

*There will be a Special Collection
Today for Priesthood Education.*

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Friday next is September 25th,
feast of St Finbarr. Friday 13
weeks is Christmas Day.

St Finbarr tells us each
September what day of the week
Christmas falls on. Born in
Templemartin, baptised in
Kilmurry, Finbarr prayed in
Gougane Barra and founded his
monastery in Cork — its first
bishop. Patron of the city, the
university and the Diocese of
Cork: St Finbarr pray for us, as
we make the journey from your
feast to Christmas.

Points to Ponder

Everything you do now is for
your future.
Be careful with your words. Once
they are said they can only be
forgiven, not forgotten.

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Finance Corner 13/09/2026

Aughadown: €770

Castlehaven & Myross: €845

Kilmacabea: €530

Skibbereen: €1635

Rath & the Islands: €880

Thank you for your generosity

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**Alcoholics Anonymous in West
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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)*

20th September 2026 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vol. 5:3

Without water, we die

It's said the Eskimos have over 100 words for snow.

We Irish have as many terms for rain. Six months of precipitation
from January to June 2026 turned into a glorious summer, leading to a
hosepipe ban, and drought, and then, inevitably, more rain. We get
weary of rain, and yet, without it, we die, and so do our plants and
shrubs and animals. Water means life, which is why we use it to
baptise and to bless.

'Living Water' is the theme for Creationtide this year, which runs
from September 1st to October 4th. Its themes include water
conservation, ecosystem renewal and community action. You can
mark Creationtide practically:

- Switch to green energy; reduce your environmental impact.
- Conduct a water audit, sort out leaks and reduce waste.
- Keep our rivers clean and free from rubbish and farm pollution.
- Thank God for water: without it we wouldn't exist.
- PRAY LIKE THIS: *"Lord, help us remember how essential water
is for all life, for creatures, for the earth, for balance in creation.
Inspire us to play our part, to build a new and better world where
God's creation is valued and our common home preserved for future
generations."*

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