

# 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  
10<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year*

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## TEAMPAILLÍN FACHTNA

Although Teampaillín Fachtna has been an important site of pilgrimage since ancient times, very little is actually known about the site.

It is situated on the top of Burgatia Hill, about one mile east of Rosscarbery (as the crow flies). As The Causeway and present road network did not then exist, it was approached from Ross by stepping stones across The Lagoon and the present-day road up Burgatia Hill. This route later became the location of the main road from Cork.

It is believed that St Fachtna, who established his monastery and school in Ross, about 570, established churches at Kilfaughtnabeg (Glandore) and in Knocknageehy (Cnoc na Gaoithe) and regularly visited them.

Local tradition is that St Fachtna used to stop at the site of Teampaillín Fachtna, on his journey to and from Knocknageehy for meditation and to read his Breviary. On one occasion he left his Breviary behind him, it rained heavily that night, but when Fachtna returned the following morning, a small oratory had sprung up over the spot, protecting his Breviary.

It appears that a small structure, about 12 feet by 8, was built in much earlier times and may even be associated with the Knights Templars. This structure appears to have been rebuilt about 1664, a small flat stone on the north east corner of the building, has a partly obliterated inscription "Ad Gloriam Dei 16.."

The present structure had fallen into disrepair and was rebuilt about sixty years ago. The site has also been used as a burial ground.

The road approaching Teampaillín from the west is still known today as "Bohirínn a Marbh". St Fachtna's Holy Well is located just east of the site, on the right-hand side of the hill down from the Teampaillín. It has been a site of

pilgrimage ever since. Mass has traditionally been celebrated there on the feast of The Assumption, 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Please note that Mass this year is being celebrated on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August**.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Timoleague Festival**

Presents Mike Denver in Timoleague Catholic church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August. at 8.00pm. Proceeds to be divided equally between Timoleague parish and the festival. For more information and tickets please contact 083 8876414

### **Irish Blood Transfusion Service**

Clinics in Fernhill House hotel, Clonakilty Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. To book your appointment call 1800 731137

### **The great wild atlantic marathon walk**

takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August from Courtmacsherry bay to Inchydoney bay. Entire proceeds to Courtmacsherry RNLI lifeboat. For more information or to register [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

### **Darrara Community Centre**

will be hosting two events in the upcoming months. Pakie O'Callaghan celebrating the story telling of Eamon Kelly & Oh lads irish tour. Tickets available at Darrara community centre on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11.00am-12.15pm. More information on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

## PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

### **Padre Pio Annual Healing Mass**

Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.

### **Barryroe Parish Assumption – blessing of flowers and herbs**

Bring your own flowers and herbs to be blessed at Masses in Barryroe parish on the solemnity of the Assumption. The blessing recalls the story of Our Lord's Assumption when from her tomb flowers had grown. The blessed flowers are taken home as any bunch of flowers, and serve as reminders of the feastday and for us to pray. Edible flowers and herbs which have been blessed may be used in cooking and consumed with meals in the ordinary way.

### **Barryroe Charitable Donation Scheme**

Recently, Barryroe Parish received €10,588.28 from Revenue as part of the Charitable Donation Scheme based on parishioners' donations to the parish (Offertory collection, etc.) and income tax paid for the tax year 2023. The application for the 2024 tax year will be made shortly for which 48 parishioners have signed up. Parishioners who are not at present part of the scheme might like to consider joining. It is highly

confidential and requires a record of annual donations and the completion of a form by you. Contact Fr Fergus Ryan for further information.

### **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.

### **Tap machines – Clonakilty Church**

The tap machines in the church are back working The online donate button is also working.

### **Teampaillín Fachtna Rosscarbery**

The Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will take place in Teampaillín Fachtna on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm (weather permitting). This will be Rosscarbery Parish's part of the Family of Parishes celebration of The Jubilee Year. The mass will be preceded by a procession from the Parish Church, leaving at 6:00pm. Via Mill Road and Bóthar na Marbh. A shuttle bus service will be available from the Parish Church and parking is available in the field beside Teampaillín. All vehicular access will ONLY be from Owenahincha

Cross on N71. There will be NO 10:00am mass in The Parish Church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Timoleague – Signage at graveyards**

Collections at recent First Friday Masses and at the graveyards to remember the dead came to €1670. Sincerest thanks to all who contributed. Monies raised will go towards signage installed at the graveyards.

### **Knock – National Novena**

takes place from August 13<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> with daily ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm in Knock Basilica. For more information [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### **Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock**

takes place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Bus departs from Clonakilty & Bandon. Please contact Kathleen Courtney on 086 4084688 to book your place.

### **Recently baptised**

Seoda Evans

### **Offertory Collections 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

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| Ardfield             | €520    |
| & Heating Collection | €280    |
| Barryroe             | €1505   |
| Clonakilty           | €5080   |
| Kilmeen              | €354.32 |
| Rosscarbery          | €1715   |
| Timoleague           | €741    |

## **AUGUST 15TH HOLY DAY MASSES - The Holy Day on August 15th celebrates the Assumption of Our Lady.**

Mass times are as follows:

### **Thursday 14th**

7.00pm Bealad Grotto (in Bealad Church if it's raining)

7.00pm Clonakilty

7.00pm Teampallín Fachtna, Rosscarbery (in the church if it's raining)

### **Friday 15th**

10am Barryroe & Clonakilty

11.30am Timoleague & Rosscarbery

3.00pm Ardfield at Our Lady's Well (in Ardfield Church if it's raining)

4.00pm Lady's Well in Timoleague

7.00pm Clonakilty

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

**Urgent calls** throughout the family of parishes: 086 876 0608

**Baptisms and Weddings** – Book through [www.OneFaith.ie](http://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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Canon John Kingston, AP. (023) 883 9114

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

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