

CREATIONTIDE: 1 SEPTEMBER TO 4 OCTOBER EACH YEAR

The 'Season of Creation' is an ecumenical time dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

The 2024 theme is 'Hope and Act with Creation' (based on Romans 8:19-25).

THIS WEEK

SUN 1ST: Pope Francis has established the first day of September as the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation'. He encourages Catholics to pray for our common home.

TUES 3: ST GREGORY THE GREAT, a sixth century Prefect of Rome who became a monk. As pope, he established a pattern for the papacy, calling himself the 'servant of the servants of Christ'. Patron of musicians.

WED 4, ST MAC NISSI: Oengus Mac Nissi took his name from his mother Ness. It is claimed that St Patrick baptised him and taught him the Psalms. He chose the district called 'Connor' (in Co Antrim) for his hermitage and later became its bishop.

THURS 5, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY (UN): Today's anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa (St Teresa of Calcutta) is marked as a day to encourage people to help others by volunteering and philanthropism.

☆ POINTS TO PONDER ☆

"Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs."

— ST JOHN CHRYSOSTYM

"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?"

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

— **For the cry of the Earth**

That each of us will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live

FINANCE CORNER (25 AUGUST)

Aughadown: €775

Castlehaven & Myross: €845

Kilmacabea: €640 **Skibbereen:** €1,580

Rath & the Islands: €740

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

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

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COMMUNITY OF
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NEWSLETTER

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

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ALL IS CHANGED

As we concluded Volume Two of the newsletter last June, nothing seemed set to change in our family of parishes. Then in July we heard the news that Fr John Heinhold, our Moderator, was to return to the Kiltegan Fathers. His religious congregation had decided that instead of Irish missionaries going abroad, African priests should come and evangelise the Irish. Fr John will coordinate

this and will report here anon.

We will miss him around here: he was one of the founding fathers of our Family of Parishes and worked very hard to help it to take shape. May God reward his efforts among us and guide him always.

Fr Kevin O'Regan has been appointed to take his place (he will introduce himself here next week). Welcome, Fr Kevin!

Fr Bernard Cotter [EDITOR]



What is Pope Francis up to?

Our Pope rouses many different opinions. Some oppose the way he is leading the Church, others are delighted. To understand his thinking, you need to read the letters he has written to us.

Michael Curran MSC and Frances MacMahon, invite you to take part in a discussion of these Letters, beginning on Tuesday, 10 September, in the Presbytery, Skibbereen (7.30 pm). Come and see!

- *Further information from Annette, Family of Parishes' Office (028-22828), Frances MacMahon (086 174 9121), or Michael Curran (087 289 4289).*



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 31 August 2024

Saturday – 6.30pm	James Shelley, Coronea
	Celia Dodd, England and late of High Street.
Sunday 11am	Michael and Teresa O'Donovan, Derrygool
	Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road.
Monday – 9.30am	Bridget Crowley RIP
Tuesday – 9.30am	Pat O'Donovan, Cork Road.
Wednesday - 9.30am	People of the Parish
Thursday - 9.30am	Special Intention
Friday – 9.30am	Mary Sweeney and John Goggin, London and Skibbereen.
Saturday – 6.30pm	Vera Buckley, Farranconnor.
	Nancy Casey, Poundlick.
Sunday 11am	St Joseph's Young Priest's Society, 50 th anniversary.
	Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin

We extend our condolences to the families of:

John Joe Fahy, Mardyke Street,
Jim Hunter, Hillcrest, Skibbereen,
Brian Crowley, Coronea, Skibbereen,
Jeremiah (Jerry) O'Sullivan, Carrig Donn, Baltimore Road, Skibbereen,
Eva Burchill (née Hurley), Gurteenalomane, Skibbereen/Dunmanway,
Alexandria Sharon O'Grady (nee Wesley), High Street, Skibbereen
who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community Odhrán O'Regan, son of Michael and Gráinne; Paige Stacy, daughter of Michael and Samantha; Dylan O'Rourke, son of Damien and Amy; Ellis Salter, son of Adrian and Lisa who were baptised in July and August.

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.

The Abbey Graveyard Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday September 10 at 7pm.

The bicentenary committee would like to thank all those who helped in organising the recent garden party in aid of the forthcoming Bicentenary celebrations of St Patrick's Cathedral. The committee expresses its thanks to the volunteers, musicians, singers, and the people and businesses for providing such generous sponsorship. The afternoon was very successful and everyone in attendance was delighted with the entertainment and the atmosphere.

Fr John Heinhold - In early July we were saddened to learn that Fr John Heinhold was leaving us, after approximately two years, to return to St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, Co Wicklow.

During Fr John's tenure in Skibbereen parish he initiated plans to celebrate the bicentenary of the Cathedral. He also led several very meaningful and prayerful celebrations including the Easter Vigil with the participation of the clergy and parishioners of the Family of Parishes. Amongst many events in Skibbereen he started the hospitality mornings, Lectio Divina meetings, and congregational singing at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Fr John was remarkably assured and confident in expressing and leading the overall thrust of his parish development work. The preparation he put into every celebration and meeting was always evident.

We thank Fr John for being such a great example of living a life of faith and for the homilies that reminded us that the Mass is about the Eucharist, not the works of people. We thank him for celebrating Mass so reverently and for his dedicated and priestly service, his kindness and empathy when visiting the schools, those who were ill, and the bereaved. His focus was on the people whom he was serving. We send Fr John our heartfelt gratitude, thanks, support, love, and prayers.

June Kelly, Parish Pastoral Council, Skibbereen.



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday 1st September – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Murphy, Baltimore Hill, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 2nd September - 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 5th September - 10.15am Rath

Friday 7th September - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 8th September

4.00pm – Sherkin

Sunday 9th September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Pat Fehily, The Hill, Baltimore

Andrew Wright, Scotland and late of Creagh Post Office

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting will be held in the meeting room of Rath Church on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30pm.

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.

Recently Baptised: We welcome Art Flahavan son of Aidan and Aine into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands as he received the Sacrament of Baptism in August in Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

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 17th at 8pm in Clonakilty.

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

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

Bantry Memory Café takes place on Wednesday 4th September from 11am to 1pm in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry. Join us for a morning of song with 'Singing for the Brain' musical facilitator Liz Clark.

The 'Singing for the Brain' programme recognizes the therapeutic effects of music on the brain and body and utilizes singing to stimulate memory and promote health and wellbeing. We hope you can join us.

Baltimore Community Market every Sunday from 11am to 1.30pm in the Community Hall, Baltimore.

Barking Mad Dog Show – Cow Strand, Sherkin Island Saturday 8th September from 1pm - 3pm. 12 Categories. €10 per dog. Register on the day.