

**There is a second collection
this weekend October 10 &
11 for Diocesan Needs.**

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Callistus

How many popes were crooks? At least one! Callistus, a slave in Rome, was put in charge of funds which “disappeared”. He was told to pay back the debts, then arrested for brawling. He later became a Christian and was denounced and sentenced to work in the Sardinia salt mines. In AD 199 he was ordained a deacon and later became bishop of Rome (pope). He was accused of being too merciful, because he thought any sin could be absolved, even sins like his. He was martyred in AD 222. The feast day of St Callistus (former crook) is 14 October.

Point to Ponder *Prayer is not just talking to God; it is also listening to him. And listening requires silence.*

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Finance Corner 04/10/2026

Aughadown: €845

Castlehaven & Myross: €825

Development Fund: €785

Kilmacabea: €800

Maintenance: €775

Skibbereen: €1450

Rath & the Islands: €610

Thank you for your generosity

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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)*

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Why do the poor have to help the Missions?

Did you know that on the second last Sunday of October every year, a collection for the missions is taken in every Catholic church in the world: that's 223,844 parishes in all, in every country. In addition, there is a collection at Mass at over 122,000 mission stations.

Why do poorer countries have to contribute? Where the faith is newer, people are more eager to give than in the old churches of the First World. When your faith means something precious to you, you want others to hear this Good News too. That's what makes churches in the Third World so anxious to contribute.

Pope Leo presides over the Universal Solidarity Fund, which matches the income from each country to projects in mission dioceses in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Last year, €2.6 million was sent from Ireland to projects in Antilles, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cameroon, Kenya, Panama, Senegal and Sri Lanka. Churches were built, catechists supported, seminarians trained and presbyteries constructed. Every cent collected made a difference.

Mission Sunday 2026 is next Sunday, 18 October, at which a collection for the Church's missions will be taken up, everywhere: please support it.

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