

### OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

- **Friday 7 June**, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is the patronal feast of the parish church of Rath & The Islands.
- **Saturday 8 June** marks the 56th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Des O'Driscoll, Sherkin (1968).

### THIS WEEK

**MON 3 JUNE: ST KEVIN**, hermit at Glendalough, where his followers formed a great monastery. Patron of blackbirds - and Dublin.

**TUES 4: ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS**, 22 Ugandan youths martyred in 1886.

**WED 5 JUNE: St Boniface**, native of Crediton in Devon, became Apostle to Germany.

• **Today is World Environment Day:** we celebrate our Common Home: But time is running out; nature is in emergency mode. To keep global warming below 1.5°C this century, we must halve greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

**THURS 6 JUNE: St Jarlath**, Abbot Bishop of the monastery he founded at Tuam.

**FRI 7 JUNE: Sacred Heart of Jesus (solemnity): DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS.**

• **European/Local elections day in Ireland**

### INVITATION

**F**r Bernard, our editor, was ordained at the Church of Christ our Light, Ballincollig in 1984, and will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Ordination on three June Sundays. You are welcome to join him:

- **Sunday 9 June**, 11.30 am Mass in Castlehaven Parish Church (the actual anniversary);
- **Sunday 16 June** in Aughadown Parish (10 am Kilcoe, 11.30 am Lisheen);
- **Sunday 23 June** in Rath at 9.30 am. St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen, 11.00 am.

### ✧ POINT TO PONDER ✧

"Let us implement an ecological conversion: move to renewable energy and away from fossil fuels; respect and implement biodiversity; guarantee access to clean water; adopt a more restrained lifestyle....."

— *Pope Francis in 'Let Us Dream'*

### FINANCE CORNER (26 MAY)

**Aughadown:** €850

**Castlehaven & Myross:** €785

**Kilmacabea:** €1,040

**Skibbereen:** €1,510

**Rath & the Islands:** €695

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**9.30 am:** Rath Parish Church (Baltimore)

**10 am:** Oileán Cléire, Glandore, Kilcoe, Union Hall

**11.00 am:** Skibbereen (Cathedral)

**11.30 am:** Castlehaven & Lisheen.

**12 noon:** Kilmacabea Parish Church (Leap)

### CLERGY

• Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP, Skibbereen (MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878

• Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap  
EMAIL: kilmacabeaparis@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 [Closed Bank Holidays]  
**Email** stciaranasFOP@gmail.com

### 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)



**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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## READY TO BE TRANSFORMED? THEN RECEIVE COMMUNION ...

**T**his Sunday we celebrate Corpus Christi, in times past celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

Today we give thanks for the Eucharist — we ponder this great gift given to us on Holy Thursday. In today's gospel reading, we hear that the blood of Jesus was to be poured out for many. In giving his body and blood, Jesus made our covenant with God anew.

Holy Communion makes our union with God a reality. It should be a time of quiet reflection, a pause in the midst of busyness, a time to focus. When we come to receive, we are not only receiving sustenance and nourishment for our spir-

itual well-being — *'We receive the Body of Christ so that we may be more truly the Body of Christ, together'.*

At Communion we welcome Christ with reverence, mindful that what we receive is Presence that can be grasped only by faith. Our response of "Amen!" when we come forward for Holy Communion indicates our acceptance and a readiness to be transformed.

The greatest gift God has given in love is the gift of his son. God wants to share his life with us — so let's thank Him today for this great gift of love.

**Deirdre Hardy** [CATECHIST]  
Aughadown Parish

### HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are right handed, the left hand should rest on the right. The host is laid in the palm of the left hand and taken by the right hand to the mouth. [If you are left-handed, this is reversed.] The person distributing Communion says audibly, 'The Body of Christ'. Communicants audibly respond 'Amen', indicating their belief that this small wafer of bread is the body and blood of Christ the Lord.



**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](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 01 June 2024**

**Saturday – 6.30pm** Annie and Paddy Connolly, Deelish.  
Con O'Mahony, Coronea.

**Sunday - 11am** Breda Barnett, North Street.  
Tadhg and Mary Whooley, Shreelane.

**Monday – 9.30am** Patricia Long, Milleenahorna and Wales

**Tuesday – 9.30am** Paddy O'Driscoll, Leap.

**Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Parish.

**Thursday - 9.30am** Christy Davis, Skibbereen

**Friday – 9.30am** Get Well Intention.

**Saturday – 6.30pm** Rita and Jim Crowley, Bunulun.  
Susan Collins, 98 Street and Drinagh  
Sonny Collins, Drinagh

**Sunday 11am** Sinéad Carty, Galway.  
Catherine and Mary O'Driscoll, Coronea and  
Cape Clear

**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.

**Corpus Christi Procession 2024** will take place this Sunday 2 June following the 11am mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. We ask everyone to gather outside the Cathedral, the Rosary will be prayed, and Hymns sung as we proceed down North Street, turn left onto High Street and turning right to go in front of the Garda Station, right down Distillery Road and into St. Vincent De Paul, where there will be Benediction and a Blessing. *Please cooperate with the stewards to ensure the safety of all.*

**Exam time is upon us** so, we remember all those preparing for exams. **Prayer before Exams:** Loving God, be with me now as I prepare for my exams. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions to the very best that I can. Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam – and always. Amen.

**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**.

**The Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place at the end of September 2024. This year, as part of this pilgrimage six students from 5<sup>th</sup> year in Skibbereen Community School have volunteered to go to Lourdes and help the sick and elderly on this pilgrimage. This year, Abaigh Buckley, Niamh O'Driscoll, Anna-Louise Cronin, Jack Heaton Jones, Paddy Collins, and Adam O'Donovan will travel to Lourdes from Cork airport.

Their roles will consist of - helping care for those who are staying in a care facility in Lourdes. They will oversee helping them on various processions to the Grotto and to Mass. They will be given opportunities to lead processions and participate in liturgies throughout the day. Many of those who travel will need assistance with wheelchairs etc.

This is an amazing opportunity for our SCS students to give something back to the community. *But we need your help to get them there!*

**On Sunday 9 June** there will be a cake sale in the Presbytery after **11.00am Mass**. Please support this worthy cause! You can support by popping over for a cuppa and cake. Please help by giving a donation - your help will be really appreciated! Thank you,

**Trócaire Collection 2024** – The total amount sent to Trócaire from the parish this year was €2,625.00.

**Skibbereen PPC** meeting on **Thursday 6 June at 7pm** in the Presbytery.



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

**Priest on Duty/Emergency** – 086/7852262

#### **Mass Intentions**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi**

**9.30am** Rath – John Davis, Lackahane

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 10.15am** Rath – Tadhg, Helen & Nellie O’Neill, late of Clonakilty and Baltimore.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - 10.15am** Rath – Special Intention

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - 10.15am** Rath - No Mass

**Saturday 8th June**

**4.45pm** – Sherkin

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath

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**Weekday Masses** – Monday and Wednesday at 10.15am. No Mass Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.  
Confessions by appointment.

**Recently Baptised:** We welcome Barra Kearney, Glebe Marsh son of Daniel and Aisling into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands as he received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held in the meeting room of Rath Church on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm.

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

#### **CONNECT Summer BBQ**

There will be a special CONNECT Summer BBQ for young adults aged 18 - 35 years on **Thursday June 6th at 7pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP).**

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other young people from across the Diocese of Cork and Ross. The evening will include food, fellowship, music and much more. There is a nominal fee of €8. To register simply go to [eventbrite.ie](https://eventbrite.ie) and search for CONNECT BBQ. Please do spread the word. Come yourself and invite a friend.

#### **Evening of Thanksgiving and Nourishment for Diocesan Alpha Groups**

The Office for Mission and Ministry is hosting a gathering for Diocesan Alpha Groups on Thursday, June 13th, 2024, from 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the Visitors’ Centre of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne. This invitation is extended to those who run Alpha, those who have attended Alpha and those who are considering running Alpha in the next year. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by contacting the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021-7355517 or through our online Contact Form: <https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>

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