

Forty Days of Lent:

The journey to Easter...

*Day 11, Mon 17: Remember changes, losses and gains since last St Patrick's Day.

*Day 12, Tues 18: Pray for Pope Francis.

*Day 13, Wed 19: Care for our common home; turn off lights, recycle, re-use.

*Day 14, Thurs 20: No screens after tea.

*Day 15, Fri 21: Pray for the sick and housebound.

*Day 16, Sat 22: Be patient.

St Enda's Feast Day is 21 March: (born c 450 and died c 530) he is an Irish Saint who was Abbot of Aran. He is considered to be one of the founders of Irish monasticism.

Points to ponder:

*As you breathe right now another person takes their last. So stop complaining and learn to live your life with what you have.

*The real wealth is health.

*Don't ever save anything for a special occasion. Being alive is the special occasion.

Family of Parishes Office: To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, 1 North St, Skibbereen:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10am – 1pm. (Closed Bank Holidays)

Phone 028-22828 Email stciaranasfop@gmail.com*

Finance Corner 9 March

Aughadown: €805

Bishops Commissions: €575

Castlehaven and Myross: €995

Bishops Commissions: €610

Skibbereen: €1345

Bishops Commissions: €990

Rath: € 685

Bishops Commissions: €415

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Useful Contact Numbers

Alcoholic Anonymous, West
Cork: 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 116 123 free.



St Ciarán & All Saints

Family of Parishes

Newsletter

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

Sunday 16 March 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

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St Patrick

In 2026 we will celebrate the bicentenary of St Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen. This beautiful building was built with stone which came from a ruined 13th century castle at Ringarogy, Baltimore.

The Cathedral is dedicated to St Patrick. According to legend, St Patrick was born to Christian parents in Roman Britain in approximately the year 385. His name was Maewyn Succat but when he became a priest, he changed it to Patricius or Patrick which derives from the Latin term for "father figure".

When Maewyn was about 16 years old, he was kidnapped and taken into slavery herding and tending sheep in the West of Ireland. After six years of servitude, he escaped after a dream in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he met some sailors who took him back to Britain. He survived a harrowing journey before he was

As his faith deepened, he began his studies for the priesthood and was ordained by St Germanus the Bishop of Auxerre in France. Later he was ordained a bishop. He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling him to "*Come and walk among us once more.*" Because of the shortcomings of his education, he was reluctant to return. However, he did return and began preaching, teaching, and baptising all who would accept Christ. St Patrick died in 461. He is reputed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. In that cathedral there is a stained-glass window depicting his life.

*June Kelly, Parish Pastoral Council,
Skibbereen*

**Naomh Pádraig agus
Naomh Ciarán,
Guí Orann**



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: skibbereeparish@gmail.com no later than 5pm Tuesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 15 March 2025

Saturday – 6.30pm Joseph O’Sullivan, Cork and Castletownbere, First Anniversary.

Mary Hodnett Deasy, Union Hall and Skibbereen.

John and Eily O’Sullivan, Lissalohorig.

Sunday - 11am Sean Connolly, Oldcourt and his daughter Sharon Connolly.

Geraldine Hurley, Poundlick.

Colm Crowley, Inchinagotagh.

Denis Dwyer, Month’s Mind.

Monday – 11 AM St Patrick’s Day Niall O’Donovan, First Anniversary

Tuesday - 9.30am Patrick and Kitty Hodnett, Goleen.

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes

Thursday - 9.30am Larry Butler, Galley Head Lighthouse

Friday - 9.30am Carmel O’Driscoll, Pound Hill, recently deceased.

Saturday – 6.30pm Donald and Eily Feeley, Gortnaclohy.

Patsy, Margaret, and John Joe O’Regan, Boulibawn.

Jim McCullagh, Mill Road

Sunday – 11am John and Nellie O’Mahony, Inchinagotagh.

Richard and Kerry Hodnett, Gortnaclohy.

D F O’Sullivan, Schull Road, Skibbereen.

Recently deceased:

Michael O’Mahony, The Bungalow, Baltimore Road and Smorane.

Jeremiah Joseph (Derry) O’Donovan, Cara House and North Street.

Matt Murphy, Sherkin Island.

Malcolm Pike, Cork Road, Skibbereen and Rathcooney and Dorset.

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 in the Cathedral 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.

Eucharistic Adoration in Rath Church on Wednesday evening from 7pm-9pm.

Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral every **Friday at 6.30pm**, during Lent.

Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper in September

A special Information evening will take place in Mardyke House, Cork (T12 W8RP) for those aged 18 to 25, who are interested in travelling with the Diocese of Cork and Ross to Lourdes (19 – 24 September) as a Young Adult Helper. The meeting will take place at **7.30pm on Thursday 20 March**. This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to assist pilgrims in need and deepen their faith by experiencing the unique spirituality of Lourdes. For more information, please contact **Sheila Kelleher 021 430 1717** or youthministry@corkandross.org

Listen to Him - Lent is a good time for asking ourselves who directs our lives. The Shepherd Psalm reminds us that the voice of the Lord guides us along the right path. But are we listening to the Lord? We are very aware nowadays how much our physical diet affects our state of health. But are we equally sensitive to the effect of our mental diet on our spiritual health? Anybody who feeds the mind with a diet of pornography or noisy, violent films or games is asking for trouble. A serious Lent may mean cutting back on the time we give to internet addiction, compulsive radio, or obsessive television. Some people recommend a Digital Detox Day once a week. Even a Digital Detox Hour each day might be a good start. We need to learn how to listen to God, to listen attentively to other people, and even learning how to listen to our own inner feelings. To listen with attention is the first step in loving.

A Choral and Organ Concert will be hosted by Glaslinn Choir, on **Friday 28 March at 8.15pm** in **St Fachtna’s Cathedral, Rosscarbery**. As **28 March is Daffodil Day**, the Irish Cancer Society and the local branch of St Vincent de Paul Society will be the beneficiaries.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.
Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 16th March – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Tessie Sheehy, Ballylynch
Jim McKenna, Cork & Baltimore – Months Mind

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 17th March – St Patricks Day

9.30am – Donie O'Regan, Reengaroga

Wednesday 19th March – 10.15am Rath

Friday 21st March – 10.15am Rath – Janey Murphy, Reengaroga

Saturday 22nd March

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 23rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Anne & Paddy Carey, Ballymacrown

Fiona Scully, Creagh & London

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am

Confessions by appointment.

Recently deceased: We extend our condolences to the family of Matt Murphy, Sherkin Island. May he rest in peace.

Adoration in Rath Church every Wednesday evening during Lent from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral every Friday at 6.30pm, during Lent

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

Baltimore St Patricks Day Parade Monday 17th March. Floats meet at 11.30am in car park across from Garda Station. Parade starts at 12 noon. Prizes given for Best Eco Green Float, Best Maritime Float, Best Overall Float and Best Newcomer Float. Prizes will be awarded later in the square with music.

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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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport with Spiritual Director

Our pilgrimage departs from Cork with Aer Lingus on **4th June 2025**.

Everyone is welcome! Full daily programme and optional tours. 4-star hotel conveniently located close to the village centre and the St James Church.

Half board: breakfast & dinner each day. Coach transfer to Medjugorje on arrival and return from your hotel to airport for return flight. Check-in assistance at airports. 20kg check-in bag and 1 small cabin bag. For further information and full details please contact Jim Keogh 087 2678793 /021 4885371.

This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through, Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at trocaire.org

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