

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Thérèse of Lisieux (the Little Flower) died on 30 September 1897; her feast is celebrated the next day. She said she would spend her heaven doing good on earth, and so it has transpired. Her suggestion for us: 'Do the ordinary things with extraordinary love and care.' Living like that, we can all make a difference — as she did. St Thérèse, patron of missionaries, florists and gardeners, and people in pain, please pray for us.

Finance Corner 20/09/2026

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Kilmacabea: €325
Priests' Education €250
Skibbereen: €1812
Priests' Education €955
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Points to Ponder

*Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible.

*Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls

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Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta House Helpline
1800 247247; or text HELP to 51444.

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087 918 2698

Samaritans: 116 123 free.

Women against Violence Helpline 1800 203 136



St Ciarán & All Saints
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Newsletter

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

27th September 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vol. 5:4

It's nice to be home

Thanks to everyone who has made me so welcome since coming back from my sabbatical. You have been so kind. I feel privileged to serve in the nicest part of Ireland.

Thanks to my colleagues Fr Kevin and Fr Evin who made it possible for me to get away, and to Fr Kevin Hanley for standing in. And thanks to the parishioners who encouraged me, kept in touch and made me look forward to coming home. I feel blessed in your friendship.

I had a great time in Victoria. The sabbatical gave me perspective, a rare chance to stand back from all I was doing and reflect on my priorities. I attended lectures on the gospels and also participated in a renewal course. The whole experience has given me a new zest for life — and joy in my ministry.

It's an interesting time to be a priest. Ordinations have become rare but baptisms continue in every parish. The Lord is making sure we are well supplied with baptised lay people to provide leadership. I look forward to doing all I can to develop your ministry, to ensure our Church has a future.

Feedback and suggestions welcome: Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Fr Bernard

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