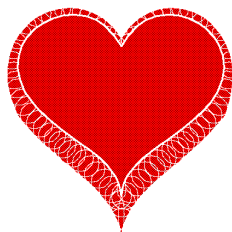




A prayer for Mothers Day

Holy God, look with love on mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow and joy in their work for their families. Listen to their prayers and bless them in all they do for you. Let them share with Jesus your Son and Mary our mother in the everlasting happiness of heaven. Amen.



FORTY DAYS OF LENT:

The journey to Easter.....

- **DAY 23, MON. 31:** Pray for Pope Francis. Meeting to plan Easter Vigil is at 8pm tonight in the Presbytery, Skibbereen.
- **DAY 24, TUES. 1 APRIL:** Do not use the Lord's name in vain, only in prayer.
- **DAY 25, WED. 2:** Pay a sincere compliment to someone you meet.
- **DAY 26, THURS 3:** Recycle glass, bottles and jars.
- **DAY 27, FRI. 4:** Fast from food.
- **DAY 28, SAT 5:** De-clutter a room.

FINANCE CORNER

AUGHADOWN: SUN 23RD March €780

CASTLEHAVEN: Sun 23rd € 785.

KILMACABEA: Sun 16th €600; St Patrick's Day € 255, Sun 23rd €710.

SKIBBEREEN: Sun 16th €1,710, St Patrick's Day €895, Sun 23rd €1,480.

RATH & THE ISLANDS:

St Patrick's Day €720, Sun 23rd €575.

CLERGY

- *Fr Kevin O'Regan Co-PP (MODERATOR) 028-22878*
- *Fr Terry O'Brien MSC, Co-PP, Leap, 028 33177 kilmacabeparish@gmail.com*
- *Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP Castlehaven (Union Hall) TEXT/WHATSAPP: 087 901 0627 frbernard1984@gmail.com*
- *Fr Evin O'Brien CC Skibbereen, PHONE 028 22877*

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta Hse: Text **HELP** to 51444.

St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen: 087 918 2698

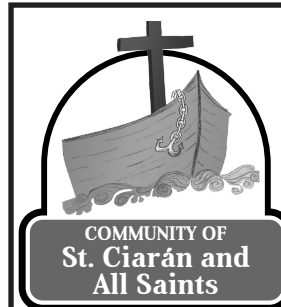
Samaritans: 116 123 free.

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136

FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE: To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, Skibbereen:

THIS WEEK: Mon, Wed & Thurs 10 am -1 pm. [CLOSED FRI 4 APRIL]

• 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)

30 MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT VOL 3: 29

WHO PAYS OUR PRIESTS' SALARIES?

It's a question often asked: where do our priests' salaries come from? The answer is that the priests in our parishes do not get a 'salary'. Instead, the priests depend on the generosity of us, their parishioners.

Where does the income for the Parish clergy come from?

- Mass collections on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday – these are the only two days when the church collections go to the priests in the parish.
- Christmas and Easter dues
- Spring and autumn station offerings
- November novena offerings
- 'Stole fees' – offerings received for weddings, funerals and baptisms.
- Chaplaincy fees from hospitals and nursing homes.

In Cork & Ross Diocese, the normal income for a priest in 2024 is €44,000 per annum. From this, each priest will pay income tax (as self-employed), car expenses, household costs (eg. light, heat, personal phone, broadband), health insurance, personal pensions, diocesan levies, clerical outfitters, computer costs and stationery, subscriptions, accountant's fees, education and training.

As the numbers of priests decrease, our expectations of them remain the same. It is important to show our priests not only financial support but also our continued appreciation.

Geraldine McCarthy [RATH AND THE ISLANDS PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE]



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 Wednesday.

Mass Intentions from Saturday 29 March 2025

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Eileen and Cornelius Harrington, Gortnaclohy.
Sadie Walsh, High Street.
- Sunday – 11am** Jerome Hurley, Coolnagurrane.
Margaret Bohane and Patrick Bohane, Drishanebeg.
Pat Joe O’Neill, Kilnaclasha and Paddy O’Neill,
Upper Bridge Street.
- Monday – 9.30am** Special intention
- Tuesday - 9.30am** Nancy O’Shea, Cois Caol, Skibbereen
- Wednesday - 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday - 9.30am** Special intention
- Friday - 9.30am** The deceased members of the O’Sullivan family
Lisheenroe
- Saturday – 6.30pm** Michael O’Mahony, Baltimore Road and Smorane,
Month’s Mind.
- Sunday – 11am** Sean Lucey, North Street and Bishopstown, First
Anniversary
Therese and Tim O’Driscoll, Baltimore Road.
Moirá Cahalane, Mohonagh, Month’s Mind.
JJ (Derry) O’Donovan, formerly of North Street,
Month’s Mind.

We extend our condolences to the family of recently deceased: Mary (May) Ronan (née Tobin) Cullinagh, Skibbereen. May she 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**.

Eucharistic Adoration in Rath Church every **Wednesday 7pm to 9pm**, during Lent.

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

Rosary – every **Tuesday at 8pm** at **Our Lady’s Grotto, Cork Road, Skibbereen**. All welcome.

Hospitality Morning, in the Presbytery, on Wednesday after the **9.30am Mass**. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday – The annual Divine Mercy Novena will be held in **St Patrick’s Cathedral, Skibbereen** on **Sunday 27 April 2025**. **Confessions** commence at **2.30pm** and **Novena prayers** commence at **3pm**. Everyone from the Family of Parishes is invited to attend.

A **second** collection will take place this weekend for the Diocesan Needs quarterly collection. This assistance to parishes is only possible through your ongoing generosity. In January the Quarterly Collection amounted to €56,738 for which the Diocese is most grateful.

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino? Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the Camino Frances walking from Sarria to Santiago in Spain. We will then visit Fatima for a short pilgrimage. We are being led on this spiritual journey by Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring **Valerie at 021 454 3988** or email valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Friday 4 April 2025**.

If your child would like to participate in the dramatization of the children’s Way of the Cross on **Good Friday (18 April)** in St Patrick’s Cathedral please contact **Cliodhna on 086 2362530**. Rehearsals 14/15/16 April at 4pm.

Gorta Shop -Volunteers needed: Self Help Africa retail charity shop, Market Street, Skibbereen. Your help would be much appreciated. **Contact Delia 028 20768 or Barbara 028 21060**.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 30th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

9.30am Rath – Pat Davis, Mardyke Street, Skibbereen

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 31st March – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 2nd April – 10.15am Rath – Pat Joe Hayes, Tragumna

Friday 4th April – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 5th April

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 6th April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Ellen Connolly, South Rath

Charlie & Mary Davis, Ballylynch

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

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.

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.

Diocesan Quarterly Collection this weekend Sunday 30th March 2025.

The Diocese supports parishes through all kinds of services such as Education, School Religious Faith Formation support, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, Stewardship and Governance and in areas such as Data Protection, Finance and property advisory.

This assistance to parishes is only possible through your ongoing generosity. In January the Diocesan Quarterly Collection amounted to €56,738 for which the Diocese is most grateful. These collections allow us to support the work in Parishes and Families of Parishes. This work is vital to enable our parishes to be renewed and invigorated.

As we continue the Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment in our Diocese and discern how God is calling us to be his Church and Faith Communities into the future, your financial support is vital to allow this to happen. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

EASTER VIGIL MEETING - To prepare for our Family of Parishes' Easter Vigil on Saturday 19th April at 9pm in the St Patricks Cathedral, Skibbereen, a preparatory meeting for the Easter Vigil will be held in the Presbytery, Skibbereen, on Monday 31st March at 8pm. Coordinators of Ministers of the Word (readers), people involved in music ministry (choirs, cantors) and a representative from each sacristy is asked to attend.

Rosary at the Grotto – If you wish to pray for peace in this troubled world, you may do so every Tuesday at 8pm at Our Lady's Grotto, Cork Road, Skibbereen. All welcome.

Monster Charity Bingo: Sunday 6th April in The West Cork Hotel at 3pm, €1500 in prize money. All are welcome and all proceeds are for Marymount

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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