

NOTICE RE BOOKING SUNDAY MASSES

- From 1st February 2025, Each Sunday and Saturday Vigil Mass can have **three** intentions — arranged through the Family of Parishes office.
- In addition, a Months Mind or First Anniversary may be included at a week-end Mass, if requested.
- For further info, or to make a booking, please contact the Office (details below).

THIS WEEK

MON 3: St Blaise, patron of people suffering from ailments of the throat.

- *Throats will be blessed at these masses only: 9.30 am Skibbereen, 10.15 am Rath, and 7.30 pm Leap, all on Monday 3rd.*
- *The Sacrament of the Sick will be given during the 11 am Mass in Lisheen, this Bank Holiday Monday. All welcome.*

SAT 8, ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: A native of Sudan, she was brought to Italy as a slave, where she became a Christian. In her honour, this is 'International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking'. We must reach out to victims and survivors.

FINANCE CORNER (19 & 26 JAN.)

Aughadown: €775, €865.

Castlehaven & Myross: €905, € 800.

Kilmacabea €675, €760 .

Rath & the Islands: €605, € 465 .

Skibbereen: €1575, €1,445.

POINT TO PONDER: *“Those who have a WHY to live for, can bear any HOW.” — Viktor Frankl*

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 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

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC. CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 am -1 pm.

- Phone **028-22828** • 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)

SUNDAY 2 FEB 2025 CANDLEMAS VOL 3: 21



Today is Candlemas Day. We bless and carry candles this Sunday in honour of Jesus, who is the Light of the World. He was celebrated with this title by the elderly prophet Simeon, when the 40-day-old baby Jesus was presented in the Temple. Mary and Joseph presented their first-born child on the 40th day after his Nativity, as every Jewish couple did. **May His Light always shine in our lives!**



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 01.02.25

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Frank and Anna McCarthy, Coronea.
Detta Carey, Derrylugga..
- Sunday - 11am** Jeremiah and Mary O'Donoghue, Drishanemore.
John Bohane, Kilderry.
- Monday – 9.30am** Julia McManus, née Burke, Lough Hyne and New York, recently deceased.
- Monday - Feast of St Blaise** *throats will be blessed after Mass.*
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Margaret O'Donovan, Lakelands.
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes.
- Thursday - 9.30am** Michael McCarthy, Riverdale.
- Friday – 9.30am** Ellen Collins, Newmarket.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Pat Connolly, Deelish.
Eugene and Mary O'Donovan, Market Street.
- Sunday - 11am** William and Mary O'Regan, Schull and Dominic Hodnett, Skibbereen.
Jim O'Donovan, Lisheenapingina.

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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.

First Friday Calls – This week the priests of the parish will call to the sick with Holy Communion. 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**.

Second Collection next weekend 08 & 09 February: A diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is held annually. Parish groups, individuals and anyone with a desire to be part of this faith journey is welcome to participate. An annual collection in the parishes of the diocese is used to assist needy people with travel expenses and subsidises the expenses of required medical, professional help as well as voluntary carers for the sick. People who need assistance are accommodated in a special hospital on the grounds of the shrine and this is staffed during the pilgrimage by people from Cork & Ross who volunteer to assist the pilgrims. The helpers and the able-bodied pilgrims stay in the hotels in the town – which are also near the Grotto. People are encouraged to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage as helpers, nurses, and doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes. Contact: lourdes@corkandross.org

The Diocesan Coordinators of the Pilgrimage to Lourdes are Fr Charlie Kiely, Fr Damian O'Mahony, and Fr Marius O'Reilly. They are appointed by the bishop and work alongside a dedicated team of volunteer lay people.

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

The **parish office** will be closed for the bank holiday and will reopen as normal on Wednesday February 5th.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Rath – Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballylynch

Billy Andy O’Driscoll, Baltimore

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 3rd February – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 5th February – 10.15am Rath

Friday 7th February – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 8th February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 9th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Kathleen & John Joe O’Driscoll, Ballymacrown

Dan Griffin, Cork Road, Skibbereen

Teddy Collins, Reengaroga and his wife Maggie Collins

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am

Confessions by appointment.

Candles will be blessed at Masses this weekend Sunday 2nd February.

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this feast day, throats will be blessed after mass.

Rath Vintage Club will hold their annual Threshing Day at Lackahane today

Sunday 2nd February from 2pm – Weather Permitting. All proceeds in aid of local charities. Everybody welcome.

Rath NS is currently enrolling infants for Sept 2025.

Open/Enrolment Day will take place on Fri 7th February from 2.15pm - 4pm.

More info from rathnationalsc@gmail.com

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BALTIMORE COMMUNITY ALERT

Can you help?

Our principal activity is arranging the provision of Personal Alarms for over 65s, whether living alone or as a couple through the Seniors Alert Scheme.

This service enables more people to remain in their own home with peace of mind for the clients and their families.

This group needs volunteers otherwise it will close. If you would like to volunteer with this group then please get in touch, using bcagrp.ie@gmail.com.

More information about the scheme can be found at Seniors Alert Scheme Pobal | SAS | Personal Alarms for the Elderly Ireland

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome Launch

Bishop Fintan will lead a group of fifty young people (18 to 30 years)

to Rome this summer from the **28th July to the 4th August** for the Jubilee of Youth

Pilgrimage. It is a once in a life 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 twenty five years in the Church.

The pilgrimage will cost €550 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 6th February at 7.30pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP).

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