

THIS WEEK

MON 11 NOV, ST MARTIN OF TOURS: While still a soldier, Martin divided his cloak in two and gave half of it to a poor beggar. That night he saw Christ wearing the half he had given away, and heard Him say: 'Martin has clothed me with his garment'. St Martin is Patron saint of France, and of beggars and soldiers.
• *November 11th is the anniversary of the Armistice that brought WWI to an end.*

TUES 12, ST JOSAPHAT, MARTYR: A bishop who tried to unite Eastern Catholics with Rome, murdered by those who opposed unity.

THURS 14, ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE: He was the first Irish-born archbishop of Dublin, who worked hard to reform the Irish Church and died at Eu in Normandy on a peace mission.

✧ POINTS TO PONDER ✧

"An authentic faith always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values and to leave this earth somehow better than we found it...."

— POPE FRANCIS ('EVANGELII GAUDIUM' #183)

"Be thankful you don't already have everything you desire — if you did, what would there be to look forward to."

NOTE FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Some have asked when Ministers should approach the altar to distribute Holy Communion. 'During or just after the Our Father' is the answer, so that ministers are at the altar for the Communion Rite. Ministers in our five parishes are asked to keep this in mind. THANK YOU.

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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

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FINANCE CORNER (3 NOVEMBER)

Aughadown: €790, All Saints €310

Castlehaven: €800, All Saints €100

Parish Development €725

Rath & the Islands: €595

Skibbereen: €1,425, All Saints € 515.

• *Special Collection for Youth Ministry in the diocese at Masses **this** weekend.*

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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

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136: westcorkbeacon.ie

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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)

SUNDAY 10 NOV 2024 32ND SUNDAY VOL 3: NO 11

A NOVEMBER REFLECTION.....

THE TRAIN OF LIFE

At birth we boarded the train of life and met our parents. We believed they would always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone. As time goes by, some significant people board the train: siblings, other children, friends — even the love of our life.



Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realise that they vacated their seats. This train ride is a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, and farewells. A successful journey requires having a good relationship with all passengers, which means we must give the best of ourselves.

The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way — loving, forgiving, giving, and sharing. When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

Family of Parishes Bereavement Mass

In November we remember all our dead, but it's important that those who live on with grief are thought of as well. Their concerns are central to the Bereavement Mass for our five parishes, to be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Monday 25 November, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to come: we support each other.



**Contact numbers: Parish Office 028 22828.
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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 09 November 2024

Saturday – 6.30pm Novena
Sunday 11am Novena
Monday – 9.30am Michael and Kate O'Brien, Bridge Street
Tuesday - 9.30am Ciss Power, Poundlick and Adrigole.
Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes
Thursday - 9.30am Detta Carey, Derrylugga.
Friday – 9.30am Andrew Hegarty, Dublin.
Saturday – 6.30pm Charles and Peggy McCarthy, Cullinagh.
Betty Crowley, The Moorings, Skibbereen.
Sunday - 11am Charlie McCarthy, Chapel Lane.
The Nolan family.

We extend our condolences to the McCullagh family on the death of Lindsay Jones McCullagh in Dublin.

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 10am to 11am.

Hospitality Morning, in the Presbytery, on Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass

Adoration Renewal - a member of the diocesan adoration team will speak at Masses in the Cathedral on the 16 and 17 of November on the importance of eucharistic adoration

The Annual Bereavement Mass will be held for the Family of Parishes on **Monday 25 November at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen.

Our Novena Prayer for the Dead 2024

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away, unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers and Blessing of graves: Sunday 10 November: Aughadown
Lisheen after Mass; Kilcoe 12.30pm; Aughadown 1.15pm
Rath on Sunday 17 November: Tullagh 2pm; Creagh 3pm.

First Holy Communion Enrolment for 2025 candidates will take place on Saturday November 16 during the 6.30pm vigil Mass

Congratulations to Skibbereen Tidy Towns on winning a gold medal last Friday at the National Awards in Dublin

The Poor Clares Galway are hosting an Online Questions and Answers event for women between the ages of 18 and 35 who would like to learn more about the Poor Clare way of life and spirituality. The online meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 13 November from 7.30pm to 8.30pm**. To register contact: eventspoorclaresgalway@gmail.com

A morning of talks and meditation with Fr Donagh O'Shea O.P., on Saturday November 16th, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Missionaries Hall, Western Road, Cork city
Registration 9.30am, starts at 10am, donation 10 euros, tea, coffee provided at 11am, finishing with Mass at 1pm.
Newcomers welcome.



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

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 10th November – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – November Novena

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 11^h November 10.15am Rath – Olibhéar O’Driscoll & Mairead Uí Dhrisceoil,
Cape Clear

Wednesday 13th November 10.15am Rath

Friday 15th November 10.15am Rath

Saturday 16th November

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 17th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Joan Collins, Lahern

Dermot McSweeney, Church Strand – 1st Anniversary

Denis McCarthy, Reengaroga

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

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

Tullagh - 2pm

Creagh - 3pm

Adoration Renewal: A speaker from the Diocesan Apostolate of Eucharist Adoration will speak at the weekend masses in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Skibbereen on the 16th and 17th of November and in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Sunday 17th November to explain the importance of Eucharistic Adoration

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Second Collection this weekend 10th November 2024 for Youth Ministry.

It is not easy to be a young person of faith today. It is important for us to support and encourage our young people in every way we can and encourage them to take part in their local Parish.

Sheila Kelleher has begun working as our Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry and there are many youth ministry events planned for the year including Connect 5 (for young adults), Maranatha March 2025 (a faith-based high-energy music event for post-primary school students), the launch of the new Youth Alpha (for teenagers), Altar Server training videos and gatherings to support local Parish ministry. In order for this to happen we need to be able to fund this.

Please be as generous as you can as we cannot do this without your support.

Investing in our young people is vital for the future of the Church.

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Baltimore Community First Responders session for new volunteers to learn about providing CPR and use of a defibrillator ahead of ambulance arrival will be held on Monday 18th November at 7pm in Caseys Hotel, Baltimore.

Medjugorje May 28th 2025, 7 nights. €949 pps half board in Hotel Leone. €100 DISCOUNT if paid by 15th November. €50 discount if deposit paid by 15th Jan’25. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ted Sheehan. Limited places. WIN back cost of pilgrimage (excl single supplement). Special draw for this group only. Group Leader Sean O’Shaughnessy 0862959380

CONNECT 5 – an invitation to young adults (18 to 35 years): - Do you want to know more about your faith? There will be a special event for young adults in Devere Hall in UCC on Sunday 17th November. It begins at 9.30am and Katie Ascough (Founder of ‘Called to More’), and Fr Columba Jordan CFR will present at this event. The theme is ‘In a troubled world, Dare to Hope’. There will be Mass, quiet time for prayer, confessions, and lunch will be provided. There is a €10 registration fee, search Eventbrite.ie for CONNECT 5 or scan the QR code on posters and flyers.