

## FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER — ALL SAINTS DAY

*Next Friday's holyday of obligation celebrates men and women of every time and place gathered around God's throne in heaven, our own people among them. They encourage us to persevere. We celebrate their victory with the feastday Mass — celebrate with us:*

### MASS TIMES

Thursday 31 October: Skibbereen, 6.30 pm

Friday 1 November: Skibbereen 9.30 am, Kilcoe 10 am  
Castlehaven 11.30 am, Leap 12 noon, Rath 7.30 pm

## THIS WEEK

**MON 28 (BANK HOLIDAY):** Ss SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES, are honoured today. St Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases.

**THURS 31: BLESSED DOMINIC COLLINS** (DOMINIC Ó COILEÁIN) was a Youghal native and soldier who became a Jesuit brother and was put to death for his faith on this day in 1602. Honoured at Castlehaven, where he landed in 1601 as part of the Spanish expedition.

**FRI 1 NOVEMBER: ALL SAINTS** (see above).

**SAT 2ND: ALL SOULS.** Today we pray for our dead, to help those still on the journey to heaven to reach it. Catholics traditionally visit graveyards today. **Mass at 9.30 am** in the Cathedral, Skibbereen for our parishes.

• *A Novena of masses for the faithful departed will be offered in each parish during November. Local arrangements for your parish are given overleaf. The 'November offerings' form part of the priests' annual income. Thank you.*

### ☆ A POINT TO PONDER ☆

“Being negative makes a difficult journey harder.”

### FINANCE CORNER, SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

Aughadown: €775, Mission appeal €790

Castlehaven: €825, Mission appeal €675

Kilmacabea: Sunday collection €815

Rath & The Islands € 628

Diocesan Needs €415, Mission Appeal €590

Skibbereen €1435 (Sun 13th: €1430)

Diocesan Needs €900, Missions €1060

### 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

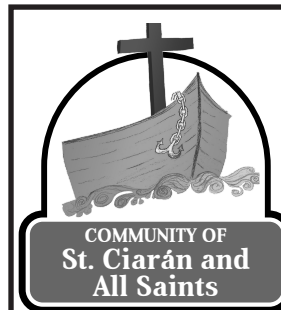
### FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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

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

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 am -1 pm. [Closed Bank Holiday Monday 28th Oct.]

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## NEWSLETTER

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

27 OCT 2024

30TH SUNDAY

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## THE OLD PRIEST — A SHORT STORY

**D**id you hear the story of the old priest and the bishop? The priest was happily ministering in the same parish for decades when the bishop decided some changes were needed. As can happen, the implementation of the changes was a little problematic, particularly as it discommoded the old priest.

The old priest was very popular and local public opinion was very much in his favour. Unfortunately, like Margaret Thatcher, the bishop was not for turning, despite representations being made — like elected representatives do in politics.

The old priest remembered that he had heard somewhere that only prayer could change the mind of God. He set about finding the best prayer to ask God to deal with the situation and change the mind of the bishop. He made a list of prayers. He consulted widely among the laity and got some very learned suggestions. Others were less learned but equally suitable. After long and careful consideration, which you might expect from a priest, he ruled out virtually all suggestions. In his hour of need, he was getting panicky when the penny dropped for him. He remembered a short prayer he had heard years before and prayed it repeatedly. His prayer was answered and the matter finished, much to his satisfaction.

His prayer was short, simple and easily remembered: “Lord, help me.”

[THE AUTHOR, WHO DOES NOT WISH TO BE IDENTIFIED, IS KNOWN TO THE 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:  
[skibbereenparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Tuesday.

**Mass Intentions from Saturday 26 October 2024**

- Saturday – 6.30pm** William Dwyer, Bunlick, First Anniversary  
Rose and Ger King, The Abbey  
Ann Marie O'Regan, Rosscarbery and Hillcrest,  
First Anniversary
- Sunday 11am** Patrick White, Gortnaclohy  
Peter and Mary Kate Harrington, Kilnagospagh.  
Hugh Quinn, Coronea, Month's Mind
- Monday – 9.30am** Greg Kearns, Drimoleague and Caheragh
- Tuesday - 9.30am** John O'Donovan, Carrigfadda
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday - 9.30am** Thomas J. Connolly, Townshend Street
- Thursday - 6.30pm** **All Saints Vigil Mass**  
Special Intention
- Friday – 9.30am** **Feast of all Saints**  
Joe O'Driscoll, The Abbey.
- Saturday – 9.30am** **Feast of All Souls**
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Novena
- Sunday 11am** Novena

**Novena Masses continue Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday and Friday at 9.30am, Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday  
11am.**

**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.

**Adoration Renewal:** A speaker from the diocesan Apostolate of Eucharist  
Adoration will speak at the weekend masses in the Cathedral and Rath on the  
**16 and 17 of November** to explain the importance of Eucharistic Adoration.

**Skibbereen Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 3 November:**  
**Convent 12 noon, Chapel Lane 12.45pm**  
**St Patrick's 2.00pm, Abbeystrewry 3pm.**

**Aughadown Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 10 November:**  
**Lisheen after Mass, Kilcoe 12.30pm, Aughadown 1.15pm**

**Rath Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 17 November:**  
**Tullagh 2pm, Creagh 3pm**

**The Legion of Mary** meets every **Monday at 6.30pm** in the St Vincent de  
Paul rooms, Market Street. New members are welcome.

**Diocese of Cork and Ross - Saint Bernadette Relic Pilgrimage 2024**

For the first time, the Relics of St Bernadette are visiting Ireland, and we will  
have the privilege of welcoming them to the Diocese of Cork and Ross on  
30th & 31st October. The Diocese have put a full programme together to try  
and recreate something of the experience that Lourdes offers here at home.  
Arrival and welcome ceremony, Wednesday 30th October,  
Cathedral of St. Mary & St Anne, Cork City 4pm,  
Thursday 31st October, 12pm Angelus & Transfer to Clonakilty.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clonakilty**

Thursday 31st October, 2pm Arrival and welcome ceremony.  
2.30pm to 7.45pm Time for Veneration.  
8pm Mass & the Sacrament of the Sick.  
9pm to 11pm Time for Veneration.  
Friday 1st November, 7am to 9.45pm Time for Veneration.  
10am Mass & Farewell.



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

**Priest on Duty/Emergency** – 086/7852262

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday 27th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – Maureen McCarthy, Bunlick, Skibbereen

Claire O’Neill, Oldcourt

Mary Ann O’Neill, Oldcourt

Baby Johnny McCarthy Guy, Oldcourt & Bray

Herbert & Mary Dennis

Patrick & Johanne O’Regan, Reengaroga

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 28th October - 10.15am** Rath

**Wednesday 30th October - 10.15am** Rath

**Friday 1st November – All Saints**

**7.30pm** Rath – Anthony, Virginia & John O’Driscoll, The Cove, Baltimore

**Saturday 2nd November – All Souls – The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

**9.30am** Skibbereen – November Novena

**4.45pm** Sherkin – November Novena

**Sunday 3rd November – Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – November Novena

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Weekday Masses** – Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10.15am.

**Friday 1st November – All Saints** – Mass in Rath at 7.30pm

**Saturday 2nd November – All Souls** – Mass in Skibbereen at 9.30am

Mass in Sherkin at 4.45pm

**Skibbereen Cemetery Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 3th November:**

Convent - 12 noon

Chapel Lane - 12.45pm

St Patrick’s - 2.00pm

Abbeystrewry – 3.00pm.

**Rath Cemetery Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 17th November:**

Tullagh - 2pm

Creagh - 3pm

**Report on October Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:**

The first meeting after the summer break took place on 3rd October 2024 and the following was discussed:

Feedback given on the Family of Parishes PPC meeting; we will explore some of the questions raised at a future meeting.

Electric Shrines: Discussion on whether to pay the cost of servicing and repair of the present shrines or to revert to real candles as was the plan when the church was renovated. The general consensus was that it would be good to revert to real candles so this option is being pursued.

Over the years a lot of people have donated generously to the many renovations and ongoing work in our church so it was decided that we should have a special Mass for all Donors. The feast of the Sacred Heart is 27th June so Mass on Sunday 29th June has been reserved for all Donors to our church. This will be a yearly event.

Graveyard Mass at Tullagh cemetery will take place again next August.

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<b>Cathedral of St. Mary &amp; St Anne, Cork City</b>	
<b>Wednesday 30th October 2024</b>	
4pm	Arrival and welcome ceremony
4.30pm to 6.45pm	Time for Veneration
7pm	Mass & the Sacrament of the Sick
8pm to 10pm	Time for Veneration
<b>Thursday 31st October 2024</b>	
6am to 9.45am	Time for Veneration
10am	Mass followed by veneration
12pm	Angelus & Transfer to Clonakilty

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