

## BAPTISM SCHEDULE 2025

<b>Skibbereen</b>	FIRST & THIRD Saturday of the month	<b>4.00 pm</b>
<b>Rath</b>	SECOND Saturday of the month	<b>2.30 pm</b>
<b>Aughadown</b>	SECOND SUNDAY of the month	<b>After 11.30 am Mass</b>
<b>Kilmacabea</b>	THIRD Saturday of the month	<b>2.00 pm</b>
<b>Castlehaven</b>	FOURTH Saturday of the month	<b>4.00 pm</b>

- *To book, please contact Annette at the Parishes' Office, Skibbereen, She will outline options for baptism during Mass in your parish.*

### THIS WEEK

**SUN 19 JAN, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** begins today. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues to Saturday next, 25 January, also.

**TUES 21, ST AGNES**, a wealthy and beautiful girl, was put to death for her Christian faith. Patron of young girls.

**FRI 24, ST FRANCIS DE SALES**, Bishop of Geneva, patron of writers, editors and journalists.

**SAT 25 CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

**SUNDAY 26 JAN:** "Sunday of the Word of God" is celebrated today.

### FINANCE CORNER (12TH JAN & 6TH)

Aughadown: €790 (Epiphany €200)

Diocesan Needs €475

Castlehaven: €945 (Epiphany €70)

Diocesan Needs: €530

Kilmacabea €855 (Diocesan €340)

Rath & Islands: €677 (Diocesan €385)

Skibbereen: €1,895 (Epiphany €285)

Diocesan Needs: €850.

**POINT TO PONDER:** *When you put your trust in God, the impossible becomes possible...*

### CLERGY

- *Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP (MODERATOR) PHONE: 028 22878*
- *Fr Terry O'Brien, Co-PP Leap kilmacabeaparish@gmail.com*
- *Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP Castlehaven (Union Hall) TEXT/WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627*
- *Fr Evin O'Brien CC Skibbereen, PHONE 028 22877*

### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Alcoholics Anonymous** in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

**Pieta House** Crisis helpline 1800 247 247;

Or text **HELP** to 51444.

**St Vincent de Paul**, Skibbereen: 087 918 2698

**Samaritans:** 116 123 free.

**Women against Violence** Helpline 1800 203

*Parishes' Office, phone 028-22828 or email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com*



**St Ciarán & All Saints**  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

# NEWSLETTER

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

SUN 19 JAN 2025    SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME    VOL 3: 19

## WE CELEBRATE FUNERALS AT MASS — WHY NOT BAPTISMS?

“The Christian community welcomes you with great joy.” These words are spoken at the beginning of a baptism ceremony. Doesn't it make more sense when the whole community gathers to welcome the new member?



We celebrate baptism as part of the Easter Vigil. And baptisms can be celebrated as part of any Mass. If we all come to a funeral Mass to say goodbye to members of our faith community, why not gather to celebrate new members of our faith family, welcoming them 'with great joy'?

When baptism is celebrated during Mass, the priest welcomes the child

and their family just before the Opening Prayer. Mass continues with the readings and homily. The Creed is replaced with the renewal of baptismal promises. The child is then baptised with water and anointed. The godparents light the baptismal candle from the Easter candle and 'receive the light of Christ'. Mass continues with the bidding prayers, offertory and Communion. At the end of Mass, the congregation join the priest in blessing the parents. What a privilege to be part of such a celebration of new life!

Last week I wrote about the new baptisms rota in the Family of Parishes. Baptism during Mass is also an option as part of that new rota. Contact Annette in the Family of Parishes Office for further details.

**Maura O'Flynn** [CATECHIST]



**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 18.01.25

**Saturday – 6.30pm** Denis Crowley.  
John O’Mahony, 98 Street.

**Sunday - 11am** Sean Connolly, Oldcourt and Sharon Connolly.  
Ina Williamson, Leap.  
Mary Hurley, Townshend Street, First Anniversary.

**Monday – 9.30am** Kathleen Connolly, Townshend Street

**Tuesday - 9.30am** Ellen and Alex McCarthy and families, Caheragh.

**Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes

**Thursday - 9.30am** Detta Carey

**Friday – 9.30am** The McCarthy family, Home Rule Terrace.

**Saturday – 6.30pm** Mary O’Donovan, Skahana, Union Hall  
John Collins, Chapel Lane.

**Sunday - 11am** Paddy O’Shea, Market Steet.  
Denis Dempsey, Shepperton.  
Carmel O’Driscoll, Pound Hill, Month’s Mind.

We extend our sympathies to the families of:

Mary Collins (née McCarthy), Tallow, Waterford and Skibbereen  
Mary Kelly (née Long), Bauravilla, Skibbereen  
who died recently. May they 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. All welcome.

### Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment

Family of Parishes gatherings – Next Steps: Over the next four months all the Parishes and Families of Parishes of our Diocese will be involved in the next stage of our Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment. This will involve representatives of each Parish Leadership Team participating in three meetings over three weeks reflecting on the questions posed in Bishop Fintan’s invitation in September. Since September, people individually, and in parishes, have been praying the Diocesan Prayer from the Boat. As we continue to pray this prayer together, we pray for the success of these gatherings and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as together we try to pray, listen, and discern God’s future for our Church.

**Medjugorje International Youth Festival** second to ninth August 2025 - Spiritual Director Rev David Lane. €799.00 half board including flights from Cork. Travel with Joe Walsh Tours, **group leader Anna O’Shaughnessy 089 4038650/086 2959380**.

**Volunteer drivers needed - Skibbereen Geriatric Society**, who provide a widespread delivery of meals on wheels in the town and surrounding areas, are seeking volunteer drivers for delivery of their luncheons on a rota basis. Anyone interested please contact **Linda Shannon** at [skibbgeriatric@gmail.com](mailto:skibbgeriatric@gmail.com) or by post to **Skibbereen Geriatric Society, Market Street, Skibbereen**. We have a genuine passion and desire to deliver high quality care and service to our community.

### Foundations in Theology and Sycamore Programmes for Young Adults

The Diocese of Cork and Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project, is offering two exciting programmes for young adults (18-35 years), starting on **Wednesday 29 January from 6-8pm in Mardyke House, Cork, T12 W8RP**. Both programmes will run concurrently over the next ten weeks: To sign up or for more information, please email Sheila at [youthministry@corkandross.org](mailto:youthministry@corkandross.org)



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

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

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Sunday 19th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – Agnes Davis, Lackahane

Bernie McCarthy, Baltimore – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 20th January – 10.15am** Rath

**Wednesday 22nd January – 10.15am** Rath

**Friday 24th January – 10.15am** Rath

**Saturday 25th January**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

**Sunday 26th January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9.30am** Rath – John Stanley Holland, Highfield

Jerome & Margaret Minihane, Creagh

Michael & Julia Forde, Creagh and London

Julia McManus (nee Burke), New York and Lough Hyne

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**Weekday Masses** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am

Confessions by appointment.

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- **Foundations in Theology:** This introductory programme explores the fundamentals of our Christian faith. Sessions will be presented by various experts, including some of our own priests.

- **Sycamore Formation Series:** A welcoming and accessible starting point for young adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

Each session will begin with food and refreshments, and provide

participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion.

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We have a genuine passion and desire to deliver high quality care and service to our community. "Volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels was one of the best things I decided to do – providing people with a nutritious daily meal, being that friendly face to those who may have little social contact and supporting people to keep their independence whilst living in their own homes."

**HALF A MILLION PILGRIMS HAVE ALREADY PASSED THROUGH THE HOLY DOOR OF ST. PETER'S BASILICA FOR THE JUBILEE** - Just two weeks after the solemn opening of the 2025 Jubilee year on Christmas Eve, already 545,532 pilgrims from all over the world have passed through the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. This is a very significant beginning, with a large turnout of people. The groups crowding along Via della Conciliazione give an important witness – they are a sign of the great sense of safety and protection that pilgrims experience in the city of Rome and in the areas around the four Papal Basilicas" said Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, who is in charge of the organization of the Jubilee. The first major event of the Holy Year will be the Jubilee of the World of Communication to be held from 24th to 26th January. Thousands of journalists, communications experts and officials from all over the world are expected in Rome for the occasion.