

CLONAKILTY FAMILY OF PARISHES

Newsletter

Clonakilty Family of Parishes comprises the parishes of Ardfield, Barryroe, Clonakilty, Kilmeen, Rosscarbery, and Timoleague.
Parishes' Office (023) 883 5654.

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14th Sunday of the year

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CLONAKILTY - NICE TO MEET YOU!

Clonakilty lies in the middle of our six parishes. TY student and Clonakilty parishioner Michael Francis Collins presents his parish here for summer visitors and would-be visitors from the other five parishes of our family of parishes. This is the fifth in a series of brief articles by TY students in Clonakilty Community College presenting our six parishes in turn. (Ed.)

Clonakilty is a vibrant town in the heart of West Cork, rich in history, character, and community pride. Whether you're exploring the charming Model Railway Village or enjoying a tour of the award-winning Clonakilty Distillery, there's something here for everyone.

Known as the Brewery Town, Clonakilty is located near one of Ireland's most beautiful beaches, Inchydoney. It also extremely proud of being Ireland's first autism-friendly town as well being the country's first fair-trade town, a testament to its inclusive community.

Clonakilty takes great pride in its varied range of festivals and events, these include stepping back in time with the Old Time Fair, the prestigious South of Ireland Band Championships, the lively Street Carnival, the world-renowned Clonakilty International Guitar Festival, the community-focused Clonakilty Agricultural Show, and the thrilling West Cork Rally.

The Church of the Sacred Heart of Darrara, sitting on the outskirts of town since 1897, is extremely important to the community. The Church of the Immaculate Conception standing tall in the centre of town was built in 1880 and during the construction of the catholic church, one of the workers by the name of John Sisk introduced Gaelic football to the town, leading to the establishment of the very successful Clonakilty GAA club, which has brought so much happiness, memories and state of the art facilities to the town. Another building that brings the community feeling is the Parish Centre, where many social events are held. The

Brewery Town excels in all aspects of sport, Football, Hurling, Soccer, Golf and Rugby, all bringing silverware into the town.

The town has many tourist attractions including the 'Big fella's - Michael Collins' - statue and house within Emmet Square where the Friday market occurs. The wheel pump in town, also known as the wheel of fortune, has been in Clonakilty since the 19th century. A hero of the 1798 uprising, Tadhg O Donovan Ansa's statue is located right in the middle of the town. The Clonakilty famous black pudding visitor centre is an experience like no other. Behind O Donovan's hotel, you will see a statue of Tojo, a monkey who travelled with an American crew during the Second World War, who crashed landed their plane 'taint the bird' on White's marsh at the foot of the town.

Come and visit us! During the summer, Sunday Mass is celebrated in Clonakilty parish church (P85 NT22) on Saturday evenings at 7.00pm and on Sunday mornings at 8.30am and 11.00am.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Barryroe Show

On Saturday 11th July, Barryroe Agricultural Show, in Barryroe GAA grounds (P72 KP04).

Ballinascarty Community Festival

Festival begins on Wednesday 9th July with an Active Retired Social Afternoon in Ballinascarty Community Hall (P85 PH04) at 2.30pm. John White Band to provide entertainment. Facebook.com/BallinascartyCommunityFestival/

Rossmore Drama

Kilmeen Drama Group will perform 'The Weir' at St Mary's Theatre, Rossmore (P85 TA48), on 10th & 11th July, at 8.00pm.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Priest changes

In the past week, Bishop Fintan announced changes to some priests' appointments in our diocese. The

changes include Canon John Kingston's appointment. Canon John is to retire from being a Co-Parish Priest but he will minister as an Assistant Priest in our family of parishes. We are all glad that he will also continue to reside in Timoleague.

Good wishes also go to Fr. John Collins, former PP of Kilmeen and Castleventry, who is retiring from holding a full-time appointment.

The full list of changes can be viewed at www.corkandross.org

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment

Last September, Bishop Fintan invited us to join with him in a Year of Prayer, Listening, and Discernment across the diocese. During the year, following our information meetings, there was a series of gatherings in each of the 16 Families of Parishes, with religious communities, the new Irish communities as well as engagement

with our school communities. The gatherings focused on the themes of:

- Baptism
- Sunday Eucharist
- Review of the Family of Parishes

These gatherings gave us an emerging sense of what God is calling us to do, what we should strive for, and what we must prioritise in this time.

Bishop Fintan would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who engaged in the journey so far and to those who supported it with their prayer.

Bishop Fintan has written an initial response to what has emerged from the gatherings and invites us to read this Pastoral Letter which is now available at the back of the church. The Pastoral Letter and the thematic summary of the responses from our Family of Parishes and the diocese as a whole are available on the diocesan website (www.corkandross.org).

Benduff Memorial Mass

Friday 18th July at 8.00pm in Benduff Quarry. If weather is inclement, Mass will be in St Fachtna's church, Rosscarbery.

Recently baptised

Ellie Aoife Ahern in Ardfield; Robyn Myra Ryan, Templebryan North, Ava Julia Connolly, Western Road, Isla Crowley & Sonny Crowley, The Miles. Kate Maud Sullivan, Clonakilty. Indie Rita Breen, Desert.

Dorothea Rose Guiseppina Jones, Garanagoleen,

Recently deceased

Lily Connolly (née Deasy), Camus, Ardfield and America, burial took place in America. Michael O'Donovan, Brownstown.

Timoleague Mass for the dead

First Friday, 1st August at 7.30pm, Mass in Clogagh with prayers afterwards in Old Clogagh Graveyard and Kilmalooda Graveyard.

Offertory collections 28-29 June

Ardfield	€520
Barryroe	€915
Clonakilty	€4,700
Kilmeen	€654.50
Rosscarbery	€1,225
Timoleague	€856

PARDON ME?! WHAT WAS THAT AT MASS?

The priest has stopped, most of the time, saying 'one' before 'God, forever and ever' in the opening prayer at Mass. Why has he stopped?

The original words never had 'one' at all, and a poor reading of the original inclined people to think the 'one God' in English was the Trinity.

Most of the prayers of the Mass are addressed to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The opening prayer, or collect, is no different.

The conclusion we're so used to – (we make our prayer) through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son – is a

very ancient conclusion composed to emphasise the divinity of Our Lord. The 'God' in the conclusion is He, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. So, the priest prays aloud in the name of the congregation to God the Father, concluding that the Father is being prayed to through Christ, our Lord, who is God. The 'one' is superfluous and potentially confusing. For that reason, it was dropped in English a couple of years ago.

If you consider some other languages, they have clearer interpretations.

- Irish: Trínár dTiarna Íosa
Críost do Mhac,

[...], ina Dhia... *[through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, [...]]*
who is God...

- Italian: per nostro Signore Gesù Cristo tuo Figlio che è Dio ... *[through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who is God...]*
- French: Par Jésus Christ notre Seigneur et notre Dieu... *[through Jesus Christ our Lord and our God...]*

The change (in English) was to make it clearer that the conclusion is emphasising Jesus Christ is God.

Fr Fergus R.

Family of Parishes' Office. Open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Eircode P85 P793. (023) 883 5654 office@onefaith.ie

Urgent calls throughout the family of parishes: 086 876 0608

Baptisms and Weddings – Book through www.OneFaith.ie

Funerals – arranged through Undertakers. Volunteer lay funeral ministers assist families prepare the funeral Mass and they preside at liturgical prayer on the evening before the Mass.

Priests' Contacts

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Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

Summertime Sunday Mass schedule (till the end of August)

Ardfield P85 DD40 @ 10.00am

Barryroe P72 T206 @ 10.00am

Clonakilty P85 NT22 @

7.00pm Saturday,

Sunday @ 8.30am and 11.00am

Courtmacsherry P72 W259 @ 9.00am

Rossmore P85 V832 @ 11.00am

Rosscarbery P85 Y270 @

7.00pm Saturday, 11.30am Sunday

Timoleague P72 TF89 @ 11.30am

Samaritans: 116 123; jo@samaritans.ie (several days may pass before you receive an email in reply). **Society of St Vincent de Paul,** Clonakilty: 086 029 5142.