

### TIPS FOR READERS (MINISTERS OF THE WORD)

- The Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) should always be sung. If it is not sung, it may be omitted: please feel free to leave it out.
- At the end of each reading, simply say ‘The Word of the Lord’ not ‘This is..’ It’s a more accurate translation of ‘*Verbum Domini*’ (Latin).
- During the Responsorial Psalm, there is no need to say “Response” each time the congregation is to respond. Simply wait for the response.
- Please always read from the Lectionary, never a missalette. Check that the right page is open for you, before Mass begins.

### THIS WEEK

**SUN 26 JAN, THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** is marked today, a reminder of the significance of scripture readings at Mass — God’s Word.

**MON 27:** Anniversary of Fr John Walsh, PE Castlehaven & Myross (2004)

**TUES 28, ST THOMAS AQUINAS**, one of the Church’s greatest theologians, patron of schools and universities.

**THURS 30, BL MARGARET BALL & FRANCIS TAYLOR**, Irish martyrs.

**SAT 1 FEB, ST BRIGID**, ‘matron saint’ of Ireland, patron of Union Hall church.

**SUNDAY 2 FEB**, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day). Candles are blessed as we acclaim Jesus as ‘the Light of the World’.

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**Pieta Hse** 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 203 136

### FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

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## NEWSLETTER

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

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## WHY DOES THE READER SHOUT “RESPONSE” BEFORE EACH VERSE?

I have picked up many suggestions of ways to improve the Mass (and I welcome yours too, to: [FR\\_BERNARD1984@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FR_BERNARD1984@GMAIL.COM)). Recently I wrote a column in *The Irish Catholic* asking for even more ideas. Ten people from different parts of Ireland wrote with their reflections.

One challenging email came from an older gentleman from Co Clare, who wrote: ‘At four score and six, I watch Mass almost every day from various churches. What I find annoying is that in many instances the readers insist on saying, sometimes shouting, “Response” between the verses of the psalm.’

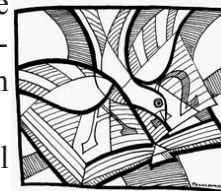
Another writer, from Cork city, suggested wisely: “The Old Testament reading always needs a word of expla-

nation.’ A correspondent from Cloyne diocese had suggestions for us priests: ‘Simple English in homilies please, and brief, we don’t want two or three anecdotes filling in the time. And not what was on the TV news last night, we come to Mass to get away from all that!’

And a final suggestion for me, from another Irish Catholic reader: ‘A good, well-timed, well-prepared homily, particularly when based on the readings of the day, is worth its weight in gold.’

These were all good ideas to think about on this Sunday of the Word of God. How can we all help God’s word to come alive for us, in Mass and in life? Your thoughts, please.

**Fr Bernard Co-PP** [UNION HALL]





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newsletter** – Please email Skibbereen Parish Office:  
[skibbereenparish@gmail.com](mailto:skibbereenparish@gmail.com) no later than 5pm  
Tuesday.

### **Mass Intentions from Saturday 25.01.25**

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Mary O'Donovan, Skahana, Union Hall.  
John Collins, Chapel Lane.
- Sunday 11am** Paddy O'Shea, Market Street.  
Denis Dempsey, Shepperton.  
Carmel O'Driscoll, Pound Hill, Month's Mind.
- Monday – 9.30am** Denis McCarthy, Kildee, Dunmanway.
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Eucharistic Adoration Renewal Mass.
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes.
- Thursday - 9.30am** Humphrey Desmond, Kilboy, recently deceased.
- Friday – 9.30am** Jeremiah Daly, Kilcrohane.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Frank and Anna McCarthy, Coronea.  
Detta Carey, Derrylugga.
- Sunday - 11am** Jeremiah and Mary O'Donoghue, Drishanemore.  
John Bohane, Kilderry.

### **Candles will be blessed at masses next weekend.**

**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.**

**The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart** are going to **Lourdes** from the **25-30 May 2025 from Cork**. For more details, please ring Mary at **021 454 6691** or email [mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie](mailto:mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie)

**The Mass at 9.30am** in the Cathedral on **Tuesday 28 January** is being offered for adoration Renewal. **After Mass** a meeting will be held in the presbytery for all involved in Eucharistic Adoration. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers and have a general discussion. *"During Holy Hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding and our love for the poor more compassionate" St Teresa of Calcutta*

**Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome – Bishop Fintan** will lead a group of **50 young people (18 to 30 years)** to Rome this summer from the **28 July to the fourth August** for the Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our young people to not only meet the Pope, to experience the Eternal City, but also to be encouraged and inspired as they meet other young people of faith from all continents. Hundreds of thousands of young people are expected to travel and to experience this Jubilee Celebration, which only happens every 25 years in the Church. The pilgrimage will cost **€550.00** per person (plus fundraising) and will include seven nights half board at the Irish College, Travel Insurance, a 20Kg bag, and a pilgrim kit. There will be a special **Launch Evening on Thursday 6 February at 7.30pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP)**

**Clonakilty Bereavement Group** - Are you grieving? Would you like help with your particular loss? Clonakilty Bereavement Group is a safe and secure place in which you work through your grief. We are offering you support over a five-week period commencing on **Tuesday 25 February @ 8pm** in Clonakilty. For more information, please **phone 023 8835654 (Mon-Fri 9.30am - 1pm)**



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### **Mass Intentions**

#### **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

**10.00am** Cape Clear

**Monday 27th January – 10.15am** Rath

**Wednesday 29th January – 10.15am** Rath

**Friday 31st January – 10.15am** Rath

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**4.45pm** Sherkin

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – The Presentation of the Lord**

**9.30am** Rath – Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballylynch

Billy Andy O'Driscoll, Baltimore

**10.00am** Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

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

**Rath Vintage Club** will hold their annual Threshing Day at Lackahane on St Bridget's Weekend **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 2pm – Weather Permitting**. All proceeds in aid of local charities. Everybody welcome.

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**The January 2025 meeting of the Bantry and Surrounding Areas Cardiac Support Group** will be held on Tuesday, January 28th at 8pm in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building) P75 T611.

The topic for discussion at this month's meeting will be Diabetes and Cardio Vascular Disease. Marion O'Donovan from the HSE will deliver the talk and be available to the group to answer questions afterward. Blood pressure will be taken from 7.30pm.