

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY
Why not make an Advent wreath for your home? Three purple candles and one pink candle are all you need, with evergreen leaves and purple ribbons — just like the wreath in your local church.

THIS WEEK

MON 25 NOV, ST COLMAN: The founder of Cloyne diocese, Bishop Colman was a bard by profession; he died in AD 606.

• *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (UN)*

WED 27, ST FERGAL (VIRGIL) was a learned and holy Irish abbot who was called upon to be Bishop of Salzburg in Austria.

THURS 28: Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the USA. Thanksgiving is followed by Black Friday, so-called because it is the first day of the year when many businesses are in the black.

FRI 29: International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (UN).

SAT 30, ST ANDREW, APOSTLE, was the one who brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. Suffered crucifixion on a X-shaped cross, as seen in the flag of Scotland, of which he is patron.

✧ POINTS TO PONDER ✧

‘The Bible has 365 versions of “Be Not afraid”, as if we needed these words once a day.’

— MICHAEL PAUL GALLAGHER

‘Strive for progress — not perfection.’

FINANCE CORNER (17 NOVEMBER)

Aughadown: € 860

Castlehaven & Myross: €960

Kilmacabea: €790

Rath & the Islands: €696

(Youth Ministry collection €430)

Skibbereen: €1,640

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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 24 NOV 2024 CHRIST THE KING VOL 3: NO 13

WHO IS YOUR KING?

Jesus Christ has always been known as the King because, as Saint Paul tells us, ‘at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, of those in heaven and on earth’. He is the greatest of all kings. To remind us of the reality of Christ’s kingship, Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 — on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time.

This solemnity reminds us that while earthly kingships come and go, the kingship of Jesus Christ will last. As king, Our Lord has universal dominion. He is our lawgiver: those who place themselves under the authority of Christ and are faithful to His law show their love for their divine master; He promises that they shall remain in his love.

Only Jesus Christ can give us that deep peace we long for. Only Jesus Christ can free us from the problems we face. And most importantly only Jesus Christ can give us eternal life. No other ‘king’ can give us peace, healing and eternal life.

And the good news is that Christ is not a king who concerns Himself with the rich and famous like earthly kings. He desires to be with the poor, the lame, the sick and anyone who serves Him faithfully. Jesus is a true king – let us place ourselves under His dominion and watch the many wonderful things that will happen in our lives.

Fr Evin O’Brien CC, Skibbereen

REMINDER: Bereavement Mass in the Cathedral, Skibbereen, Monday 25 Nov. 7.30 pm



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 23

November 2024

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Liam Calnan, Coolnagurrane.
Patrick O'Regan, Listowel and formerly of
Lisalohorig, recently deceased
- Sunday - 11am** Theresa O'Donovan, Market Street.
Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.
- Monday – 9.30am** Jim Kelly, Skibbereen and London, recently
deceased.
- 7.30 pm** **Family of Parishes bereavement Mass**
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Ted Boyle, Clonmel.
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday - 9.30am** Martin Connolly, Derrylugga.
- Friday – 9.30am** John, Josephine, John Joe and Terry O'Sullivan,
North Street
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Michael John and Josephine Carey, Derrylugga.
Jim and Kathleen Mullally, Mardyke St, their
son Jimmy and daughter Margaret Cambell,
London.
- Sunday - 11am** John and Mary O'Donovan, Cullinagh.
John O'Donovan, Lisheenapingina.
Peter O'Brien, Townshend St Month's Mind.

We welcome to our faith community Kayla Donelan Sheehy, The Moorings, daughter of Niall and Erica; We also welcome to our faith community Rían Harnedy, Abbey Heights, son of Donal and Edel, who were baptised on 16 November in St Patrick's Cathedral.

We extend our condolences to the family of Jim Kelly, Skibbereen and London, recently deceased.

And to the family of Michael Lucitt, Mill Road. May they 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 10am to 11am.

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

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available in the Parish office.

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.

A Eucharistic Adoration Renewal was held in our parish last weekend. We wish to thank the Diocesan Adoration Team and Willie Walsh, a member, who spoke at all Masses on the joy of spending one hour in the week in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks to Fr Kevin and Fr Evin for their help and support and to all our volunteers who helped. Visitors and casual adorers are always welcome to spend time in our lovely Blessed Sacrament chapel on Mondays and Fridays.

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a Christmas Demonstration in the **West Cork Hotel, on Wednesday 27 November at 8.15pm**. Our Demonstrator is Carolyn Miller, Cork. Come along and you won't be disappointed she is an excellent entertainer and demonstrator.

Radio Maria Ireland Christmas Fundraiser! On Friday 13 December in the **The Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee**. Doors open at 5.30pm followed by a four-course meal, live music, information about Radio Maria. To book your ticket (€65 per person) go to [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) or to book over the phone or for more information, call the studio on 01 4123456 or online on www.radiomaria.ie

The November meeting of the Bantry Cardiac Support will be held on **Tuesday, 26 November at 8pm** in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building) P75 T611. Blood pressure will be taken from 7.30pm.



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Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 24th November – Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

9.30am Rath – Sheila Connolly, Crow Hill

Richard & Eileen Bushe, Baltimore

Connie & Agnes O'Driscoll, Lackahane.

10.00am Cape Clear - Micheal J O'Drisceoil, Lissamona

Monday 25th November 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 27th November 10.15am Rath

Friday 29th November 10.15am Rath

Saturday 30th November

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 1st December – First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Rath – Ellen Davis and Mary & George Walsh, Lackahane

Mary & Dick Connolly, Lissanuhig

10.00am Cape Clear - Margaret Murphy agus Maire Bean Ui Ceadogain

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Confessions by appointment.

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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.

World famous Irish musician and songwriter, Phil Coulter returns to the very special venue of St Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen on Wednesday 18th December at 8pm.

This joint fundraising concert for Skibbereen Rowing Club and St Patrick's Cathedral Bicentenary will be particularly atmospheric so close to Christmas and tickets are sure to sell out fast. Ticket Price €40. Make sure to get your ticket from Abbey Furniture Skibbereen, Parish Office or <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/skibbereen-rowing-club-and-st-patricks-cathedral-bicentenary-95289226873>.

Trócaire Christmas Gifts of Change bring real hope and opportunity to families and communities living with poverty and injustice across our world, and a chance to create lasting and positive change from Somalia to Guatemala, from Sudan to Palestine. There are gifts for everyone starting at 5 euro for the Gift of Soap. You can support the gifts by buying them online at trocaire.org/gifts; by phone 1800 408 408/021-4275622; by post or in person to Trócaire, 9, Cook Street, Cork. T12 F583.

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