

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment:

Bishop Fintan's Letter of Invitation and Prayer Cards are available as you leave the church.

This week:

6 October St Faustian who died in 1938 at age of 33. She was the first saint canonised in the new millennium by Pope John Paul II.

7 October Our Lady of the Rosary known for several centuries by the alternate title of Our Lady of Victory.

9 October St Denis Bishop and Martyr.

Finance Corner Sunday 29 Sept

Aughadown: €600
Castlehaven and Myross: €725
Skibbereen: €1185
Rath: €566

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Useful contact Numbers

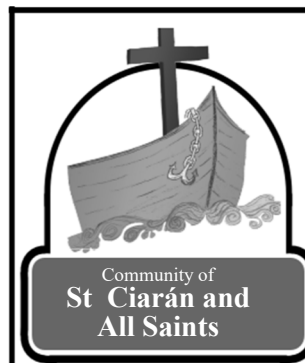
Alcoholic Anonymous, West Cork: phone 087 611 4946 - alcoholicsanonymous.ie
Pieta House Free 24/7 Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444.
St Vincent de Paul, Market St, Skibbereen
Contact Number: **087 918 2698 Samaritans**
Phone 116 123 free.
Southdoc Phone 0818 355 999
Women against Violence
Helpline 1800 203 136: westcorkbeacon.ie

CLERGY

- Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP, Skibbereen (MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878
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- 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.

Wednesday October 9 the office will close at the earlier time of 12pm.



St Ciarán & All Saints

FAMILY OF PARISHES

Newsletter

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

SUNDAY 6 October 2024

27th Sunday

VOL 3: No 6

LOURDES: NOT JUST A PLACE- BUT AN EXPERIENCE.

Last week 5 students from SCS - Abaigh Buckley, Niamh O Driscoll, Jack Heaton Jones, Adam O' Donovan and Paddy Collins travelled with the Cork & Ross Diocese to Lourdes, for their annual Pilgrimage. Here's Jack's account of their experience:

Our week began on Friday the 20th of September with a short flight at 7am. Along with 12 other students from St Angela's & Spioraid Naoimh we checked in to our hotel & prepared for a busy day. We attended mass at the Seven Dolores Chapel & after some sightseeing we headed over to the Notre Dame hospital to welcome our assisted pilgrims, or as we called them 'the V.I.P.s'!

The following morning, we brought our assisted pilgrims to the Cote de Carmel for our opening mass. I got the opportunity to lead the mass procession with the Cork & Ross banner. After mass we had our official group pilgrimage photo taken in front of the Rosary Basilica. Later on in the afternoon we had the penitential & water gesture ceremony at Cote de Carmel, where I read the liturgy of the word. This was a wonderful experience to have so early on. We then made a passage through the Grotto. This was a special place to visit. We ended the evening with a sing song in the

hospital with smiles all round!

On Sunday we took part in the International Mass at St Pius X Underground Basilica. The Basilica was amazing- with the ability to seat 5,000 people! Afterwards I brought one of the "V.I.P.'s" up town for coffee & some shopping. Later, we had a walking tour in the footsteps of St. Bernadette where we learned about where she grew up.

One of our highlights was leading the torchlight procession on the Monday night. The place was lit up by candlelight, it was a spectacular sight. This was an amazing experience that we will treasure forever. We learned so much about ourselves, our faith & the lives of others, including the friendships we made. We would like to thank our teachers for all their support & to everyone in our parish who so generously supported us in fundraising for our Pilgrimage to Lourdes.



**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 5 October 2024

- 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.
- Monday – 9.30am** Kathleen Coakley, Glencurragh.
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Cornelius and Kate Kissane, Dunbeacon.
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday - 9.30am** Helen Sheehan, Meenvane, Schull.
- Friday – 9.30am** Jim Collins, Lake Marsh.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Brian Foley, Bridge Street.
Peg Hodnett, Rosscarbery and Eileen O’Sullivan,
Cork Road.
- Sunday 11am** Margaret O’Donovan, Lakelands, First Anniversary.
Derry O’Sullivan, Lurriga.

We extend our condolences to the family of Hugh Quinn, Coronea, who died recently. May he 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.

We welcome to our faith community Cormac Barnett, Coronea, son of Cornelius and Sinead, who was baptised on 28 September 2024 in Skibbereen.

The September edition of the **Office for Mission and Ministry newsletter** is available in the porch.

Fr Kevin and Fr Evin would like to thank all those who attended the Station Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday night. It was nice to see the big number of parishioners who accepted the invitation to the Mass. A special thank you to all who gave their station offerings on the night or handed them in before or after the Mass. The Station Offerings envelopes are still available at the doors of the Cathedral.

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.

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.
email: alphaskibbereen@gmail.com

CLASS REUNION 1969-1974

Mercy Heights, Rossa College and St Fachtna's de la Salle. 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.

SKIBBEREEN FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB are holding a teaching Demonstration with Eileen O' Brien Kinsale in Abbeystrewry Hall on Wednesday 9th Oct at 8-15pm. Please come along and bring a friend.

THE BLOOD DONATION CLINIC will be in Skibbereen on the 7th – 9th October '24 in The West Cork Hotel & in Bantry on October 10th in The Maritime Hotel. Please call 1800 731 137 between 9am and 5pm to make an appointment or book online www.giveblood.ie.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 6th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Eileen Bohane, Ballylynch

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 7th October - 10.15am Rath – No Mass Priests Retreat

Wednesday 9th October - 10.15am Rath - No Mass Priests Retreat

Friday 11th October - 10.15am Rath

Saturday 12th October

4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 13th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Leonard and his wife Mary, Reengaroga

The McCarthy Family, Ardnagreine, Reengaroga

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – There will be no 10.15am morning Mass on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th October due to the Priests Retreat. Mass as usual on Friday 11th at 10.15am. Confessions by appointment.

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.

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.

The Diocese supports parishes through all kinds of services such as Education, School Religious Faith Formation support, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, Stewardship and Governance and in areas such as Data Protection, Finance and property advisory.

This assistance to parishes is only possible through your ongoing generosity. In July the **Diocesan Quarterly Collection** amounted to €47,324.70 for which the Diocese is most grateful. These collections allow us to support the work in Parishes and Families of Parishes. This work is vital to enable our parishes to be renewed and invigorated as we rebuild after Covid and begin this year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment. As we respond to Christ's Mission to build his Kingdom of Love and Peace and Justice, we discern over the next year how God is calling us to be his Church and Faith Communities into the future.

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There will be a special First Saturdays Conference on Saturday, October 12th (10am to 4pm) in the Firgrove Hotel in Mitchelstown. Sr Lucia of Fatima explained the importance of this devotion by saying that whether there is peace or war in the world depends on the practise of this devotion. We sure live in very turbulent and troubled times. There will be Mass and four speakers: Dr Katrina Layden, Fr Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara and Fr Marius O'Reilly. We will also pray the Rosary, and do the 15-minute meditation together. Bring your own lunch or eat in the hotel carvery. For more details see firstsaturdays.ie

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