

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

This Monday 6 May marks the 198th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen



Father
each year we recall the dedication
of this church to your service.
Let our worship always be sincere
and help us to find your saving love
in this church,
through Christ our Lord. Amen
— 1969 ROMAN MISSAL

THIS WEEK

WED 8: BLESSED JOHN SULLIVAN, was baptised in the Church of Ireland in 1861. Studied Law and Classics and was received into the Catholic Church aged 35. Became a Jesuit and was ordained in 1907, spending his life at Clongowes. Had a reputation as a person of prayer, always available to the sick. Beatified in 2017, the first-ever beatification in Ireland.

• *Today is a time of 'Remembrance and Reconciliation' for those who died in WWII (UN).*

THURS 9: 'ASCENSION THURSDAY', the 40th day after Easter Sunday. The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated next Sunday, 12 May.

FRI 10: ST COMGHALL, native of Co Antrim, studied under Finnian of Moville, established a monastery at Bangor which attracted people like St Columbanus. Also founded a monastery at Tیره in Scotland. Died AD 638.

• *St Comghall is patron of our church at Lisheen in the Parish of Aughadown. May St Comghall pray for us.*

FINANCE CORNER (28 APRIL)

Aughadown: €882

Diocesan Needs, Second quarter €635

Castlehaven & Myross: €545

Kilmacabea €570

Skibbereen: €1,210

Diocesan Needs, Second quarter €725

Rath & the Islands: €690

Diocesan Needs, Second quarter €515

☆ POINTS TO PONDER ☆

• 'Take your life into your hands, get involved. Turn off the TV and open the Gospel. Get off your smartphone and encounter people!'

— Pope Francis, Venice, 28 April 2024

• 'God could not be everywhere, so he made mothers' — Jewish proverb

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

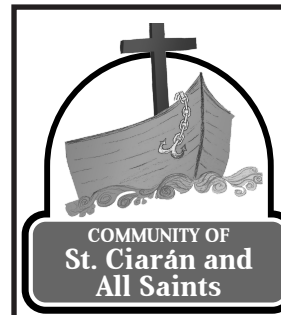
• Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap EMAIL: kilmacabeparish@gmail.com

• 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, CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS. Phone 028-22828 Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 5 MAY 2024 VOL 2: No 32

OUR LADY WILL HAVE NO REST TILL JUDGEMENT DAY



When speaking about the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John Vianney said: 'Only after the last judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children'.

If there is one thing many of the great saints have in common, it is this: all of them had a deep love for Our Lady and they understood the great love that God has for his most holy mother.

Mary was the one who gave birth to the Son of God. It was through the intercession of Mary that Jesus performed his first public miracle at the wedding at Cana. One of the final things Our Lord did before he breathed his last on Calvary was to appoint Mary as the mother of all mankind.

These things which God did in the life of Mary should teach us how highly regarded she is by God. Tradition teaches us that the glory of Mary and her power of intercession before God surpasses that of all the saints and angels in heaven. She is closer to God than any other creature.

May is the month the Church dedicates to Our Lady. We dedicate the entire month to her, to show us the importance of fostering a love for her in our hearts. If we turn to Mary, we will never be led astray – we will have a powerful intercessor before God and we will have the assurance that she will lead us one day into the eternal kingdom of her son Jesus Christ. For Mary is our mother who desires our salvation.

Fr Evin O'Brien CC [SKIBBEREEN]



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 4 May 2024**

- 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.
- Monday – 9.30am** Joseph O’Sullivan, Cork and Castletownbere recently deceased.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Richard Cashman, Durras.
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Parish.
- Thursday - 9.30am** Patsy Hegarty, Mohonagh.
- Friday – 9.30am** May Breen, Kanturk.
- 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.

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) Saturday mornings from **11.15am – 12 noon** in the Presbytery, North Street

First Holy Communion for St Joseph’s Girls N.S. and Gaelscoil Dr Uí Shúilleabháin in St Patrick’s Cathedral on **Saturday 11 May at 10.30am**.

Pope Francis’ intention for the month of May is 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.

Second Collection next weekend 11 and 12 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.

Trócaire Box. If you have not yet returned your box from this year’s Lenten campaign, please do so by next weekend as we will be forwarding the monies given soon. Thank you!

Skibbereen St Vincent de Paul Bingo committee would like to thank most sincerely all who contributed so generously and assisted in any way with our recent fundraising bingo in aid of Skibbereen Cathedral Bicentenary project.

As you know St Patrick's Cathedral celebrates its bicentenary in 2026. A programme of special events is being planned by the bicentenary committee to raise funds, as essential considerable conservation work is required on the Cathedral. During this month members of the committee, and friends, will distribute brochures to households in Skibbereen parish and surrounding areas. Please read the brochure and fill in the names of your deceased family, friends or neighbours and return it, with your donation, to the Parish Office, The Presbytery, North Street, Skibbereen P81K767 and the names will be included in a Book of Remembrance in the Cathedral from 2026. Thanking you in anticipation.

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary Sr Nuala Glynn has written to thank the parish for generously supporting their mission by donating €3,022.00. She would also like to assure parishioners of the prayers of the sisters in Limerick.

Skibbereen Geriatric Society, provides a widespread delivery of meals on wheels in town and surrounding areas, are seeking volunteer drivers for delivery of luncheons, on a rota basis. Anyone interested in this service please contact **Linda Shannon 086 4093114** or at **Cara House Market Street on 028 22269**.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 5th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 6th May - 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 8th May - 10.15am Rath

Friday 10th May - 10.15am Rath - Breeda Cahalane, Ballymacrown

Saturday 11th May

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 12th May – The Ascension of the Lord

9.30am Rath - Fr Owen Cashman

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

First Holy Communion for Rath N.S. in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath on Sunday 12th May at 9.30am.

Meeting for The Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday 7th May in the meeting room, Rath Church at 7.30pm.

Meeting for The Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday 8th May in the meeting room, Rath Church at 7.30pm.

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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.

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

Help required - Many thanks to John Hallihane who has cut the grass in the church grounds for many years. Unfortunately, John is unable to continue with this work so we are looking for somebody who will cut the grass during the summer months. Contact: Maeve Devlin (086) 365 6054.

Sherkin Sounds and the Surrounds Stories from the past: Fr John Heinhold, SPS, Co-PP Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands, talks with Matt Murphy. Fr John tells us about his life as a priest and about his missionary work with the Kiltegan Fathers in Kenya. Podcast Link: <https://on.soundcloud.com/sSW7p1oXX5LhyGt9>

Baltimore Drama Group Workshop at Baltimore Community Hall today Sunday 5th May at 2pm. Come along and join in for an afternoon of fun and drama for a production happening in the village this summer.