Control €2,042
	Wedding & Funerals €800
	Sundry €56
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> €128,931	<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b> €150,488
(Deficit) Expenditure over Income (€21,557)	

Independent Accountants Report on the Unaudited Accounts of the Parish of Skibbereen for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 by Moore Chartered Accountants.

Accounts approved by Financial Committee on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024.



**Parish Office**, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.  
**Priest on Duty/Emergency** – 086/7852262

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday 12th May – The Ascension of the Lord**

**9.30am** Rath - Fr Owen Cashman

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 13th May - 10.15am** Rath

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May - 10.15am** Rath

**Friday 17th May - 10.15am** Rath -

**Saturday 18th May**

**4.45pm** – Sherkin

**Sunday 19th May – Pentecost Sunday**

**9.30am** Rath – Breeda & Paddy Cahalane, Ballymacrown

Con Kelleher, Mardyke Street, Skibbereen

**10.00am** Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

**Second Collection this weekend 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024** is for the Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry. The office of Mission and Ministry was formed by Bishop Fintan to develop the vision for the Family of Parishes in the Diocese. To identify and respond to the needs of the parishes and faith communities as they develop new ways of ministry and new structures to serve the mission of our Diocese. Your contribution will help this office to achieve this goal.

**The Mass to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio at Enniskeane Parish Church** will be celebrated on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Blessings with the relic of Saint Padre Pio will take place. A collection will be taken up at Mass and shared between the Capuchin Day Centre and the Parish Building Fund.

**LOUGH DERG - 4-day Pilgrimage 2024.** Leaves Cork Friday 7th June at 9am.  
 Returning Monday 10th June. Booking & Information Ph. Paddy 021 4502572

**Summary of Rath & The Islands Financial Accounts for 2023**

Briefly:

Opening Balance 01/01/2023	€43,413
Surplus for 2023	€14,408
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	€57,821

Breakdown:

Income		Expended	
Offertory Collection / Donations	€47,388	Parish Secretary / Honoraria	€4,743
Shrines	€3,915	Maintenance	€6,391
Weddings	€1,250	Diocesan Fund (10%) / Benevolent Fund (8%)	€6,066
Rent	€1,000	Reimburse Skibbereen Parish	€2,527
Cape Clear Renovation Fund	€2,570	Light & Heating	€5,334
Vat Refund	€154	Stationery/Newsletter/Telephone	€1,413
Special Collections / Diocesan Quarterly Collection	€7,065	Church Requisites / Alter Servers	€907
		Property Tax / Rates / Moter Tax	€2,360
		Priests Cover	€4,020
		Insurance	€6,929
		Bank Charges / Professional Fees	€1,179
		Special Collections / Diocesan Quarterly Collection	€7,065
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>€ 63,342</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>	<b>€48,934</b>
<b>Surplus of Income over Expenditure</b>			
<b>€14,408</b>			

Independent Accountants Report on the Unaudited Accounts of the Parish of Rath and the Islands for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 by Moore’s Chartered Accountants. Accounts approved by Financial Committee on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

At our recent Parish Finance Meeting and in light of our accounts above, the decision was taken to hold a special collection on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. We are blessed to have three beautiful churches in our Parish and we are lucky to have a balance in our accounts to finance the day-to-day costs of these churches. However sooner or later repairs will be required and when this happens our finances will not be able to cope. Therefore, we now deem it prudent to build up a financial reserve to deal with this when it occurs. This money will be placed in a separate account and will be used for this purpose only. We will have one special collection in 2024 and plan to have two special collections in 2025. Thank you for your support.