

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
5th October 2025
27th Sunday of the year

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

BEADS LIFTING TO HEAVEN AND KEEPING US GROUNDED

For good or for ill, the image of the rosary beads has become a quintessential one for Roman Catholics. Some denigrate what they perceive as useless repetition of prayers that don't inspire one so frequently. Others insist on the value so many attribute to praying the rosary on beads, almost to the extent of saying the mere recitation of many prayers is a remedy to every challenge that faces us.

The core of the beads is reflection or meditation on the life of Christ, and the three moments which are fundamental to our faith: his incarnation, his death for our sake, his rising after conquering death. The stories of his family around these events are, as we know, arranged into five per fundamental 'mystery'. The incarnation, God becoming man, recalls the virginal conception at the Annunciation, the visit of one expecting mother to another in the Visitation, the birth in Bethlehem, the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple as expected by Jewish law and fulfilling prophecy about him, the finding of the child Jesus at twelve years old after a pilgrimage to the holy city.

The Lord's death for our sake, his principal act for us, is reflected on through the moments leading up to it: his agony alone in the garden while his closest disciples could not keep awake, the mocking in his crowning with thorns, and then the scourging at the pillar, then his carrying his own cross to Golgotha and his crucifixion and death there.

The Lord's resurrection was experienced by his disciples hours and days after the event and so following meditation on his rising from the tomb, we reflect on his return to heaven in glory after forty days, his sending the Holy Spirit on the church after fifty days, and Our Lady's share in his resurrection through her avoiding decay and burial by being taken into heaven and being crowned.

Incarnation – Death – Resurrection, the major mysteries of our faith, are in the rosary paired with short prayers we can say repeatedly to time our meditation.

October is traditionally the month for bringing our attention back to the rosary and its value in keeping us close to the three mysteries of our faith.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Clonakilty Friendship Club

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-9.00pm. Monday 6th October, Local history. Tuesday 7th, Games night. Wednesday 8th, Irish language & Thursday 9th, Get crafty. All welcome.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Mass for the New School Year

A diocesan Mass with Bishop Fintan for the new school year will be celebrated in Clonakilty parish church on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm. Pupils, students, school staff and administration, and families are warmly invited to come to the Mass.

2025 marks 50 years since Boards of Management were introduced to our schools, so the celebration of that significant milestone will be an aspect of the Mass in Clonakilty.

A second diocesan Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral in Cork city for those in the eastern part of the diocese.

Sacristan needed in 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.

Barryroe Sacristan Retires

Barryroe parishioners are very grateful to Mrs Maura Whelton for her long years of service as volunteer sacristan of Barryroe church which encompassed much more than ordinary sacristan duties.

Maura decided to retire recently and so Barryroe church is in need of people to volunteer to keep things going. Opening and closing the church, preparing for and tidying up after Masses (at least on Sundays, holydays, funerals and weddings), floral decoration of the sanctuary

during most of the year, keeping the sacristy tidy: these are just some of the activities which will need to be done.

While parishioners would welcome one person to take on most of this responsibility, it would be understandable the workload be shared out among volunteers that would arrange a rota for opening and closing the church, others for preparing Masses, a rota also for flowers. Fr Fergus will invite volunteers to come forward this weekend to work together to keep our beautiful church open and welcoming to all.

CONNECT 7 – an invitation to young adults (18 to 35 years)

Connect 7 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, adoration, pizza, a panel discussion, confessions and much more! Registration is €10 on Eventbrite.ie – search CONNECT 7.

Vocation Society of St Joseph

The monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th October in the

Parish Centre at 7.30pm. New members are welcome.

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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage travels to Medjugorje from Cork airport on 3rd June 2026 for 7 nights half board accommodation. Please contact Jim Keogh on 087 2678793 for more information.

Rosary at Barryroe Grotto

will be recited every evening at 8.00pm for the month of October.

Rosary in Timoleague

at 8.00pm at the church steps Grotto every night of October.

Recently Baptised

Sonny Lachlann Lee-Hodnett, Garryndruig. Faidh Mae Pryce, Scotland & Ballinascorthy and Róisín Hanora O'Donovan, Garryndruig.

Recently Deceased

Mary O'Sullivan, Western Road, Clonakilty.

Offertory collections 27th & 28th September

Ardfield	€450
Barryroe	€1020
Clonakilty	€4190
Kilmeen	€363.67
Rosscarbery	€
Timoleague	€915

Autumn Offerings for Clergy

One of the major parts of the priests' income is the Autumn Dues, traditionally given at the Station Masses in people's homes. Some parishioners have already made their

contribution, and the priests thank you most sincerely for your generosity. Envelopes are available in the churches for those who do not use the offertory envelope system.

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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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 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, 7th November, 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.