

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
28th September 2025
26th Sunday of the year

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ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION

It has become our practice to admit children in second class of primary school to the sacrament of the Eucharist during the season of Easter. Admitting such young children is a relatively recent practice; you used to have to be confirmed first (like in the Eastern churches in Ukraine, Greece, Iraq, Lebanon, etc.) but among us at a slightly older age before being allowed to receive Holy Communion. All thirteen churches in our families of parishes are old enough to have witnessed the older practice: the bishop came to confirm the children, some time later, maybe the following Sunday, they were admitted to Holy Communion for the first time by the parish priest.

Conscious that most of our young people preparing for Holy Communion have more limited experience of Sunday Mass than previous generations, we in Ireland have had programmes like *Do this in memory* where the children and their families are given a special place at one Sunday Mass per month in their parishes.

The priests of our family of parishes have planned to have such a programme in common for all our parishes this year. The programme has been prepared by the same people who wrote the school religion books. The weekly take home page from school is one important element of preparation. Even if children don't take home their religion books, the weekly Home Link page can be photocopied for them to take home. Additionally, there will be material given to families by the parishes for preparing the monthly parish Sunday Masses.

In the next couple of weeks priests and parents/guardians will meet to launch the preparation for First Communion next Eastertide (in practice, during the month of May). The first monthly Masses in October will include the enrolment ceremony. We know that all the parishioners look forward to having those preparing for First Communion be with us on those Sundays.

Fr Fergus Ryan, OP, CC

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sacred Heart School Reunion

for students who did the Leaving Cert in June 1980, at the Brewery Bar, Clonakilty, on Saturday 4th October from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

Clonakilty Friendship Club

will resume meetings on Monday mornings in the Parish centre at 10.30am. We welcome new senior citizens as members.

Timoleague Educational Garden

running weekly evening events from October to December from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Monday October 6th, Local history. Tuesday 7th, Games night. Wednesday 8th, Irish language & Thursday 9th, Get crafty. All welcome.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Service appreciated

One of the two sacristans who serve at Clonakilty Church is retiring. The parish is very grateful to Christine Tanner for her years of dedication and service to the Lord and to his people. As well as being sacristan — a role she shared with Richard Jennings who continues to serve — Christine was at various times one of the parish Safeguarding Representatives, the parish's online contact for people making inquiries by email and was always generously responsive to the wide range of requests which people present to sacristans. We all wish Christine

continuing blessings, good health and peace.

Sacristan needed for Clonakilty

Clonakilty church needs a new sacristan or sacristans. This special role involves attending to the altar and sanctuary before and after Mass — along with any other liturgies being held in the church. The sacristan also opens and closes the church.

The commitment needed involves every second week and remuneration is provided by a combination of the parish and people's offerings for services.

The hours may be shared by more than one person, if necessary. Candidates for the role will be Garda vetted and full training will be provided by the parish.

For an Application Form or any further information please email tom.hayes@corkandross.org or telephone (023) 8833165. Closing date: Monday 6th October.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

Led by Fr John Kerin, 24th – 27th November. Flights ex Cork. For more information, contact Barter Travel, Cork, on 021 4851700.

CONNECT 7 – for 18-35 yo

will take place on Saturday 18th October in the Cathedral of Saint Mary and Saint Anne, Cork City. The day begins at 2.00pm and includes keynote talks from Fr Conor McGrath (Vocations Director, Diocese of Down and Connor) and Lorraine Buckley (Faith

Development Coordinator, Diocese of Cork and Ross). This year's theme is 'Finding purpose – God's plan for my life'. As well as the talk, we will have Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, pizza, a panel discussion, confessions and much more! Registration is €10 on Eventbrite.ie – search CONNECT 7.

Mini Novena to celebrate the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis

In Timoleague Parish Church from Sunday, 28th September, to Thursday, 2nd October. Rosary at 7.45pm and Mass at 8.00pm nightly.

Sunday: Fr John Newman.

Monday: Fr Seán Crowley. *St Carlo's Love of the Eucharist*. Also with Benediction on Monday.

Tuesday: Fr Anthony Buckley. *St Carlo's Love of ones Neighbour*.

Wednesday: Fr Bertie O'Mahony. *Evening of Hope*.

Thursday: Fr John Kingston. *Feast of the Guardian Angels*.

There will be a petition box at the altar for your intentions for which Mass will be offered, and candles available for purchase to be lit on the altar. A donation box will be available to cover costs accrued and the remainder will go to UNICEF support in Gaza.

Rosscarbery Autumn Stations

Rosscarbery Station Mass on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm, Lisavaird, Thursday 2nd October at 7.30pm, Carrigfadda, Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm

Barryroe-Courtmac Newsletter

Volunteers are invited for collection and delivery of bundles of newsletters each Friday from the parish centre to Barryroe or Courtmacsherry churches. It might best suit those who are in Clonakilty every Friday morning or afternoon.

Courtmacsherry church closure

1st to 3rd October for works. Weekday Mass will return from 14th October. Time to be agreed upon.

Recently Deceased

Richard (Dick) White,
Ballymacowen, Clonakilty.

Offertory 21st September

Ardfield	€390
Barryroe	€885
Clonakilty	€4,125
Kilmeen	€383
Rosscarbery	€1,160
Timoleague	€730

Clerical Education Fund

Ardfield	€285
Barryroe	€705
Clonakilty	€2,055
Kilmeen	€280
Rosscarbery	€750
Timoleague	€595

First Friday Mass in Carrigfadda

7.30pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Next Mass 3rd October.

Rosary at Barryroe Grotto

Daily in October at 8.00pm.

Bealad Church cleaning

Thursday 2nd October at 7.00pm.

Autumn Offerings for the Clergy

One of the major parts of the priests' income is the 'Autumn Dues', often given at the Station Masses. Some parishioners have already made their contribution, and the priests of our family of parishes thank them most sincerely for their generosity.

Autumn Dues Envelopes will continue to be available in the churches for those who do not use the offertory envelope system. Either envelope may be dropped into the offertory collection baskets during Mass at your convenience.

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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Canon Martin O'Driscoll, Co-PP. (023) 884 8168

Fr Fergus Tuohy, SMA, CC. fergus257@gmail.com

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Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

Sunday Mass schedule for Winter-Spring 2025

Parish churches every Sunday

Ardfield at 10.00am

Barryroe at 10.00am

Clonakilty at 7.00pm Saturday,
Sunday at 8.30am and 11.00am

Rosscarbery

6.00pm Saturday beginning 4th

October - **this weekend, Mass on
27th October in Rosscarbery, will
be at 7.00pm for the last time** -
and Sunday at 11.30am

Rossmore at 11.00am

Timoleague at 11.30am

Chapels-of-ease monthly Masses

Vigil of 1st Sunday, 4th October,
7.00pm in **Bealad**.

Vigil of 2nd Sunday, 11th October,
7.00pm in **Clogagh**.

Vigil of 3rd Sunday, 18th October,
7.00pm in **Rathbarry**.

1st Sunday, 5th October, 9.30am in
Darrara; 2nd Sunday, 12th October,
9.30am in **Lisavaird**; 3rd Sunday, 19th
October, 9.30am in **Courtmacsherry**.

1st Friday, 3rd October, 7.30pm, with
Anointing of the Sick, in **Carrigfada**.

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.