

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

**For anyone who has lost a child:**  
*We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter may find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.*

**THIS WEEK**

**MON 4 NOV, ST CHARLES BORROMEEO:** Became bishop of Milan aged 21, and drafted the catechism of the Council of Trent. Patron of catechists and seminarians.

**TUES 5, ST MARTIN DE PORRES:** A Dominican lay brother in Peru, he spent his nights in prayer and his days caring for the sick and the poor. Patron of the sick and afflicted.

**WED 6, ALL SAINTS OF IRELAND:** We are the only nation whose saints are uniquely honoured by the Church, with a feast day instituted by Pope Benedict XV in 1921.

**SAT 9, DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA,** the pope's church, titled 'Mother and Head of all churches of the City and the World'. Dedicated to Christ our Saviour in AD 324.

☆ **POINTS TO PONDER** ☆

"When we know and accept the person that God has made us, we are able to accept others with all their faults and weaknesses....."

— FR STEPHEN J. ROSSETTI

"Treat everyone with politeness and kindness, not because they are nice but because **you** are."

**FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE**

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

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**FINANCE CORNER (27 OCTOBER)**

Aughadown: €955

Kilmacabea: €1,015

Castlehaven & Myross: €665

Rath & the Islands: €715

Skibbereen: €1,567

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

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**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](http://westcorkbeacon.ie)

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# NEWSLETTER

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

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## NOVEMBER GIVES US PERMISSION TO GRIEVE

It is often said that grief is the price we pay for 'loving with all our heart'. Saying goodbye to someone we love brings pain and sadness. So many occasions bring back memories; birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas... Then there are other days when something unexpected reminds us and catches us unawares.

As people of faith, November helps us remember those we have loved and lost. In a society where we are encouraged to 'get back to normal', November gives us permission to be sad. Christian faith brings us a whole different and consoling perspective on death: we be-

lieve we will meet our loved ones again.

When those we love are absent from us, they are 'present with the Lord' (2 Cor 5:8). If we feel close to God, we feel closer to them. This, to me, is a very comforting thought: when I pray, I feel closest to those gone before me. In talking to God through prayer, I feel that those I love are in that conversation.

When Christ rose from the dead, he created a hope for us: 'Whoever believes in me' said the Lord, 'even if he dies, he will live' (John 11:25). Amen.

**Maura O'Flynn**  
[CATECHIST]



**THOSE WHO DIE GO NO FURTHER FROM US THAN GOD, AND GOD IS VERY NEAR**



**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 02 November 2024**

**Saturday – 6.30pm** Novena  
**Sunday 11am** Novena  
**Monday – 9.30am** Novena  
**Tuesday - 9.30am** Novena  
**Wednesday - 9.30am** Novena  
**Thursday - 9.30am** Novena  
**Friday – 9.30am** Novena  
**Saturday – 6.30pm** Novena  
**Sunday - 11am** Novena

We extend our condolences to the family of Peter O'Brien, Townshend St 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

**Adoration Renewal:** Have you got one hour in the week to spare?

A speaker from the diocesan adoration team is coming to the cathedral masses on the **16 and 17 of November** to talk about eucharistic adoration.

**Youth Ministry Collection:** The collection to support **Youth Ministry** will take place on the weekend of **9/10 November**. 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.

**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 **17 November, CONNECT 5**. 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 €10.00 registration fee, search Eventbrite.ie for CONNECT 5 or scan the QR code on posters and flyers.

### **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**



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

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

#### **Mass Intentions**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – November Novena

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm** Rath – November Novena

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm** Rath – November Novena

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm** Rath – November Novena

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm** Rath – November Novena

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm** Rath – November Novena

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**4.45pm** Sherkin – November Novena

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**Novena Masses** continue in Rath - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.30pm each evening, Saturday 4.45pm in Sherkin and Rath Sunday 9.30am

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St Patrick's - 2.00pm

Abbeystrewry – 3.00pm.

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Tullagh - 2pm

Creagh - 3pm

**A Station Mass for the Ballylynch** area will be held in the home of Denis and Claire Whooley, Ballylynch on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon.

**Second Collection next weekend 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024** for Youth Ministry.

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November to explain the importance of Eucharistic Adoration.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Caseys Hotel, Baltimore

**World famous Irish musician and songwriter, Phil Coulter returns to the very special venue of St Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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>