

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEB. 2025
— for vocations to the priesthood
and religious life

“Let us pray that the community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.”

THIS WEEK

MON 17 FEB, ST FINTAN. The second diocesan meeting takes place tonight in Skibbereen GAA Pavillion at 7.30 pm (for pastoral council and finance committee members).

• *Presidents' Day in the USA.*

FRI 21, NATIONAL CAREGIVERS' DAY (USA), to recognise and honour caregivers and their critical contributions to families, communities and the national healthcare system.

SAT 22, CHAIR OF ST PETER, this feast began as a Roman custom of remembering the ancestors, adopted by the Roman church to honour Peter as bishop of Rome and focus of unity.

☆ **POINT TO PONDER** ☆

“No matter what yesterday was like, birds always start the new day with a song.”

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE: To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, 1 North St, Skibbereen: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10 am -1 pm. [CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS]
 • Phone 028-22828 • Email stciaranasFOP@gmail.com •

FINANCE CORNER (9 FEBRUARY)

• *with special collection to support Cork & Ross pilgrimage to Lourdes*
 Aughadown €990; Lourdes €790.
 Castlehaven €820; Lourdes €660.
 Kilmacabea €885. [Sun 2nd €650]
 Rath/the Islands: €580; Lourdes €470.
 Skibbereen: €1,465; Lourdes €1210.

CLERGY

- *Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP (MODERATOR) PHONE: 028 22878*
- *Fr Terry O'Brien MSC, Co-PP, Leap kilmacabeparish@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



St Ciarán & All Saints
 FAMILY OF PARISHES
NEWSLETTER
(for the parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven & Myross, Kilmacabea, Rath & The Islands, and Skibbereen)

SUNDAY 16 FEB 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY VOL 3: 23

BE A VALENTINE.....

Newly ordained in the 1960s, my first appointment was to King's Lynn in East Anglia. I acquired a £50 scooter and took to the roads in full clerical garb, without helmet or gloves. An AA (Breakdown Assist) van pulled alongside. The driver probably guessed I was unsettled and homesick, so trying to reassure me, he said: “Soon you'll meet a nice girlie here and be very happy!” [Their clergy were married.]

And what of Valentine? He believed in marriage and paid for it with his life. He married young soldiers in secret at a time when the Emperor believed single men

made better soldiers. Last Friday was the great man's feast, St Valentine's Day.

Is it fair to say that our world has become obsessed with power, wealth, lust, greed, violence and drugs, and has become shabby because of it? We need feasts like St Valentine's Day to point us to the skies.

Life is fragile, young children cry when hurt, and the sick and elderly too: *'Unless we see a person in the light of love, we don't see them at all'*, —and when we do, our simple smiles, friendly gestures, handshakes and kind words make all our days into St Valentine's Days.



Fr Donal Cahill PE
 AUGHADOWN PARISH





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 15.02.25

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Eily and Pat Courtney, Gurteenalomane and Ian McAuliffe, recently deceased.
John Streeton, Lissalohorig.
- Sunday - 11am** Eileen Daly, nee Cahalane, Skibbereen and Killarney
Daniel and Margaret Lynch, Licknavar.
Denis Murphy, Ballybane East.
- Monday – 9.30am** John O’Sullivan, Shountellig, First Anniversary.
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Hester O’Brien, recently deceased.
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes.
- Thursday - 9.30am** Cait Walsh
- Friday – 9.30am** Timothy and Elizabeth O’Regan, Market Street
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Paddy Collins, North Street
Teresa and Patrick O’Donovan, Lassanaroe
- Sunday – 11am** Pat Cleary, Skibbereen and Union Hall
John O’Donovan, Ballyalla, Skibbereen, First anniversary.

Recently deceased:

We extend our condolences to the families of the following:

Anthony Keane, Coomnageehy Skibbereen.

Fionnghuala Hickey (née ní Chonaill) The Square, Skibbereen and Tralee, Co Kerry

Ivo Kennedy, Kinsale and Skibbereen

Moses Odonkor, Ard Carrig, Skibbereen and Ghana

Margaret O’Donoghue (née Nagle) St Fachtna’s Terrace, Skibbereen

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**.

Oh Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings on this day for all the intentions of your sacred Heart in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen

Physical Activity Leaders training with Age and Opportunity, Cork Sports Partnership, and the Health Promotion & Improvement Dept, HSE South West are teaming up with Age & Opportunity to offer PALs training in west Cork for Spring 2025. Completing this workshop will enable PALs to lead activity sessions with their group PALs typically, go on to lead physical activities with groups or communities of mobile older people, such as Active Retirement Groups, ICAs and other groups. Potential PALs do not need to have any background or formal experience in leading physical activities. They simply need to be independently mobile, active older people. We encourage two or three members of each group to attend the same PALs Workshops so that they can support each other in the leading of activities afterwards. **Date: Six Wednesdays fifth March to ninth April. Time: 10am – 3pm. Venue: O’Donovan Rossa GAA Club, Skibbereen, Rossa Road, P81 HF74 Cost: FREE.** Enquiries to **Tim Burke: tburke@corksports.ie** or **Claire Hurley: claire.hurley@hse.ie**



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 16th February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Clare Connolly, Lough Hyne

Nora Sheehan, Ballylynch – Months Mind

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 17th February – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 19th February – 10.15am Rath

Friday 21st February – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 22nd February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 23rd February – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Connolly, Crow Hill

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am

Confessions by appointment.

Recently Baptised: We welcome into our faith community here in Rath Fionn Leahy, son of Tadhg and Miriam, who was baptised on 8th February 2025.

First Friday Calls – 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.

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Venue: O'Donovan Rossa GAA Club, Rossa Road, Skibbereen, P81 HF74

Cost: FREE

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Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Tuesday 18th February at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

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 February 25th at 8pm in Clonakilty.**

For more information please contact. Phone 023 8835654 (Mon-Fri 9.30am - 1pm)