

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Skibbereen:

Saturday 10am-11am

St. Barrahané's, Castlehaven

16th and 30th May 11.00-11.30

St. Brigid's, Union Hall

23rd May 11.00-11.30

St. Comgall (May 10th) was born in the Dal Riada area of the north-east coast of Ireland (Co Antrim) about 517. In 555 Comgall founded his own monastery at Bangor, Co Down. He successfully combined the austerity of Fintan with the scholarship of Finian. Comgall died at Bangor in 603 and his relics were kept there until in 822 they were scattered by Viking raiders. He was an inspiration of the *peregrinatio pro-Christo* movement. He died at Bangor in 603.

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Finance Corner date

Aughadown: €965

Castlehaven & Myross: €815

Dev. Fund €895

Kilmacabea: €745

Maintenance: €726

Skibbereen: €1590

Rath & the Islands: €755

Thank you for your generosity

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous in West

Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta House Helpline

1800 247247; or text HELP to 51444.

St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen:

087 918 2698

Samaritans: 116 123 free.

Women against Violence Helpline

1800 203 136



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

Newsletter

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

10th May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

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St. Patrick's Cathedral – Part 2

1877 saw the arrival of William Fitzgerald as Bishop of Ross. Within 20 years he added the beautiful sanctuary you know today with its altars by Daly and by Pearse and fine stained glass by Mayer of Munich. Bishop Denis Kelly (1897-1924) added the sanctuary decoration as well as the Adoration Chapel, using Earley of Dublin for both. Bishop James Roche (1926-35) added the remainder of the stained glass around 1930, using Watsons of Youghal on this occasion. He filled the remainder of the Cathedral with pews. Before then, only a select few had been able to sit during mass.

Bishop Moynihan (1941-53) undertook a significant renovation in 1950. Among other changes, a new pulpit was needed and the colour scheme we know today was introduced. Bishop Moynihan's departure in 1953 heralded winds of change. The Diocese of Ross was joined with that of Cork and the new episcopal seat moved to the city. Vatican II saw a new altar introduced allowing the priest to face the congregation.

In 2003-4 Fr Jim Donovan instigated the most radical changes to the structure since the time of Bishop Fitzgerald. The sanctuary was opened up to the congregation and the fine Mayer altar from the former convent was adjusted and replaced the 1970s altar. Heading into its third century, we find ourselves in a beautiful building that has served us well and has survived and thrived only because of the care we continue to show it.