

CREATIONTIDE RESOLUTIONS

- Recycle as much as you can
- Don't waste electricity
- Save water, report leaks.
- Sort your rubbish.
- Praise God for his creation
- Think of the next generation

THIS WEEK

SUN 22: AUTUMNAL EQUINOX OF 2024

MON 23, ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (Padre Pio): Died on this day in 1968, a friend in heaven of all who suffer.

TUES 24, OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is honoured today in England. Ireland's Mercy Sisters celebrate Our Lady of Mercy today.

WED 25, ST FINBARR: patron of Cork and its first bishop, died in AD 623, honoured in Gougane Barra.

• *His feast annually announces the day of the week on which Christmas falls.*

THURS 26: WORLD DAY FOR THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (UN).

FRI 27, ST VINCENT DE PAUL: As a young priest he was captured by pirates and enslaved. Later acted as chaplain to galley-slaves. He is the patron of all charitable works.

SAT 28, ST WENCESLAUS, MARTYR: prince of Bohemia, patron of brewers.

☆ POINTS TO PONDER ☆

“To be a saint means to be myself.”

— THOMAS MERTON

“However many holy words you read, however many you speak, what good will it do if you do not act upon them.....”

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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

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

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 am -1 pm. [Closed Bank Holidays]

• Phone 028-22828 • Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com •

FINANCE CORNER (15 SEPTEMBER)

Aughadown: €775 Kilmacabea: €580

Castlehaven & Myross: €938

Rath & the Islands: €648 Skibbereen: €1,550

CLERGY

- Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP, Skibbereen (MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878
- Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap EMAIL: kilmacabeparish@gmail.com
- Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall TEXT OR WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627
- Fr Evin O'Brien CC Skibbereen PHONE 028-22877

Ministers of Word and Eucharist in our parishes are invited to a gathering in the West Cork Hotel on Mon 30 September at 7.30 pm, which will have reflective, informative and social aspects.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, in West Cork phone 087 611 4946.

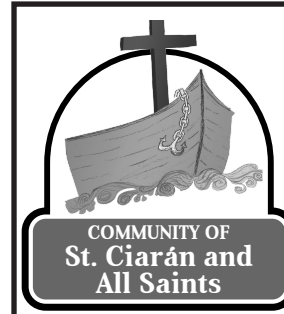
Pieta House Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444.

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



COMMUNITY OF
St. Ciarán and
All Saints

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FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 22 SEPT 2024

25TH SUNDAY

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CARE FOR MOTHER EARTH

The Spirit of God swept over the face of the earth. From the dawn of time, the whole of nature, all creatures and all human beings are the dwelling places of the Spirit of God.

Pope Francis in his inspirational encyclical *Laudato Si'* reminds us that God's presence continues the work of creation. Who cannot be moved by a glowing evening sky, the rising sun at dawn, the oceans' tides, the compass that guides the migration journeys of fish, animals birds? Can we explain the scent from a flower?

*'Surely, we were to have been ... Earth's mind, mirror, reflective source,
Surely our task ... Was to love the earth*

To dress and keep it like Eden's Garden'



Our planet has sufficient resources to ensure everyone has enough. The exploitation of the earth, climate change, global warming, pollution, loss of biodiversity and water quality are the result of the work of human hands.

Laudato Si' is a call to stop, think and act in answer to the cry of the earth, and the cry of the poor. Our love and care for Mother Earth is crucial for us and future generations to survive — and thrive.

Teresa Shanahan, Union Hall



**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 21 September 2024

Saturday – 6.30pm The O’Sullivan family, High Street, Skibbereen.

Jimmy O’Mahony, Newcestown.

Eva Burchill, Gurteenalomane, Month’s Mind.

Sunday 11am

Pat O’Donovan, Cork Road and Noreen

and Michael Daly, Union Hall.

Eily Mae Wall, Mill Road.

Monday – 9.30am

Special Intention.

Derry Browne, Gortnaclohy, Month’s Mind.

Tuesday - 9.30am

David O’Neill, Tooreenasillane.

Wednesday - 9.30am

People of the Family of Parishes

Thursday - 9.30am

Michael Foy, Monkstown.

Friday – 9.30am

Tom and Eily Hayes, Assumption Place.

Saturday – 6.30pm

Catherine Hickey, Schull Road and Betty Holland,
Boston.

Jim O’Regan.

Sunday 11am

John and Mary Newman, Ilen Villas.

Teddy Hourihane, Lurriga and Ilen Street.

Desmond Harte, First anniversary.

We extend our condolences to the families of Kevin Donelan, Townshend Street and Tadhg O’Donovan Trá, Mardyke Road 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 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 this 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.

Skibbereen Pastoral Parish Council will meet in the parish house on Thursday 26 September at 7.00pm

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.

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**.

Gougane Sunday

You are invited to Gougane Barra on Sunday 29th September to mark the Feast of St Finbarr. Mass at 3pm preceded by the Rosary at 2.30 pm. This year in Gougane Barra, the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be launching the year of prayer, listening and discernment as we plan for the future. Bishop Fintan looks forward to seeing you in Gougane Barra.

Relics of St. Bernadette

During September and October, the relics of Saint Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage – for the very first time – to each of the 26 dioceses on the island of Ireland. The full programme can be found on the dedicated website <https://stbernadette.ie/>

More details to follow.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 22nd September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Fred Chaplin, Baltimore

Barty Scully, Creagh and the deceased members of the Scully family.

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 23rd September - 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 25th September - 10.15am Rath – John & Betty Finn, Riverdale, Skibbereen

Friday 27th September - 10.15am Rath – Ailbe Gallagher

Saturday 28th September

4.00pm – Sherkin

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A meeting for all Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist in our Family of Parishes on Monday 30th September at 7.30 pm in the West Cork Hotel.

Rath Parish Pastoral Council meeting Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the meeting room at Rath Church.

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.

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The relics will visit cathedrals and churches in every diocese, north and south. The full programme can be found on the dedicated website <https://stbernadette.ie/>.

The relics will be in Cork and Ross Diocese on

Cathedral of St Mary & St Anne, Cork City on Wednesday 30th October 2024.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clonakilty on Thursday 31st October 2024

The relics are due to arrive in Clonakilty at 3pm on Thursday 31st October. There will be time for veneration of the relics from 3.30pm to 7pm Mass which will include the Sacrament of the Sick.

On Friday morning there will be silent veneration from 7am until Mass at 10am after which the relics will leave. More details to follow.

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Skibbereen Walking Festival 24th to 27th September 2024.

Guided walks through quiet country roads with some off-road sections; something for walkers of all abilities. Meeting point for all walks is Skibbereen Heritage Centre with bus transport provided to and from out-of-town walks.

Fee €15/walk including bus and complimentary tea/coffee/refreshment for all walks, except for walk 3 to Heir and Sherkin Islands €30 (including ferry).

Pre-registering is essential on www.skibbereen.ie.