

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
29th June 2025
Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul
thirteenth week in Ordinary Time

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TIMOLEAGUE - NICE TO MEET YOU!

Timoleague parish lies east of Clonakilty and north of Barryroe. TY student and Timoleague parishioner Cathal O'Sullivan presents his parish here for summer visitors and would-be visitors from the other five parishes of our family of parishes. (Ed.)

Living in Timoleague and Clogagh means being part of a tight community with a lot of history. The area is rich in history, with one of the most iconic landmarks being Timoleague Abbey, founded by Franciscan friars around 1240 AD, built on the site of an earlier monastic settlement founded by Saint Molaga, who brought beekeeping to Ireland. Nearby, the old railway line that connected Timoleague to Courtmacsherry is now a walking path with great views. You can still see the old station house and some railway tracks turned into green spaces. And, of course, Timoleague's present church, Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, hosting mass every Sunday.

Clogagh, too, has deep roots — with St. Moluada's Church in Clogagh North, built in 1856 and named after the local saint. It stands quietly as a symbol of the area's strong faith and rural past.

Yet it's the present-day life that really makes this parish special. The GAA club, Argideen Rangers, is a huge part of both villages. The pitch brings people together — whether you're on the field or cheering from the sidelines. There's a real sense of pride in our teams and a belief that sport builds connection. Timoleague is also home to the Church of the Ascension, the local Church of Ireland church, known for its beautiful mosaics and peaceful setting, reflecting the village's long-standing Christian tradition.

There's lots going on too — events at Timoleague Community Hall, coffee mornings and card games in Clogagh. Groups like Tidy Towns and the Ladies Club keep things busy. The Timoleague Festival each summer is a big deal, with music,

food, and visitors from all over. Local produce adds to the charm — Timoleague is known for artisan foods like Ummera smoked salmon and meats, as well as Móloga honey, named after the parish's founding saint. There are also great places to eat, like Monk's Lane and other welcoming cafés and restaurants that bring life to the village.

Timoleague has great spots and restaurants, while Clogagh is quieter, but both share a strong community spirit. Whether walking through the Abbey ruins, attending Mass, watching a match, or simply chatting, you quickly feel at home here.

Come and visit us! During the summer, Sunday Mass is celebrated in Timoleague parish church (P72 TF89) beginning at 11.30am.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Retirement of Mrs Michele O'Dwyer

We all join in congratulating Mrs O'Dwyer on her retirement from her role as Barryroe School Secretary on the last day of the school year, 25th June, after 26 years of faithful service, and wishing her a most enjoyable retirement.

Open Garden Fundraiser for Cancer Connect

Pinetree Lodge Garden in Ballinacarriga (P47 KN52) on Sunday 29th June from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. More Info on FB Pinetree Lodge Garden or <https://idonate.ie/ErikaSexton>

Ecumenical Evening Prayer

Taizé Ecumenical Evening Prayer will be held on Wednesday, 2nd July at 8.00pm in the sacristy of St Fachtna's parish church, Rosscarbery.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

New Funeral Ministers

Barryroe parish welcomes two new lay funeral ministers to the funeral ministry team: Mrs Helen White and Mr Danny Buckley.

Recently deceased

Margaret (Peg) Buckley (née O'Sullivan) of Currihevern (Barryroe), late of Keelnacollie (Leap). Nora O'Neill, Bealad and Cork city.

Timoleague Mass for the dead

First Friday, 4th July at 7.30pm, Mass in Timoleague for all those buried in the parish, followed by prayers in the Abbey Graveyard and St Molaga's Graveyard.

21-22/6 Offertory - Peter's Pence

Ardfield	€360	€240
Barryroe	€905	€570
Clonakilty	€4,820	€1,880
Kilmeen	€420	€260
Rosscarbery	€1,370	€778
Timoleague	€1,360	€595

Barryroe & Courtnasherry church cleaning

Volunteers are invited to meet in the respective churches on the First Friday of each month between 3pm and 5pm for a period of time that suits them. Refreshments served!

PARDON ME?! WHAT WAS THAT AT MASS?

On your missalette or in your missal you may have noticed the 'Entrance antiphon'. Sometimes it's read, sometimes it's not read. What is it?

An antiphon is usually a short sentence, from the book of psalms in the Bible, or more rarely from another book of the Bible. It is intended to be sung, and the very name suggests as much. Meaning 'sung against' (anti + phonein), it is from Greek. 'Sung against'? It is sung against verses of a psalm as a kind of complex musical refrain.

The major part of the repertoire of antiphons for Mass was compiled in seventh-century Rome, although lots of new ones exist too. There is a different entrance antiphon for every Sunday Mass and feast day, and some weekdays. The words for the entrance antiphons were chosen from the Bible in order to introduce the 'theme' of the Mass being celebrated right from the beginning of its celebration, and to accompany the procession of the priest and assisting ministers through the body of the church to the altar. An example of an antiphon which announces a feast is 'A child is born

to us, a son is given' – the entrance antiphon for Christmas Day Mass. A well-known example for those of a certain age in Cork is 'Cibavit eos' which was learned in primary schools for the liturgical festivals in the 1950s. That entrance antiphon was for Whit Monday and later for Corpus Christi.

Very many of the antiphons, however, are rather subtle in their way of expressing the significance of a feast or a Sunday celebration, and at the time of Vatican II (1962-1965) this was widely accepted as a weakness to be addressed. Following Vatican II, more immediately understandable hymns were officially allowed to replace the entrance chant of antiphon and psalm verses, provided the words of the hymn were suitable for the celebration of Mass at hand, the liturgical season (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc.) and the words approved by the bishops' conference. Before Vatican II, popular hymns were also permitted at spoken Mass, again provided they were suitable for the liturgical season or feast (something we ignored in Ireland, unfortunately), but with Vatican II the hymn could entirely replace the official and usually ancient antiphon and psalm verses.

While the entrance antiphon is part of the long entrance chant ('Introit') that would be recited and sung at Mass, nowadays the antiphon on our leaflets is there for the occasions when there is no singing for the entrance. Just the antiphon,

without the psalm verse, was considered sufficient after Vatican II, and also taking into account the very subtle nature of very many of the antiphons, new antiphons were prepared for music-less situations and so to be simply recited. What you find on your missalette on any particular occasion could well be the ancient, 7th century or older antiphon, or a new one intended only for recitation.

In some parts of the world, hymn singing at Mass is falling out of favour. Choirs and congregations are returning to the challenge of singing the usually ancient antiphons during

the entrance procession, as well as during the offertory and the communion.

Those ecumenically and musically inclined may have wondered about the 'sentences' of the Church of England and Church of Ireland. They are the antiphons given a new name at the time of the Anglican Reformation. Famous musical settings of the sentences in English – without psalm verses – are the Funeral Sentences of Croft and Purcell heard at the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Fr Fergus R

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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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Summertime Sunday Mass schedule (June, July, & 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

beginning on 6th July, 9.00am Mass

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.