

# 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  
14<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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## REVISED TIMES OF MASSES IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

Personnel issues and reduced congregations in some churches along with unsuitable times for some communities all suggest that last year's winter timetable needs to be revised and reduced.

The new timetable will continue to concentrate on the parish churches and the other churches will have Mass once a month. So there will still be ten to twelve Masses celebrated in the Family of Parishes each weekend.

The need for communities to think and look beyond their own local church building and to think instead about parish — and then family of parishes — is an ongoing challenge.

A sustainable timetable needs to provide for having four priests available on a given weekend (each offering 3 Masses in different places). In order to allow for choice for people, travel by priests and a dignified celebration, some of the Mass times are changing slightly.

This is the new timetable. It will be announced and explained over the next two weekends and will be effective from the first weekend of October.

### Saturday

5.00pm Convent (Not open to the public)

6.00pm Rosscarbery

7.00pm Clonakilty

7.00pm Bealad (Vigil of 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

Clogagh (Vigil of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

Rathbarry (Vigil of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

*Please note these are Vigils of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month; Bealad Mass is the night before Darrara Mass, Clogagh before Lisavaird, Rathbarry the night before Courtmacsherry.*

### Sunday

8.30am Clonakilty

9.30am Darrara (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

Lisavaird (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

Courtmacsherry (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

10.00am Ardfield

10.00am Barryroe

11.00am Rossmore

11.00am Clonakilty

11.30am Rosscarbery

11.30am Timoleague

The timetable will be discussed and revised, if necessary, before next summer.

### **Booking Masses**

Each of the weekend Masses may have up to three intentions for the Mass. These may include a month's mind, an anniversary or another intention. At each weekend Mass, you may have a person's anniversary included in the list of people being prayed for. Masses offered during the week are offered for one intention only.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Seán Ó Coileáin talk**

A talk to honour Seán Ó Coileáin will be given by Dr Blathnaid Uí Chatháin in Bealad community centre on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm. A new book and CD by Pádraig Mac Carthaigh will be launched also.

### **Anam Cara West Cork**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Face to Face Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8.00pm in Clonakilty. For more information please contact 023 8835654.

### **Focus Programme - Clonakilty**

This course Supports people to avail of opportunities to enhance their personal & social development,

community inclusion, health and wellbeing, maximising independence, offers education, training and work opportunities. Ideal for somebody who wants to build up confidence, improve social skills and get into a better routine. Free training, does not affect any Social Protection payments. Please contact Elva on 087 2316919 or Lee on 087 2447160 for more info.

### **Scoil na mBuachaillí**

Congratulations to Scoil na mBuachaillí, Clonakilty, on the opening of the new extension to the school on Friday last.

## **PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Collection for fund which supports seminarians and deacons**

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund will take place across the Diocese on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> September. This fund plays a vital role in supporting the formation and ongoing education of those serving in priestly and diaconal ministry. Currently one seminarian returned to his studies for the priesthood in St Patrick's College, Maynooth last week and another candidate is pursuing formation for the Permanent Diaconate. A discernment group for men considering diocesan priesthood also

began recently and will continue during the year ahead. In addition the fund also supports the ongoing training and education of priests in the Diocese. We are deeply aware of the financial challenges many individuals and families face at this time. Nevertheless, we kindly ask you to support this important collection as generously as possible. Your continued support in promoting vocations is sincerely appreciated.

### **Gougane Sunday 2025**

You are invited to the celebrations at Gougane Barra on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

This year Gougane Sunday takes on a particular significance as it has been a place of Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Diocese during the year. It is possible for people to gain an indulgence by participating in Gougane Sunday. For that reason, Confessions will be available from 1.30pm followed by Rosary at 2.30pm with Mass at 3.00pm.

Conditions for an indulgence are Sacramental Confession, Reception of Holy Eucharist, Prayer for the Intentions of Holy Father and Performing a work of Charity. (See [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) for more details).

### **New Prayer Group in Clonakilty**

Conversation with the Bible, a chat, a cuppa, a shared experience, in the Parish Centre, Clonakilty, Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm beginning on the 25<sup>th</sup>

September. Enquiries to John on 086 8178248.

### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

An information meeting for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This will be followed by a course to prepare interested adults to enter the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

### **Sycamore and Foundations in Theology**

A programme exploring the fundamentals of our Christian faith for young adults aged 18-35 will be returning on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 5.45pm to 8.00pm in Mardyke House, Cork.

### **Women's Discernment Group**

A series of monthly gatherings will take place for Women aged between 18 and 40 who are interested in exploring what is involved in joining a community of women who dedicate their life to service to God and His people. Each month at these gatherings there will be an opportunity for discussion, reflection and prayer. The first of these will take place in Convent of Mercy Retreat Centre, Main St, Rathgoggan Middle, Charleville, Co. Cork on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. This get-together will be facilitated by Sister Caitríona Kavanagh OP with guest

speakers. Organised by the Diocese of Cork and Ross and the Diocese of Limerick. For questions or more information, please contact Sister Caitríona.

Email: [womendiscern@corkandross.org](mailto:womendiscern@corkandross.org)

### **First Friday Mass in Carraigfada**

7.30pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Next Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **Recently Deceased**

Sr Mary Jo Sheehy, Scartagh & Dungarvan.

### **Offertory collections 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Ardfield	€475
& heating collection	€300
Barryroe	€1180
Clonakilty	€4080
Kilmeen	€421.55
Rosscarbery	€1640
Timoleague	€1615

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

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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

### **September schedule**

**Ardfield** P85 DD40 @ 10.00am

**Barryroe** P72 T206 @ 10.00am

**Clonakilty** P85 NT22 @

7.00pm Saturday,

Sunday @ 8.30am and 11.00am

**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.