



TRADITIONAL ADVENT PRAYER

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires
[here mention your request]
through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.....

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: that this upcoming Jubilee Year may strengthen our faith, help us to recognise Christ in our daily lives, and transform us into pilgrims of hope.

THIS WEEK

SUN 1 DECEMBER: First Sunday of Advent: Sunday Cycle C begins, the Year of Luke.

• *World AIDS Day (UN)*

TUES 3, St BARRAHANE: patron of Gleann Bhearcháin (Castlehaven) and of its two churches, the Roman Catholic parish church and the Church of Ireland in Castletownshend
• Also St Francis Xavier, priest, missionary in India, Goa and Japan, a patron of the missions.

• *International Day of Persons with Disabilities*

FRI 6, ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA, patron of Galway city, Russia, pawn-brokers and children.

SAT 7, ST AMBROSE was made bishop at the insistence of the people of Milan. Patron of beekeepers and domestic animals — and Milan.

FINANCE CORNER (24 NOVEMBER)

Aughadown: €965 Kilmacabea: €675

Castlehaven & Myross: €840

Rath & the Islands: €655 Skibbereen: €1,405

Advent Penitential Service
Mon 15 December 7.30 pm Skibbereen

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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

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

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 am -1 pm. [Closed Bank Holidays]

• **Phone** 028-22828 • **Email** stciaranasFOP@gmail.com •

☆ POINTS TO PONDER ☆

“From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, may the good Lord, deliver us!”

— ST TERESA OF AVILA

“Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”

—ROMAN MISSAL. page civ

“Moments, not possessions, are the true treasures of life.”

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 Skibbereen PHONE 028-22877

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, in West Cork phone 087 611 4946.

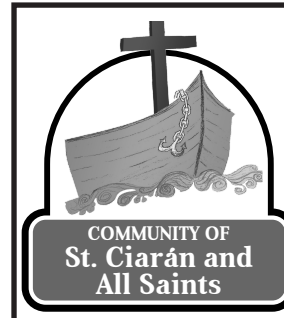
Pieta House Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444.

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



COMMUNITY OF
**St. Ciarán and
All Saints**

St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 1 DEC 2024 FIRST ADVENT VOL 3: NO 14

THINGS TO DO IN ADVENT

Advent is a journey of hope, preparation, joy and love. Escape the busyness of this time in these ways: Assemble a crib with an empty manger, and explain to your children the true reason we celebrate this time of the year. Visit a neighbour, who might not have many callers, and listen to what they have to say. Do without some treats, and share what you save with someone in need.

And prepare an Advent wreath. The three purple candles and one pink are lit, one on the First Sunday, with one more added each Sunday:

• Week 1 - Hope: Candle of Expectation. In the midst of darkness, the advent candle reminds us that a great light is coming into the world.

• Week 2 - Preparation: Candle of Readiness. We prepare our hearts, to make this a time to receive Christ anew.

• Week 3 - Joy: Candle of Rejoicing (Shepherds' Sunday). In the glow of the third candle, let joy fill our hearts.

Week 4 - Love: Candle of Divine Love. Spread this love to others, embodying the true meaning of Christmas.

Pope Francis tells us that prayer and charity are antidotes to mediocrity and indifference. Prayer allows God to be close to us; frees us from loneliness, gives us hope.

Siobhán O'Brien [CATECHIST, RATH & THE ISLANDS]





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 no later than 5pm Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 30.11.2024

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.

Jim O'Donovan, Lisheenapingina.

Peter O'Brien, Townshend Street, Month's Mind.

Monday – 9.30am Stephen Hurley, Minanes, Drinagh

Tuesday - 9.30am Eileen Daly, Bridge Street.

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes

Thursday - 9.30am Eileen O'Sullivan, Shountellig.

Friday – 9.30am Special Intention

Saturday – 6.30pm Rosie Dwyer, North Street and COPE

Danny O'Donovan, Mardyke Street.

Sunday - 11am Vera McCarthy, Skibbereen and Caheragh.

The Crowley and Nolan families.

We welcome to our faith community Alice O'Shea, Abbeystrewry, daughter of Simon and Eimear, who was baptised on 23 November in St Patrick's Cathedral

Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the families of Michael (Mick) Connolly, Wilton and Lisheenapingina, Skibbereen and Michael O'Sullivan, Mardyke Park, Skibbereen. May they Rest in Peace.

We also extend our condolences to the family of Aoife Boyle, Glencurragh, Skibbereen. May she Rest in Peace.

Weekday Masses Monday to Friday at 9.30am. The Rosary is prayed before Mass each morning. (**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.

First Friday calls will be made during this coming week. If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like a visit from a Priest, please contact the **parish office 028 22828.**

The Christmas Remembrance Book will be available in the cathedral from this weekend. All names in the book will be remembered at our Christmas masses.

The Local Conference of St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen, will hold its annual appeal on the weekend of **Friday and Saturday sixth and seventh December**. Members will be in attendance at our rooms in Market Street from **10am to 3pm both days** to accept donations. The Conference wants to thank the community and are very grateful for your ongoing support. All donations received are used to support people in the area. St Vincent de Paul - we are always here to help. **Please contact: 087 9182698.**

Any news for the **Legion of Mary Christmas newsletter** can be handed in to the parish office or given to any member legionofmaryskibb@gmail.com

The Rosary will be recited at the Lake Cross Grotto on **Sunday 8 December at 3pm** to Celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

This is the seventieth Birthday of the Grotto which was erected by the local people in the Marian year. On Sunday 5 December 1954 the Grotto was blessed and opened. We remember and pray for all who worked, prayed and contributed in any way to the Grotto during the seventy years.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.
Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

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

Monday 2nd December 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 4th December 10.15am Rath - Deceased members of the O' Driscoll Family, Inane, including Pat Joe, Nancy & Pat and Eileen & Richard Bushe

Friday 6th December 10.15am Rath

Saturday 7th December

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Rath – Mary Burke, Lough Hyne
Peter & Mary Leonard, Reengaroga and Dingle
Kathleen Scully, Creagh

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Cleaners: We have a rota of very dedicated volunteers who clean our church on a weekly basis. We are looking for some new people to replace some of our older volunteers who feel it is time to hand over to some younger members of the community. Please contact Maeve Devlin (086 365 6054) if interested in any of these worthwhile volunteer jobs.

First Friday Calls will be made this week. 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.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament continues every Monday and Friday from 10am to 6pm both days in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. All are welcome

Turning on of the Christmas Lights in The Square, Baltimore today Sunday 1st December at 3pm. Christmas carol singing with Rath National School, Mulled Wine, and Santa & Mrs Claus.

Baltimore Community Market Christmas Fair today Sunday 1st December from 11am to 2.00pm in the Baltimore Sailing Club. Gorgeous gifts and foody goodies. Lucky dip and raffle in aid of Baltimore Play School

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available in the Parish Office, Skibbereen – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.

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.

Medjugorje May 28th 2025, 7 nights. €949 pps half board in Hotel Leone. €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 086 2959380.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND Christmas Fundraiser! On **Friday 13th December** in the **The Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee**. Doors open at 5:30pm followed by a four-course meal, live music, information about Radio Maria including its mission, vision and how it can help support the faithful in Ireland today. Why not come along and enjoy a great night and help a charity! To book your ticket (€65 per person) go to Eventbrite.ie or to book over the phone or for more information, call the studio on 01 4 123456 or online on www.radiomaria.ie