

This Week :

June 19 St Romuald: (950—1027) established hermitages in northern Italy and southern France.

June 20 Irish Martyrs: The Irish Martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries. The canonisation of Oliver Plunkett in 1975 brought an awareness of the other men and women who died for the Catholic faith in the 16th and 17th centuries. On 22nd September 1992 Pope John Paul II proclaimed a representative group from Ireland as martyrs and beatified them.

A second collection ,Peter’s Pence, will be taken up next weekend, June 22 and 23 in all parishes. This is sent to Rome and used by the pope to support special charitable projects in developing countries.

Finance Corner Sunday 6 June

Aughadown: €810
Castlehaven and Myross: €1070
Skibbereen: €1585
Rath: €895



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES
Newsletter
*(for the parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven & Myross,
Kilmacabea, Rath & The Islands, and Skibbereen)*

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A Prayer for Fathers

Dear Lord, Bless every father and every grandfather with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. Show him how much you delight in his work, and affirm the value of whatever You have given him to do — both as a father or grandfather and as a child of Yours. Confirm his worth daily so he has no reason to doubt whether he is loved in the eyes of his Heavenly Father.

Create in him a deep sense of trust in You, knowing that He can count on You to help him lead and protect those dependent on him. Let him know that every unselfish act of love and encouragement he has offered has been a gift that You receive gladly. Show him how effective the prayers of a godly man really are, and what a difference he has and can make to those around him, no matter how big or small the assignment. When challenging times push him beyond his limits, assure him that You can take Him further into the realm of possible impossibility. Speak deep into his spirit the powerful words he longs to hear from You — that nothing can ever separate him from Your love. Help him to grasp firmly the promises of Your Word, standing with faith on the things You declare are true. Reward him for his faithfulness past, present, and future, assuring him that true success and satisfaction don’t lie in his accomplishments or accolades, but in the steadfast, Christ-like character You are forming in him.

**Message for the Day for Life –
June 16 2024**

“The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life”
People who are coming towards the end of their lives are vulnerable, and recent research shows that many feel themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. We are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. We support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

(Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop John Keenan and Bishop John Sherrington, representing the Bishops Conferences of Ireland, Scotland and England & Wales).

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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

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Contact numbers: Parish Office 028 22828.

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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 15 June 2024

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Jeremiah O’Donoghue, Poundlick.
Nora McCormack.
- Sunday 11am** Maria Simons, Jim Hourihane and Cecilia Hourihane,
Skibbereen and Belgium.
Paddy O’Donoghue, Chapel Lane.
- Monday – 9.30am** Florence Lynch
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Living and deceased members of the Hill, Devine,
O’Grady and Murphy families
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Parish.
- Thursday - 9.30am** Paddy O’Driscoll, Shreelane.
- Friday – 9.30am** Special Intention
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Corinna O’Donovan, Gortnaclohy.
Paddy McCarthy, High Street, First Anniversary
- Sunday 11am** Marie Keane, Coomageehy
Pat Lynch, Licknavar

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. Our Wednesday Hospitality mornings which have been a good success and are appreciated by the people who come along regularly for a cuppa and a chat. Since its inception in May 2023, we donated the sum of €200.00 (at Christmas) to the St Vincent de Paul Society, Skibbereen, and the sum of €260.00 (at Easter) to Trócaire. We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 04 September, when hopefully we will be refreshed and renewed after a lovely summer.

Confessions on Saturday at 10am to 11am.

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) Saturday mornings from **11.15am – 12 noon** in the Presbytery. Our Lectio Divina will also take a break for the months of July and August. Even though there are very small numbers attending our Saturday gatherings, it is truly a witness to the importance of how the Word of God plays in our lives and how important it is for us to take time to meditate and pray with the Word of God.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the means of welcoming newcomers into the Catholic Church. A person approaches someone in the parish, often the priest, and tells them they are thinking of becoming Catholic, or that they have been baptised as a Catholic (or in another Christian Denomination) but missed out on the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. What happens then? A companion group is formed which will meet with the person or small group and accompany them along their faith journey until they are either baptised, or receive confirmation and Eucharist, and beyond. This can take from several months to a year, depending on the individual. Who is in this Companion Group? People of faith, with open and friendly personalities. People who don’t necessarily have all the answers but who are willing to journey in faith with an individual or small group and who are willing to learn and grow in faith themselves. If you feel yourself called to this ministry in our parish please contact the parish office, giving your name and contact details.

The O’Driscoll Clan gathering takes place on the weekend **Friday to Sunday 28/30 June**. Mass times in Sherkin Island and Oilean Chleire, just for this weekend, are as follows: **Oilean Chleire - Saturday** at 3.30pm (instead of Sunday) in **Seipeal Naomh Chiaráin. Sherkin Island - Mass on Sunday** at 11.00 at Sherkin Abbey (instead of Saturday evening.) Normal schedule resumes weekend 6/7 July.

Summertime is upon us, and many activities and groups will take a break for the months of July and August.

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) held their last meeting before the summer break. Every Thursday over the past 12 weeks, many of the groups active in our parish met in the presbytery. The purpose of these meetings was to help the people involved to have the opportunity to express how they felt the group was working, of their concerns, how things may be done better, etc. Almost more importantly, it gave people a chance to meet and chat together over a cuppa at the end of the meeting. We would like to express our gratitude to all who give their time and talents to our parish.

Thank you to all those who participated in our recent Corpus Christi procession. A special thank you to the choir, stewards, canopy bearers, banner carriers, altar servers, the children who recently received their first Holy Communion and the many others who helped to make our procession such a wonderful success.

Coffee morning and cake sale - A very enjoyable coffee morning and cake sale was held on Sunday in the Presbytery. This was organised to assist the six students from Skibbereen Community College who are going to Lourdes in September with the Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to assist the sick and elderly. The sum of €1,403.30 was raised which is very much appreciated. Thank you all for your great generosity.

Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday 20 June at 8pm in the Presbytery.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 16th June – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Mary O’Driscoll, Baltimore Hill

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 17th June - 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 19th June - 10.15am Rath

Friday 21st June - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 22nd June

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 23rd June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Paddy Burke, Lough Hyne

Liam Fitzgerald, Church Strand, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

Second Collection next weekend 22nd/23rd June for Peters Pence.

The Peter’s Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope Francis as Pastor of the universal Church. “The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter’s Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

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Sherkin - Mass on Sunday 30th June at 11.00am at Sherkin Abbey.

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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY:

Prayer for Father’s Day

We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. AMEN

EXAMS

We continue to extend our best wishes and prayers to all our young people who are continuing their state exams currently.

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New rotas for the Communion Ministers, Ministers of the Word and Church Cleaners for June to December are available in the sacristy.