

### Recent Baptisms:

We welcome into the Christian Community those recently baptised:  
Cillian Joseph Maher, Gullanes,  
Margot Kingston, Wayside Crescent.

### Thank You – from Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

Our Gift Mass was a great success and all the gifts received have now been distributed to the local needy charities and organisations. – thank you for your support.

### Weekend Collection:

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>: €3,905.00**

Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you.

### Christmas Offering

The three priests who are based in Clonakilty Parish appreciate the ongoing kindness of our parishioners. Thanks for your generosity in the Christmas offerings (envelopes available at church doors).

### Mass Times during Christmas week

Morning Mass Dec 26th and following days at 10am.

### Parish Office hours

The Parish Office will be closed during the coming week and re-opens on Tues Jan 2nd.

The Parish Office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am to 1.30pm.

It is located to the rear of the Parish Centre. In-person enquiries are welcome along with contact by phone (023-8835654) and by email. Selection of Mass Cards available for sale and Masses can be also booked for those cards. Marriage and Baptism bookings are taken online at [www.onefaith.ie](http://www.onefaith.ie)

### A Prayer before Christmas Dinner

Dear God of every day and especially of today,  
thank you for the many blessings we enjoy.

Bless each one here, bless the food we share, bless our time together.

Shine your Heavenly light on our people who are not here.

Help all people to sing a song of peace this Christmas and in the new and every year. Lord, we welcome you among us and may you one day welcome us to your Heavenly table. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clonakilty & Sacred Heart Church, Darrara

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### December 24<sup>th</sup>. 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Welcome!

For Christians, the feast of Christmas is a celebration of welcome. In the birth of his Son among us, God has freely chosen to welcome us into his eternal life and into his family.

To be authentic followers of Christ, we also open our hearts and our lives to others as we begin to understand that all people are made in the likeness of this same loving God.

May you know the joy of being welcomed by God and being loved by Him. Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

#### *Mass for Christmas*

Sunday December 24th:

**Christmas Eve Masses:** Clonakilty at 6.30pm and 9pm

**Christmas Day Masses:**

8.30 am Clonakilty; 9.30 am Darrara and 11am Clonakilty

*NB earlier time of last Mass on Christmas Day*

#### Other Masses in our family of parishes:

**Christmas Eve:** 6pm Timoleague, 6.30pm Lisavaird, 7pm Rossmore, 7.30pm Rathbarry, 8pm Barryroe, 8pm Carraigfada, 8pm Clogagh, 9pm Rosscarbery & 12 midnight Courtmacsherry.

**Christmas Day:** 9am Rosscarbery, 9.30am Courtmacsherry, 10 am Ardfield, 10 am Clogagh, 10.15am Lisavaird, 11am Barryroe, 11 am Bealad, 11.30 Rosscarbery, 11.30 am Timoleague.

*Mass will also be celebrated at the Convent of Mercy, the Community Hospital and the care homes but these are not public.*