

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
31st August 2025
22nd Sunday of the year

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We begin this Sunday with a new series of articles, this time on the primary schools in our family of parishes. Kilmeen National School writes to us first. Ed.

KILMEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL –WHERE LEARNING IS FUN & EVERYONE MATTERS

Hi I'm a student at Kilmeen National School and I want to tell you a bit about our school — because it's honestly a great place to be!

Kilmeen is a small school near Rossmore, kind of between Clonakilty and Dunmanway. It's been around since 1972, so it's been part of our community for ages. There are over 120 of us in the school, and what makes it special is that everyone knows each other. It's easy to make friends, and the teachers really care about us. Our principal is Mr. McCarthy. He used to be a top athlete and rowed for Ireland! He's all about teamwork and trying your best, and he always encourages us to do the same. We've got awesome teachers too:

- Ms. Murphy teaches the juniors — she's so kind and makes learning really fun for the little kids.
- Ms. O'Driscoll teaches 1st and 2nd — she always makes sure everyone feels included and helps us understand things in our own way.
- Ms. Lucey teaches the middle classes and also teaches music, which is cool because we get to sing and learn instruments.
- Ms. Keohane is into science and always has fun experiments for us to try. She also helps us with plays and shows.
- Ms. O'Mahony teaches the oldest classes (like mine!) and gets us ready for secondary school. She's really good at explaining tricky stuff. We also have a brilliant Special Education team: Ms. Ann Keohane, Ms. Burke, and Mr. McCarthy again (he does both!). They help kids who need extra support, and they're really

One body, one spirit, in Christ

patient and understanding. We've also got two SNAs, Margaret Daly and Liz O'Regan, who are super helpful and kind every day.

At Kilmeen, there's loads to do. We put on plays, have a Garden Fete every year, and even work in the school garden. We do sports like GAA, chess, tennis, gymnastics and rugby — and everyone gets a chance to join in. We also do cool stuff like computer and coding classes with Clare Kennedy, who makes learning about technology fun and easy to understand.

Our school isn't just about books and tests. It's about being happy, learning together, being curious, and being kind. It's a place where you feel safe and supported — and where you actually want to come to school every day! Kilmeen NS – Where learning begins with happiness!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Clonakilty Bereavement Group

Are you grieving? Would you like help with your particular loss? Clonakilty Bereavement Group is a safe and secure place in which you work through your grief. We are offering you support over a five-week period commencing on Tuesday September 23rd at 8pm in Clonakilty. For more information please contact 023 8835654.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Autumn Offerings

Parishioners in our diocese are known for their generosity towards their pastors. 100% of the income of a priest in a parish in our diocese of Cork and Ross comes directly from parishioners. The major part of that income is from the four 'offerings' or 'dues' in the Autumn, at Christmas, in the Spring, and at Easter, in addition to the November Novena Offerings. The smaller portion of the income comes from baptisms, weddings, funerals, and also

offerings for Mass intentions. Nothing is given to priests from the offertory collections at Mass, with two exceptions: Christmas and Easter Sunday collections are part of the Christmas/Easter Offerings.

The Autumn Offerings are due in early September. Envelopes are available in the churches and in your box of Offertory Envelopes. They can be dropped into the offertory baskets.

The priests appointed to our six parishes thank you most sincerely in advance for your generosity.

Barryroe Servers assist Bishop

Some Barryroe parish servers graciously gave of their time on Sunday morning last to assist Bishop Fintan in recording training videos for servers in other parishes of the diocese. They were one of two groups chosen for the training videos, Kilbrittain parish hosted the other recording sessions in the afternoon. All servers worked very hard preparing during the week and then on the day itself. They got an insight into film making in having

multiple takes of the different parts of the Mass. Thank you to the servers, their parents, and Rosarie McCarthy the coordinator in Barryroe church.

Novena to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

will be held in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork on Sunday August 31st to Monday 8th September daily at 10am & 8pm. Fr. Brendan O'Rourke C.S.S.R & Fr. Dan Baragry C.S.S.R. Theme: Following in the footsteps of Mary.

Vocation Society of St Josephs

The monthly meeting of the Society will recommence on next Tuesday evening September 2nd in the Parish centre at 7.30pm. The Society assists seminarians worldwide studying for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. New members from the Family of Parishes are invited to attend.

Adult Education and Study Facilitation in some of the teachings of Pope Francis

With Fr Michael Curran & Frances MacMahon in the Presbytery House, Skibbereen on Tuesdays from 7.30-9pm beginning on Tuesday September 2nd. All welcome.

Taizé Ecumenical Evening Prayer

Our next Taizé Ecumenical Evening Prayer will be held on Wednesday, 3rd September in the Sacristy of St.

Fachtna's Parish Church, Rosscarbery at 8pm. All are welcome to join us for a quiet time of Music and Reflection.

Poor Clares Vocation afternoon

on Saturday 27th September 2025 from 2pm to 4pm.

Clonakilty Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday after 10am mass.

Darrara Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday evenings 7-8pm.

Diocese of Cork & Ross Catechism of the Catholic Church

Group 1 commencing on Monday Septemeber 1st in Ballinlough Parish Pastoral Centre from 7.30pm-9.00pm with Spiritual director Mgr. Gearóid Dullea.

Group 2 commencing on Monday Septemeber 1st in Brú Columbanus, Wilton from 7.30pm-9.00pm with Spiritual director Fr Pádraig Brehany OFM. Pre booking is essential, please contact 087 7950325

Rosary in Timoleague

On Monday September 8th, feast day of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary after which Timoleague Parish Church is dedicated.

Recently Baptised

Seona Jean Antezzo, New York & Clonakilty. Oisín TJ Conlon,

Madame & Aoife Louise Houston,
Glasheen & Castle Upper.

Recently Deceased

Fr. Mark (Seán) Minihaue, O.S.A.,
Mary Finn, Ardgehane & Keith
Connolly, Maulrour West,
Ballinascarthy.

Offertory collections 23rd & 24th

August

Ardfield	€695
Barryroe	€1460
Clonakilty	€4753
Kilmeen	€408.80
Rosscarbery	€1420
Timoleague	€1050

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 Tuohy, SMA, CC. fergus257@gmail.com

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.