

WEEKLY SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

AUGHADOWN: Kilcoe 10am,
Lisheen 11.30am
CASTLEHAVEN & MYROSS:
Union Hall 10am, Castlehaven 11.30am
KILMACABEA: Glandore 10am,
Leap 12 noon
RATH & THE ISLANDS:
Sherkin Sat 4.45pm, Sun: Rath 9.30am,
Oileán Cléire 10am
SKIBBEREE (CATHEDRAL):
Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 11.00am.

Finance Corner Sunday 22 Sept A special collection was taken for priesthood education

Aughadown: €735 (Special €635)
Castlehaven and Myross: €550
(Special €240)
Skibbereen: €1310 (Special €1245)
Rath: €566 (Special €525)

This week:

30 September St Jerome—Priest,
monk, doctor of the Church renowned
for his extraordinary depth of learning
and translation of the Bible into Latin.
1 October St Thérèse of Lisieux
patroness of missionaries and France .
**2 October Feast of the Holy Guardian
Angels.**
4 October St Francis of Assisi
considered the founder of all Francis-
can orders and the patron saint of
ecologists and merchants.

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., including a talk by
Fr Christy Fitzgerald, diocesan director
of liturgy.

Points to ponder:

Stop overthinking—you are only
creating problems that don't exist.

Every project has challenges and
every project has its reward.

Useful contact Numbers

Alcoholic Anonymous, West Cork: phone
087 611 4946 - 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

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 — 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.
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Ten commandments for care of the earth

One of the challenges for those who care about the earth is to suggest local steps for everyone. Sometimes global problems seem too far from us, too distant, too vague. We're inclined to leave it to politicians, then blame them for asking too much of us. Pope Francis wrote his encyclical letter 'Laudato Si' so that everyone would be involved in the care for our common home. I'd recommend you read it. Here are my Ten Commandments for care of creation, taken from his thoughts:

1. The world is God's loving gift: we are called to imitate his generosity. And:
2. Avoid the use of plastic and paper
3. Reduce water consumption
4. Separate your refuse (recycling, rubbish and brown bin)
5. Cook only what can reasonably be consumed
6. Show care for other living beings
7. Use public transport, cycle or car-pool
8. Plant trees
9. Turn off unnecessary lights
10. Remember, many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change.

Pope Francis repeats and echoes the words of the Earth Charter:

" Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.

Fr Bernard (editor)



**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 28 September 2024

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.

Monday – 9.30am Special Intention

Tuesday - 9.30am Margaret Grace, Carrigfadda

7.30pm Station Mass for town and rural areas.

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes

Thursday - 9.30am Don Lombard, Assumption Place.

Friday – 9.30am May Breen, Kanturk.

Saturday – 6.30pm Tony Salter, Drishanemore, First Anniversary.

Betty Sheehan and Sheila Horvath, Mardyke Street.

Sunday 11am Deceased members of the Crowley family.

Josie Dempsey, Shepperton.

We extend our condolences to the family of Maeve Clarke, Townshend Street who died recently. May she 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.

A Station Mass for the town and rural areas will take place in **St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm on Tuesday 01 October**. Envelopes are available in all porches.

INVITATION FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

The Parish of Skibbereen invites boys and girls to be altar servers at the weekend Masses. Parents, if your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion and they wish to be an altar server you can collect a copy of the Altar Server Application Form from the Sacristy after Mass or from the Parish Office during the week. Please return the completed form to the Sacristy or the Parish Office once it is filled in. Training for new altar servers will be held in mid-October.

OUR LADY'S GROTTTO October is known as the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary will be recited at the grotto on Tuesday October 1st at 8pm. All are welcome.

ALPHA FOR ALL

Fr Bernard invites people interested in learning about Christianity to come to an Alpha course, beginning on Thurs 10 October, at 7.30pm. The Methodist Community have agreed to host us at their premises on Mill Road, Skibbereen. Their minister, Rev Susan Gallagher is working with Canon John Ardis and myself in organising the course. The format is a short video, discussion and a cuppa, all very informal and low-key. Come if you are interested, or pass the word on to someone who might be.

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Funeral Ministry Team Formation

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three formation sessions for new teams and for new members of existing teams in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Western Road, Cork on Tuesdays, October 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. For more details and to register please visit <https://corkandross.org/mission-and-ministry/funeral-ministry-team-formation> or by contacting the Office at 021-7355517

CLASS REUNION 1969-1974

Mercy Heights, Rossa College and St Fachtna's de la Salle. Past pupils who attended part or all of these five years are cordially invited to our forthcoming Reunion for an informal get together and finger food. Venue : Daly's Store House, West Cork Hotel .Time & Date ,Saturday October 26th at 8pm Please spread the news and make contact by mid-October with any of the undersigned. Vincent O'Neill 085 2691914 Carrie Holland 087 7902903 Mary O'Sullivan 086 6088194 Alwyn Harris 086 2504255.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 29th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Donal Sheehy, Ballylynch, Baltimore.

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 30th September - 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 2nd October - 10.15am Rath

Friday 4th October - 10.15am Rath –

Saturday 5th October

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 6th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Michael McCarthy, Bunlick, Skibbereen – Months Mind.

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

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

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

Recently Baptised: We welcome into our faith community here in Rath

Lottie May Davis, Lackahane, daughter of John and Elmarie, who was baptised on 14th September and

Jack O'Regan, Oldcourt, son of Johnny and Katie, who was baptised on 21st September.

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.

Steve Wing, Oileán Cléire

Steve Wing – Tigh na n-Éan- Oileán Cléire, fuair bás le deanaí.

We remember Steve Wing who died suddenly on September 19th, 2024.

Steve was long-time resident caretaker of the Bird House (ornithology centre) in North Harbour. He was a highly respected and expert ornithologist, holding many summer courses here over the years. He was also an active member in our island community.

Birdman fly high and fly free.

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Cork Scripture Group in conjunction with the Office for Mission and Ministry are offering two 'Unfolding the Word' workshops in October.

'Unfolding the Word' helps people come together in their own parishes to explore the Word of God. Each session consists of discussion and sharing on the Word of God, prayer and a 'cuppa' and chat. No previous knowledge or experience is required. The workshop will give practical experience of running a session and provide four sets of texts and background notes that can be used in your parish free of charge.

Both events take place from 10.00am to 1.00pm and are offered in these two venues:

- **Sat 5th Oct 2024:** Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Western Road, Cork
- **Sat 12th Oct 2024:** Randall Og GAA Club, Bunanumera, Dunmanway, Co. Cork.