

THE SEASON OF CREATION CONTINUES UNTIL 4 OCTOBER

St Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us: 'Praise be to you, my kind Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs'.

THIS WEEK

MON 16: Pastoral Council members from our five parishes meet at the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen at 7.30 pm.

TUES 17: ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN (Rhine Valley, Germany), musician, composer, writer and mystic. Princes and popes sought her advice. Declared a doctor of the Church in 2012.

WED 18: ANNIVERSARY of Fr Pat O'Sullivan MSC, retired PP Kilmacabea (died 2018 RIP)

SAT 21: St Matthew, apostle & evangelist.
• Vocations afternoon with the Poor Clare Sisters, College Road, Cork today (2-4pm), for young women considering a vocation. Further info from vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com

✧ POINTS TO PONDER ✧

"Everything is interrelated... How can we teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?" — FROM *LAUDATO SI'* (POPE FRANCIS)

"What you can see are God's gifts to you."

Ministers of Word and Eucharist in our five parishes are invited to a gathering in the West Cork Hotel on Mon 30 September at 7.30 pm. Time for reflection and social time. More next week.

FINANCE CORNER (8 SEPTEMBER)

Aughadown: €765 Castlehaven: €915
Kilmacabea: €580 (September 1st: €635)
Rath & the Islands: €660 Skibbereen: €1,765

SPECIAL COLLECTION (22 SEPTEMBER)

The Priesthood Education Fund supports ongoing training and education of priests and seminarians. Collection raised €64,903 in 2023; €82,500 was needed. Please support.

CLERGY

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, in West Cork phone 087 611 4946.
Pieta House Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444.
St Vincent de Paul, 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

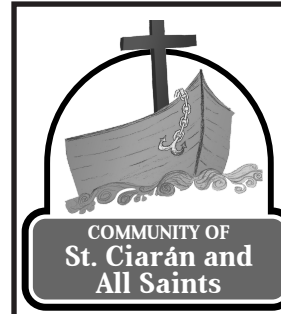
FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

CONTACT THE PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN:

Open Thurs & Fri this week: 10 am -1 pm. [Closed Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th]

• **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)

SUNDAY 15 SEPT 2024

24TH SUNDAY

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ALPHA IS COMING TO SKIBBEREEN AND LEAP

How can the Christian family attract new members? How can churches weighed down with scandals, like our own, draw people to Christianity? How can struggling believers build a firm relationship with Christ?

ALPHA is one way. It began in London, in a community led by Nicky Gumbel, quickly becoming a course for those outside the church. The big questions are faced: what's life all about? Why do people suffer? Is God real? Everything is discussed. Alpha doesn't aim to gather new members for denominations but rather helps every person to reflect.

ALPHA is coming to West Cork this autumn, to Leap and to Skibbereen (details below). It welcomes people of all faiths and none. In Skibbereen, Canon John Ardis, Fr Bernard and Rev Susan Gallagher are behind it, but anyone with a crow to pluck with Christianity, or a question, is welcome — as is anyone who wants open discussion.

If someone in your circle might find that helpful, why not let them know about this? Invite them along. They would add richness to the group. And they might even learn something!

- **Leap** (The Harbour Bar P81 YN96), beginning 3 October at 7.45 pm.
- **Skibbereen** (Methodist Worship Centre, Lurriga P81 V184), beginning on Thursday 10 October at 7.30 pm.
- **Contact** alphaskibbereen@gmail.com for further information.



**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 no later than 5pm Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 14 September 2024

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Jerry O’Sullivan, Baltimore Road, Month’s Mind
Sunday 11am Paddy Walsh, Maultrahane, Kitty & Michael O’Driscoll, High Street and Rita and Aidan Hanley. Maureen and Charles McCarthy, Lisalohrig and Teresa and Brian Houlihan, Church Cross.
- Monday – 9.30am** Denis Herlihy, Leap and Waterford.
Tuesday - 9.30am Paddy Harrington, Reenmurrageha.
Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes
Thursday - 9.30am Special Intention
Friday – 9.30am Special Intention
Saturday – 6.30pm The O’Sullivan family, High Street, Skibbereen. Jimmy O’Mahony, Newcestown. Eva Burchill, Gurteenalomane, Month’s Mind. Pat O’Donovan, Cork Road and Noreen and Michael Daly, Union Hall. Eily Mae Wall, Mill Road.
- Sunday 11am**

We extend our condolences to the family of Michael McCarthy of Railway Crossing Lodge, Bunlick, Skibbereen formerly of Dunmanway who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community Rian O’Driscoll, the Abbey, son of Ciara and Shane, who was baptised on 7 September 2024 in Skibbereen.

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 both days**. All welcome.

Confessions on Saturday at 10am to 11am.

Hospitality Morning, in the Presbytery, on Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass.

Second Collection – There will be a special collection next weekend **21/22 September 2024** for priesthood education, The Priesthood Education fund supports the education of seminarians and permanent deacons as well as ongoing formation and education for priests. One seminarian continues his studies for the priesthood in St Patrick’s College Maynooth and one man is continuing his studies for the Permanent Diaconate in the diocese. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and religious life.

Parish Pastoral Councils – Meeting for Family of Parishes on **Monday 16 September** in the **West Cork Hotel at 7.30pm**

A **Station Mass** for the town and rural areas will take place in **St Patrick’s Cathedral at 7.30pm on Tuesday 01 October**. If you would like to have the Mass for your station area in your home, please contact the parish office.

Congratulations to St Joseph’s Young Priests Society which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary last Sunday in the cathedral when Bishop Gavin celebrated Mass to mark the occasion. We thank the members for the dedicated service over the years. We remember in our prayers the deceased members. May the society continue to flourish in their work of praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Our Lady’s Grotto - Fr Kevin and Fr Evin wish to thank the sponsors and volunteers who completed the work of renewing Our Lady’s Grotto at Cork Road. The grotto looked splendid last Sunday when it was re-dedicated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A special word of thanks to John Deasy, Denis Whooley and Fr John Heinhold.

The Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 29 September**, leaving Skibbereen Cathedral car park at **5am**. The bus will pick up pilgrims along the way. Please book by contacting Kathleen Courtney at **086 4084688** or Anne Power **087 625 5254**



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday 15th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Walsh, Baltimore & London

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 16th September - 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 18th September - 10.15am Rath

Friday 20th September - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 21st September

4.00pm – Sherkin

Sunday 22nd September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Fred Chaplin, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

Parish Pastoral Councils – A meeting for all Parish Pastoral Councils in our Family of Parishes on Monday 16th September in the West Cork Hotel at 7.30pm.

Second Collection on next Sunday 22nd September for Priesthood Education which supports the ongoing training and education of priests and seminarians.

We welcome to our faith community Kevin Hao Zheng and Luke Wei Kearney of Cape Clear who were baptised in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on 7th September 2024.

First Friday Calls – 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.

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

We invite you to explore Alpha on Wednesday evenings - 18th September 2024 in Clonakilty Parish Centre.

All are welcome regardless of age, so do come along for the first evening and see what you think! Numbers are limited so please reserve your place.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a 10-week experience exploring the meaning of life and how God fits into our lives today. It is relaxed, low key, friendly and fun.

Alpha can help you to explore and deepen your relationship with God.

What is Involved?

We begin every session by chatting with one another over food. Then we watch a short film together. After this we divide into small groups and discuss some questions raised in the film.

Alpha is free - so why not come along and give it a try?

Starting Date: Wednesday 18th September 2024 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Contact 087 483 4039 or alphaclonakilty@gmail.com

Clonakilty Bereavement Group.

Are you grieving? Would you like help with your particular loss?

Clonakilty Bereavement Group is a safe and secure place in which you work through your grief. We are offering you support over a five-week period commencing on

Tuesday 17th September at 8pm in Clonakilty.

For more information Phone 023/8835654 (Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm.)

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Sherkin Sounds and Surrounds will be broadcasting live on Sunday 15th September at 10.30 am. Listen live on: <http://lyra.shoutca.st:8685/oileanfm>

Baltimore Women's Shed every Tuesday, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Hall Baltimore. €2 euro per person. All are welcome

Baltimore Women's Shed will be great fun as we have four weeks of line dancing classes organised. €30 for four weeks or €8 per class

Shoes with a small heel are recommended! €2 for the cuppa & biscuits afterwards.

All are welcome to participate or just come for the fun & cuppa.