

## CREATIONTIDE CONTINUES UNTIL 4 OCTOBER

**Y**ou are invited to an Ecumenical Service for Creationtide in Abbeystrewry Church, Bridge Street, Skibbereen, on Friday next 13 September at 8pm. This service will be centred on the Climate Justice Candle which has been brought to churches around the country. The service will help us reflect on our role as stewards of God's creation: we will pray for our world. Refreshments will follow the service. All are welcome.

MORE INFORMATION FROM [www.ecocongregationireland.com](http://www.ecocongregationireland.com)

### THIS WEEK

**MON 9: ST CIARÁN OF CLONMACNOIS** was born in Roscommon and founded his monastery at 'the Crossroads of Ireland' in 545. He died while Clonmacnois monastery was still being built, aged 33.

**TUES 10: POPE FRANCIS' LETTERS** will be discussed on Tuesday nights in Skibbereen cathedral presbytery, beginning tonight at 7.30 pm, under the guidance of Michael Curran MSC and Frances McMahon. "Come and see."

**FRI 13: ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM** was known as 'golden-mouthed' for his eloquence in homilies. Patron saint of preachers.

**SAT 14, EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:** The Discovery of the True Cross by St Helena is dated to 14 September 320, and this anniversary is marked on this day ever since — for by his cross, Christ has redeemed the world!

### ☆ POINTS TO PONDER ☆

"Whoever benefits from the world without first blessing God is as if they robbed God or violated God's property." — TALMUD

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every person's needs, but not every person's greed."

### FINANCE CORNER (1 SEPTEMBER)

**Aughadown:** €780

**Castlehaven & Myross:** €850  
Development Fund €740

**Rath & the Islands:** €565

**Skibbereen:** €1,423

### CLERGY

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### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

*If one of our four priests is suddenly taken ill, the following emergency Sunday schedule will be put in place, news of which will be shared through parish FaceBook and WhatsApp groups:*

**PRIEST 1:** 9.30 am Rath &  
11 am Skibbereen.

**PRIEST 2:** 10.30 am Leap &  
12 noon Castlehaven

**PRIEST 3:** (Sat) 6.30 pm Skibbereen  
& 11.30 am Lisheen.

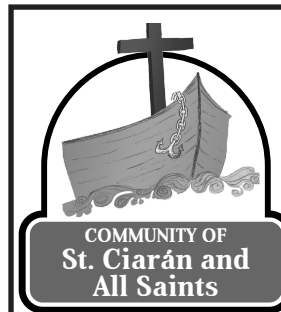
### FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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]

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St Ciarán & All Saints  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

## NEWSLETTER

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

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## FR KEVIN, IN HIS OWN WORDS.....

“I grew up in Blackrock, Cork, the third of four children. My father Jim (Jimmy) was a native of Kilcoe, Aughadown. Because of this, my siblings and I spent our summers in Aughadown and Caheragh, from which we developed a love of West Cork.

“I studied in St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, and was ordained in 1990. My first appointment was to the parish of Farranree. This was followed by service in the South American Mission in Ecuador, Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands, Gurranaברה and Frankfield / Grange.

“In August 2023 I was made Co-PP to the Cathedral Family of Parishes. Imagine my surprise when the Bishop a few months later asked me to take up the appointment as Co-PP in the St Ciarán & All Saints Family of Parishes. I am delighted to be back in the area which I know so well and I look forward to working with you in the challenging times we face. May St Ciarán and all the Saints watch over us and protect us.”

**Fr. Kevin, Co-PP (Moderator)**

ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL, SKIBBEREEN

### First-ever meeting of pastoral council members

Members of parish pastoral councils in our five parishes are coming together for the first time tomorrow week. This historic get-together takes place in the West Cork Hotel on Monday 16 September at 7.30 pm. Eilis and Lorraine from the diocese’s MISSION & MINISTRY OFFICE will address the gathering, which will also have a social purpose. All current pastoral council members of each parish are asked to attend.



**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](mailto:skibbereeparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 7 September 2024**

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Vera Buckley, Farranconnor.  
Nancy Casey, Poundlick.
- Sunday 11am** St Joseph's Young Priests Society 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
**Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.**  
Immediately after this Mass **Bishop Gavin will bless the grotto**, which has been recently renewed, at Cork Road Sam Kingston, Connonagh.
- Monday – 9.30am**
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Eily May Harrington, Reenmurrageha.  
7pm **Mass will be celebrated in the Abbey Graveyard.**
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes.
- Thursday - 9.30am** The deceased members of the Fitzgerald family,  
The Abbey.
- Friday – 9.30am** Special Intention
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Jerry O'Sullivan, Baltimore Road, Month's Mind
- Sunday 11am** Paddy Walsh, Maultrahane, Kitty & Michael  
O'Driscoll, High Street and Rita & Aidan Hanley.  
Maureen and Charles McCarthy, Lisalohrig and  
Teresa and Brian Houlihan, Church Cross.

We extend our condolences to the families of:  
Derry Browne of Gortnaclohy, Skibbereen and  
Gregory Kearns of Drimoleague.  
who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community Ella Rose O'Brien, Australia who was baptised recently - parents Kevin and Laura

**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.

**Consoling and Being Consolated: A Journey of Hope and Renewal for Funeral Ministry Teams:** – The Office for Mission and Ministry is offering an opportunity to gather for new and existing Funeral Ministry Teams in **two venues:** Wednesday, 11 September 2024 (Visitors' Centre of the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne, Cork) and **Tuesday, 17 September (The Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway)**. Both events take place from **7:30pm to 9:00pm**. Guest speaker is Rev Bruce Pierce who has written and spoken extensively on caring for the carer, and on loss, death, dying, and bereavement. Please register your interest if you wish to attend as we will be providing light hospitality: <https://corkandross.org/mission-and-ministry/consoling-and-being-consolated>

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

**Quilting group** is recommencing on **Monday 16 September meeting in Cara House, Market Street at 7.00pm**. meeting in Cara House. Any enquires please text **086 1605928**.

The Retired Ladies' group afternoon craft is recommencing on **Wednesday 18 September at 2.30pm in Cara House**, and every Wednesday following. Spread the word. New and former members are very welcome. Any enquires please text **086 1605928**.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Máire Bean Uí Dhrisceoil (Ní Dhálaigh), Lisamoine.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September - 10.15am** Rath

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - 10.15am** Rath - James, Finbarr & Anna Nolan, Baltimore

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 10.15am** Rath

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**4.00pm** – Sherkin

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – John Walsh, Baltimore & London

**10.00am** Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

**Recently deceased:** We extend our condolences to the family of Michael McCarthy, Skibbereen and Dunmanway. May he rest in peace.

**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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**Anam Cara West Cork**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7:20pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, P85 X322. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer a free online monthly support meeting. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Catholic Marriage Encounter** in Ireland is a Weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 8 - 10 November 2024 Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare Online booking only: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

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