

FAMILY OF PARISHES CHRISTMAS SERVICES (24/25 DECEMBER)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: Union Hall 5pm; Glandore 6pm; Skibbereen 6.30 pm; Kilcoe 7pm; Leap 7.30 pm; Rath Parish Church 8pm; Skibbereen (Cathedral) 9pm
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: Sherkin 9 am; Rath Parish Church 9.30 am; Glandore, Kilcoe, Oileán Cléire, Union Hall 10 am; Skibbereen (Cathedral) 11 am; Castlehaven, Lisheen 11.30 am; Leap 12 noon.

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

THURS 26: ST STEPHEN, First Christian martyr, outstanding for forgiving his enemies. Patron of deacons, stonemasons and bricklayers.

FRI 27: ST JOHN, the disciple Jesus loved, author of the fourth gospel, Apocalypse and three Letters, teacher on the law of love.

SAT 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, martyrs.

SUN 29: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, model of family life.

MON 30: Christmas Octave, fifth day

TUES 31: Christmas Octave, sixth day

WED 1 JANUARY 2025: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God [World Day of Peace].

MASSES: Skibbereen 9.30 am, Rath 10.15 am, Glandore 11.00 am, Lisheen & Union Hall at 11.00 am.

THURS 2 JAN: St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazienzen, bishops & martyrs

FRI 3 JAN: The Holy Name of Jesus

SAT 4 JAN: Christmas Weekday

SUN 5 JAN: SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

MON 6 JAN: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation). In Ireland: *Nollaig na mBan*, "little Christmas".

MASSES Skibbereen 9.30 am, Kilcoe 10 am, Castlehaven 11.30 am, Leap 12 noon, Rath 7.30 pm

☆ **POINTS TO PONDER** ☆

"A life without festivity is a long road without an inn" —DEMOCRITUS
"Those who wish to sing always find a song."

FINANCE CORNER (15 DECEMBER)

Aughadown: €780 Castlehaven: €760
Kilmacabea €635 (€635 on 8 Dec. also)
Rath & the Islands: €650 Skibbereen: €1,465.

CLERGY

- Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP, Skibbereen (MODERATOR). PHONE: 028 22878
- Fr Terry O'Brien, MSC Co-PP, Leap EMAIL: kilmacabeparish@gmail.com
- Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP, Union Hall TEXT OR WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627
- Fr Evin O'Brien CC Skibbereen

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

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TILL Thursday 2 January, 10 am, then open Friday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10 am - 1pm each day.
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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 22 DEC 2024 FOURTH ADVENT VOL 3: NO 17

REACH OUT ACROSS THE RUBBLE

An art installation in a church is not unusual. Throughout the history of churches, the walls have been adorned with art. What was different about the art installed in the Lutheran Bethlehem Church was that it was so real.

The manger for the Christ child was a pile of rubble - no room for family. The Child was swaddled by concrete blocks. The animals were cordoned off by rubble. It was as if they could not quite reach the child. It was as if the war in the Middle East was causing this brokenness and intensified pain.

For some people, Christmas is a time of family; we welcome home the ones who live abroad. But for some there is no welcome, no thought of

travelling back; they live lives outside our loving communities. What can we do to make the welcome home an invitation to all?

Christmas is a time of reconciliation. What would it look like if we all offered the olive branch of peace? If, with the help of God, we reached across the rubble of broken relationships to mend, repair, renovate. What would it look like if we extended the hand of friendship across the rubble to the least, the lost and the lonely?

For Christmas, pray for those who will be alone — and pray for peace not just in the Middle East but all over the world and in our own hearts.

Rev Suzie Gallagher
WEST CORK CIRCUIT, METHODIST CHURCH

Next Newsletter is on Sunday 12 January 2025 — Have a peaceful Christmas



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
21.12.2024 to Monday 06.01.2025**

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Kitty and Hans Rahr, Mardyke and US
Joseph O’Sullivan, Cork and Castletownbere,
recently deceased.
- Sunday - 11am** Michael and Eily Walsh, Reenmurragha
Daniel and Mary O’Regan, Lisalohorig and Joan and
John Ryan, Skeagh.
Michael O’Sullivan, Month’s Mind
- Monday – 9.30am** Anthony Coakley, Skibbereen.
- Tuesday - Christmas Eve – 9.30am** John Murphy and Mary Murphy
Bauravilla.
- Christmas Eve 6.30pm and 9pm.**
- Wednesday - Christmas Day 11.00am**
- Thursday - 9.30am** Joe O’Brien, Newbridge, Coronea.
- Friday – 9.30am** Ted Harnedy, Shepperton.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Bebe and Denis O’Mahony, Newcestown.
Margaret Harnedy, Shepperton.
- Sunday - 11am** Helen O’Brien, St Fachtna’s Terrace.
Jerome Hurley, Coolnagurrane and his brother Donal
Hurley, Reenascreena.
- Monday - 9.30am** Maura Hayes, Cork Road.
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Lucy Harnedy.
- Wednesday – 01 January - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday - 9.30am** Nora Deasy.
- Friday - 9.30am** John O’Sullivan, Shountullig.
- Saturday - 6.30pm** Bridie Goggin, Mallavonea
Noel Cotter Coronea, First Anniversary
- Sunday -11am** Tim Joe McCarthy, Skibbereen.
Eugene and Mary McCarthy and Ted and Sheila
McCarthy, Ilen Street.
Michael O’Rourke, Cork Road, Month’s Mind.
- Monday - 9.30am** **Feast of the Epiphany.**
Timmy Keohane, Rossmore.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Gene O’Neill, Oldcourt, Skibbereen who died recently. May he 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.

Please note that the blessed sacrament chapel will not be open for adoration on Friday, 27 December 2024.

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the host"

Pope Benedict XVI

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

Hospitality Morning, will resume on Wednesday 08 January 2025 after the 9.30am Mass.

We would like to thank the committee members, sacristan Bernie Kelly, Brigid O’Driscoll and Mary Walsh, for the beautiful flowers and decorations, and all those who helped in the preparation of the Cathedral for the Phil Coulter concert on Wednesday last. It was a wonderful evening.

Fr Kevin and Fr Evin wish God’s blessing on all of you and your loved ones at this holy season of Christmas.

We welcome all those who are home at this time and joining us for the celebration of Christmas.

We ask for God’s blessing for the New Year of 2025.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 22nd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am Rath – Kieran & Hester Cotter, Baltimore & Cape Clear

Jackie Carey, Ballymacrown – 1st Anniversary

Annie Bohane, Drumadoon

Michael Martin Walsh, Bunalun, Skibbereen

Catherine, Patrick, Maggie & Paul Connon

10.00am Cape Clear - Ciaran G O'Drisceoil

Monday 23rd December – 10.15am Rath

Tuesday 24th December – The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8pm Rath – Christmas Eve Mass with Christmas Carols from 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th December – The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9.00am St Mona's Church, Sherkin Island

9.30am Sacred Heart Church, Rath with Christmas Carols from 9.15am

10.00am Séipéal Naomh Ciarán, Oileán Chléire

Friday 27th December – 10.15am Rath – Pat Joe O'Driscoll, Inane

Saturday 28th December - 4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 29th December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9.30am Rath – Christine & Denis Browne, Baltimore

Denis O'Regan, Freke Terrace, Baltimore

Helena O'Regan, Ballylynch

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 30th December 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 1st January – 10.15am Rath

Friday 3rd January – 10.15am Rath – Catherine O'Driscoll, Kilkileen & Heir Island

Saturday 4th January - 4.45pm – Sherkin

Sunday 5th January – Second Sunday of Christmas

9.30am Rath – John & Hannah Sheehy, Creagh

Monday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

7.30pm Rath – Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord

Wednesday 8th January – 10.15am Rath

Friday 10th January – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 11th January - 4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 12th January - The Baptism of the Lord

9.30am Rath – Josie Leonard, Rath

Sean Cahalane, Gurteenalomane, Skibbereen

10.00am Cape Clear

Christmas Book of Remembrance: The book for remembering your deceased loved ones is available at the side altar rail. You are invited to write the names of your deceased family members, neighbours, and friends in this book of remembrance. This book will then be placed on the altar for our Christmas Masses.

Christmas Offering Envelopes: The Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the porches of the Church. These offerings go towards the income of our Priests. We thank you for your support.

Parish Office Christmas Schedule: The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23rd December and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2024, at 10.00am.

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

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

Baltimore Christmas Day Swim: will take place on Christmas morning at 12 noon. Proceeds in aid of The Wild Atlantic Pool, Baltimore.

Christmas Mass Times in Rath and The Islands–

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

8.00pm Sacred Heart Church, Rath – with Christmas Carols from 7.30pm

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

9.00am St Mona's Church, Sherkin Island

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10.00am Séipéal Naomh Ciarán, Oileán Chléire

The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday 6th January - Mass in Rath at 7.30pm