

### OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

Saturday 29 June marks the anniversary of the deaths of Fr John Hurley, retired PP Kilmacabea (2011) and Fr Tim O'Donovan, former PP Rath & The Islands (2007).

— MAY THEY REST IN PEACE —

### THIS WEEK

**SUN 23** (*after sunset*): **ST JOHN'S EVE** (Bonfire night in Ireland and across Europe).

**MON 24: BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**, solemnity. This feast is related to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, "He must increase, I must decrease." (Jesus' Nativity is celebrated just as the days begin to grow longer.)

**FRI 28: ST IRENAEUS**, bishop and martyr. Taught that the glory of God is the human person fully alive.

**SAT 29: SS PETER & PAUL**, apostles, patrons of Rome, where both died as martyrs.

### ★ POINT TO PONDER ★

"Everyone has inside himself...

a piece of good news!

The good news is that you don't really know

how great you can be

how much you can love

what you can accomplish,

what your potential is..."

— ANNE FRANK

### FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, contact the Parishes' Office, Skibbereen:

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

Phone 028-22828 [Annual holidays 15-29 July]

Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com

• While the Parish Newsletter takes annual holidays, the Office will issue a weekly sheet containing the Mass schedule for each week and the Mass intentions. Please make your Mass booking in good time to be included.

### BIDDING PRAYERS

In many parishes, young people read the Bidding Prayers at Sunday Mass (directly after the Creed). These prayers can be viewed weekly on the Cork & Ross website: [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org), and copied from there by the young people involved.

### FINANCE CORNER (16 JUNE)

**Aughadown:** €735

**Castlehaven & Myross:** €1,145

**Kilmacabea** (9 June) €630

**Skibbereen:** €1,555

**Rath & the Islands:** €820

• Next week's newsletter will be the last till September. Notices for the summer months will be included in it, or they may be sent to the Family of Parishes' Office for our Facebook page ("St Ciaran and All Saints"). Or you may wish to display them on your church's notice boards.

### 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)

**VIGIL MASS (SAT):** 6.30 pm Skibbereen

### CLERGY

• Fr John Heinhold SPS Co-PP, Skibbereen

(MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878

• Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap

EMAIL: [kilmacabeaparish@gmail.com](mailto:kilmacabeaparish@gmail.com)

• Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall

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

### 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

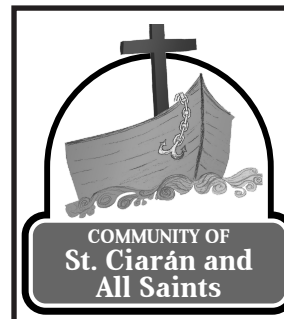
— Contact Number: **087 918 2698**

**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)

SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024 12TH SUNDAY VOL 2: NO 39

## HOW MANY OLYMPIC MEDALS FOR AUGHADOWN IN PARIS?

Do the Blackwater and the Ilen Drivers have something special? Or is it like the old negro spiritual says of another great river: 'They don't say nothin', they must know somethin'...

Dr Pat O'Callaghan, who won Olympic Gold in 1928 and 1932, grew up on the banks of the Blackwater in Drom-tariffe, my home parish. Is his status as "Ireland's greatest Olympian ever" now on the line? Is he in danger of being out-matched by another doctor, Paul, who grew up on the banks

of the Ilen in the parish of Aughadown? He and his brother Gary won Olympic Silver in 2016; he won Gold with Fintan in 2020.

Now the eyes of the world will be on Paul and Fintan as they await the starter's gun over the quiet waters of a Paris river. Dare we dream? Fingers crossed — after

all, they're favourites.

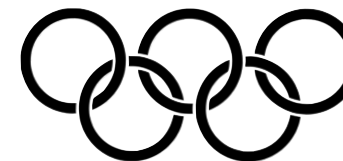
Adeleke will be there too, does she have some special pre-race ritual? "I pray", she says: "My faith is important — and as did Steve Redmond in his epic swims, as indeed did Olympic Gold medallist Ronnie Delaney.

And finally, 'enthusiasm', every Olympian's most essential ingredient is

translated to mean "God within". Fingers crossed too for Bronze medalists Emily and Aoife, do they too have something special?

With God in their hearts, they have done us proud and put to the full the talents he gave them, may he bless them and especially their coach Dominic.

**Fr Donal Cahill PE**  
Aughadown Parish





**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 22 June 2024**

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Corinna O’Donovan, Gortnaclohy.  
Paddy McCarthy, High Street, First Anniversary
- Sunday 11am** Marie Keane, Coomageehy  
Pat Lynch, Licknavar
- Monday – 9.30am** Nan Baldwin, Townshend Street
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Get Well Intention
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Parish
- Thursday - 9.30am** Special Intention
- Friday – 9.30am** Niall O’Donovan, Cullinagh and the Hawthorns.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Pauline Butler, Galley Head Lighthouse.  
William and Mary Breen, St Fachtna’s Terrace.
- Sunday 11am** Joe Collins, Lissard.  
Mary O’Sullivan, Townshend Street and her husband John.

We extend our condolences to the families of Ina (Christina) Minihane (née O’Donovan) Drishanemore, Skibbereen & Union Hall and Pat Hegarty, Castlehaven who died recently. May they 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.

**Confessions on Saturday at 10am to 11am.**

**Hospitality Morning every Wednesday**, in the Presbytery, after the morning Mass. **All are welcome** for tea or coffee and a chat. (The Hospitality Morning is taking a break for the months of July and August.)

**Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading)** Saturday mornings from **11.15am – 12 noon** in the Presbytery. Our Lectio Divina group will take a break for the months of July and August.

**Faith over Fear**

In the gospel reading for this Sunday (Mark 4:35-41), Jesus was sleeping when His disciples experienced a strong storm that was about to break up their boat. They were terrified and didn’t know what to do so they turned to Jesus. After Jesus calmed the sea, He rebuked them for their lack of faith. Just before this story of the storm the disciples witnessed the power of Jesus through the miracles of healing and casting out demons. Yet when the storm came to their life, they forgot that in their midst was Jesus, the miracle worker. Their faith in Him was weak. In life, we encounter a lot of storms, both literal and figurative. Sometimes, they are so strong as to break our faith and push us to cry out, **“Lord, do you not care?”** At other moments, we feel despondent and start to think God is sleeping or has abandoned us. Yet in those moments of trials, Jesus comes to calm our storm and we could hear His voice questioning us, **“Where is your faith? Why are you terrified?”**

**Be still. Be strong. Be calm. Do not be afraid.** These are the messages of our gospel today. Storms do come but like the physical storms, they don’t last. Yes, they may leave us scared and scarred but we have a God who is more powerful than the most powerful storms. Let us have faith in Him.

**May God’s blessing go with us today**

*(End of school year blessing for teachers and children)*

May God’s blessing go with us today,  
At the end of this school year, we pray,  
That you keep us safe and give us rest  
So, we start again, renewed and refreshed.  
Full of health, full of fun,  
Ready to come and learn again.  
May God’s blessing go with us today,  
As we begin our school holiday.  
Give your peace and your joy,  
To every girl and every boy  
Help the teachers to enjoy the break,  
And prepare and plan for the new intake.  
May God’s blessings await us next year,  
To embrace each new challenge without fear.  
Fill our school with your love  
And guide our hearts from above.  
Full of faith, full of hope,  
Full of joy, and full of love.  
Amen.



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

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Sunday 23rd June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – Paddy Burke, Lough Hyne

Liam Fitzgerald, Church Strand, Baltimore

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 24th June - 10.15am** Rath

**Wednesday 26th June - 10.15am** Rath – Teresa & Gerald O'Brien, Main Street, Skibbereen

**Friday 28th June - 10.15am** Rath – Irene Coughlan

**Saturday 29th June**

**3.30pm** – Cape Clear

#### **Sunday 30th June – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – Barry St John Ryan, his son Barry and Niamh O'Connor

Nealie Bohane, Droumadoon

**11.00am** Mass in Sherkin Abbey

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

Confessions by appointment.

**Recently Baptised:** We welcome Ettie O'Donnell, daughter of Stephen and Erica, Harbour Court, Baltimore into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands as she received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

**Second Collection this weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June for Peters Pence.**

The O'Driscoll Clan Gathering will take place next weekend **29<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Mass times in Sherkin and Oileán Chléire will be as follows:

**Oileán Chléire - Saturday 29th at 3.30pm.**

**Sherkin - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 11am at Sherkin Abbey.**

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