

## POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

### *For the values of sports*

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

## CLERGY

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## Finance Corner date

**Aughadown:** €860  
**Castlehaven & Myross:** €815  
**Kilmacabea:** €1100  
**Skibbereen:** €1490  
**Rath & the Islands:** €895

*Thank you for your generosity*

## 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

## Summer Schedule

This is the last Family of Parishes newsletter until September.  
For the Summer months, copies of the mass intentions for the Family of  
Parishes will be available in all churches and the intentions will be posted on  
the church noticeboards and on our website: [westcorkparishes.ie](http://westcorkparishes.ie)

## FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

to book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc.  
contact the family of parishes' office

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10am -1pm

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The office will be closed from July 27 until August 5.



St Ciarán & All Saints  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

## Newsletter

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

28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Vol. 4:41

## *The Priests Among Us*

Sarah MacDonald wrote a powerful article in the Irish Independent, that puts into perspective the pastoral care towards priests. Sarah wrote about the need for priests to take care of themselves even if it means stepping away from their pastoral role. This is an absolute need for a priest's continuing good health and spiritual wellbeing. When a priest or member of a religious institute asks for a Sabbatical he/she is not asking for an extended holiday, as seems to be a common thought. A sabbatical is a specific period during which a priest or religious needs time to reflect, refresh and be renewed in body, mind and spirit. A sabbatical becomes a reality when all elements are in place; namely, location, programme of study, and a substitute to cover time away especially for priests.

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Fr Bernard will return to the Family of Parishes following his sabbatical and will continue as Co-PP in Myross and Castlehaven.

In his absence, Fr Kevin provided ministry in the Family of Parishes. For Fr Kevin, the time among you has also been a period of renewal for him. Fr. Kevin has gained experiences of rural parish life. Conversations now evolve around silage, agitated land and fertiliser; first cut, second cut and being aware of the wind's direction concerning a line of washing! Above all, Fr. Kevin's experience of the faith-life in the Family of Parishes has enriched his pastoral ministry just as Fr. Bernard's experience in Canada has enriched his life. The witness, support and kindness towards your priests are a blessing and which all of you need to be very proud of.