

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.

Sunday
20th July 2025
16th Sunday of the year

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SIX DECADES OF LINKS WITH PERU

It's over 60 years since the people of the Diocese of Cork and Ross, led by Bishop Lucey (†1982), took a decision which would change the lives of many people in South America.

On St Patrick's Day, 1965, Bishop Cornelius Lucey took pastoral responsibility for thousands of people living in the sands around the city of Trujillo in northern Peru.

Peruvians were moving in droves from living in poverty high up in the Andes mountains to seek what they thought would be a better life along the coast. But the coastal cities were now swamped so the new migrants lived in make-shift huts in areas with no services to support them.

Among the first priests to go to Peru, in response to a call from the Archdiocese of Boston to help, were Fr Paddy Leader from Clonakilty, Fr Michael Crowley, Carhuvouler (Enniskeane parish) and Fr Michael Murphy (Kilmichael). The latter was to become bishop of our diocese after Bishop Lucey.

The priests were soon joined by Sisters of Mercy, Bon Secours Sisters and Presentation Sisters along with a few priests from Kerry and Cloyne.

The people at home supported the Mission with extraordinary generosity and soon Trujillo's outskirts had new schools, health centres, churches and community facilities which were all funded by people in the home diocese.

Decades later, the mission was extended to include an area near the city of Manta, Ecuador.

Over the almost 40 years when sisters and priests from Ireland served the needs of the people of South America through the diocesan mission, their sacrifice was more than matched by people's donations to the Peru Boxes in

churches at home and the annual May collection for Peru, as well as countless other fundraisers.

Today, the parishes in that community are vibrant. They don't have Irish priests and sisters anymore, but they have a legacy which is not forgotten.

Fr Tom Hayes, Co-PP and Moderator, Vicar General.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Courtmacsherry Harbour Festival

26th July to 4th August. Regatta Day (26th July), Car Treasure Hunt, Live Music, Fancy Dress Parade, Dog Show, Guided Historical Walks, and lots more.

Timoleague Harvest Festival

Friday 15th to Monday 25th August.

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

The new Diocesan Director of Safeguarding, and Designated Liaison Person, for Cork and Ross, is Mr Des Bell. See www.corkandross.org/safeguarding

Timoleague Cemeteries

A number of billboards have been erected in the cemeteries of Timoleague parish, each with a map listing the families buried and grave location. We are grateful to Fr Patrick Hickey and his team who have brought this about.

The project has cost €10,342.00. A donation was received from Abbeymahon Restoration Committee of €2,000.00. In addition, €900.00 was donated at the Timoleague cemeteries Mass on 4th July. A similar a collection will be

taken up at the Clogagh cemeteries Mass on Friday 1st August. Additional donations gratefully received.

Family of Parishes Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome

Two places remaining. Monday 1st September to Thursday 4th September. Contact Karen at Barter's Travelnet. (021) 4851700.

Clon Parish Church Cleaning

Saturday 26th, after 10.00am Mass.

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.

Mass at Mass Rock in Barryroe

The annual Mass at Béal an Aifrinn, Mealmane, Courtmacsherry, will be held this year on the Feast of the Coronation of Our Lady Queen of Heaven and Earth, Friday 22nd August, at 7.30pm. This Mass replaces the usual morning Mass in Barryroe.

Recently deceased

Joe Whelton, Currihy, Barryroe; Mary Cahalane (née Roche), Ballymacowen, Clonakilty; Cionnaith Ó Súilleabháin, An Tobairín, Desert.

Recently baptised

Caden Thomas O’Gorman,
Ballyvackey.

Offertory collections 12th-13th July

Ardfield	€515
Barryroe	€1215
Clonakilty	€4295
Kilmeen	€315
Rosscarbery	€1435
Timoleague	€815

Diocesan Purposes Collection 19th - 20th July 2025

The Diocese provides vital support to our parishes in many areas, including Education, Religious Faith Formation in schools, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, and Stewardship and Governance. We also offer guidance in practical matters such as Data Protection, Finance, and Property. This work is possible only because of your generosity. In April, the Diocesan Quarterly Collection raised €48,661 - a contribution for which we are deeply grateful. The next Diocesan Quarterly Collection will take place on the weekend of 19th and 20th July 2025.

PARDON ME?! WHAT WAS THAT AT MASS?

Sometimes the choir or priest sing the *Lord, have mercy* as ‘Kyrie, eleison’. What is the history behind the short back and forth between cantor and congregation or parts of the choir?

The history of this important chant lies in urban traditions of a procession through the streets

before certain celebrations of Mass. During the procession a litany was chanted by the congregation, and both procession and litany concluded with a cry to Our Lord that was similar to that reserved for Emperors visiting a city in perhaps a once in a lifetime event: an Adventus, or Parousia.

The cry was ‘Lord, have mercy’, a rather generic request for clemency and kindness for the citizens who would be subject to the emperor’s authority. It was not an admission of wrongdoing as such, but an acknowledgement of the emperor’s authority over all things and all people in the city. To use the expression is then to think of Our Lord’s coming in glory at the end of time, to judge the living and the dead.

This cry, from the conclusion of the religious litany before Mass, is the only element left of the procession through the streets. Byzantine Christians, including our Ukrainian neighbours, have a similar chant - the Trihaghion (Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us) - at the beginning of their Eucharistic celebrations also.

The number of times ‘Kyrie, eleison’ was repeated has varied over the centuries being reduced to two each in 1969, and it was Pope Gregory the Great who added in ‘Christ, have mercy’ to our practice.

So what is the purpose of the *Kyrie, eleison* today? It remains independent of the penitential act

when we acknowledge having sinned and follows that general confession. As an expression associated with the Lord's return in glory, it is a moment to recall we celebrate Mass with the expectation that the Lord will return (recall St Paul's words 'When you eat this bread [...] until he comes'), and to request he be merciful to us.

Have you noticed that when we don't use the *I confess*, we often have the *Kyrie* with preliminary sentences (called 'Tropes') which focus on the Lord himself, not on our sins? 'You were sent to heal the contrite of heart, Lord, have mercy'. The penitential act is not so penitential

in fact, but takes on the emphasis of the *Kyrie* on the Lord himself, his characteristics and his mission.

Today, the *Kyrie* is a bit lost when not spoken. Since the 1960s, it's often experienced as a brief tag after the penitential act. It should be possible to sing the *Kyrie* at every Mass in a dialogue between the cantor and the congregation. We could use very simple melodies which we all know already, and it would slow us down to recall that we are praying for the Lord to come in glory and to be kind to us when he does.

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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Fr Fergus Ryan, OP, CC. (023) 884 0188 & 087 204 0576. priest@barryroe.ie

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.