

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
12th October 2025
28th Sunday of the year

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

We continue this Sunday with a series of articles on the primary schools in our family of parishes.

KNOCKSKEAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL

Knockskeagh National School is a primary school which is located on the outskirts of Clonakilty town and was founded in 1882. It is a brilliant school. We all get a fantastic education in every subject, from maths to music and sport we enjoy every moment.

Knockskeagh is always welcoming from the friendly teachers to the SNAs who are always there to help. In this school, we love welcoming people from all over the world. We have many students of different nationalities. We love our secretary and our principal, Helen and Mr Walsh. Helen types our newsletters every week about upcoming school events and good news for students in the school. Then Mr Walsh organises everything that happens in the school.

What we enjoy about Knockskeagh is all the different activities we get outside the classroom. From tag rugby and swimming, to chess and gymnastics, we have it all. We even do African drumming! Every year the school performs a school play at Rossmore Theatre. Sixth class are given the main parts in the play, while the other classes get two dances. Last year, we did Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Every year Fifth and Sixth classes do *Sciath na Scoil*, which is a hurling and football competition. In school we get special teachers to come into our school for different activities such as: Zumba with Flavia, Piano with Tanya, GAA with Conan, Irish dancing with Deirdre, Tag rugby with Finny, Guitar with Kay, Tennis with Alan and much, much more! We are lucky to get to work with so many different teachers.

Resources in our school are very important as they help to enhance our learning experience. We have a pitch, an astro turf, a track, a hall, basketball courts, and even a sensory garden. We also have playground leaders and buddy

benches for the younger classes which help them to learn to play and interact with their peers appropriately. We also have a garden where younger classes go to learn about nature.

We love our school, we are so proud to be students in Knockskeagh. It is such a special school to us and it will always have a place in our hearts.

Written by Charlie Baker, Maja Grzybowski-Lordan and Kate Hayes (6th class)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Clonakilty Day Care Centre

AGM will take place on 20th October at 8.00pm in the Day Care Centre. New members welcome.

Darrara Community Centre marks its 40th Anniversary

A Community Party & Historic Exhibition takes place on Sunday 12th October from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Join us for a plaque unveiling, exhibition, music, children's art, and refreshments – all welcome, admission free.

Anam Cara - the organisation that supports bereaved parents

will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm in Fernhill House Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

Storytelling show in Darrara Community Centre

A Celebration of the Stories of Eamonn Kelly is the acclaimed storytelling show by Pakie O'Callaghan. It will come to the Darrara on Saturday 18th October at 8.00pm. Tickets are €20 and are available from

committee members, or online via Eventbrite.

Marymount Coffee Day

John and Ruth Buttimer would like to thank everyone who helped and supported their recent coffee day in aid of Marymount. A total of €3,700 was raised.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Diocesan Needs Collection this weekend

Today's second collection allows for vital supports to your parish in many areas, including Education, Religious Faith Formation in schools, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, and Stewardship and Governance as well as guidance in practical matters such as Data Protection, Finance, and Property.

Despite the many demands that are placed on your finances, your generosity this weekend is deeply appreciated and will help us continue to build and support a vibrant faith community today and into the future. Thank you for your continued financial assistance.

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, 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.

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 2pm 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.

Međugorje Pilgrimage

from Cork airport on 3rd June 2026 for 7 nights; half board accommodation. Please contact Jim Keogh on 087 2678793.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

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

Rosary at Barryroe Grotto

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

Rosary in Timoleague

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

Recently Deceased

Tim Keohane, Carhoogariff, Clonakilty.

Recently Baptised

Theo Francis Wycherley, Bandon. Zachariah Franciso Wycherley, Clogheen. Freddie Peter Gannon, Knockea, Lyre. Matthew Robert Hurley, Caherlarig, Ardfield.

Barryroe Counters

Counters are invited to sign-up again using a GDPR consent form so that it will be easier to arrange replacements in the inevitable instances of non-availability some Sundays. We will establish a new counters' rota soon, having three people for Sundays with a second collection. Thank you sincerely for your essential cooperation in this administrative aspect of the parish.

Collections 4th & 5th October

Ardfield	€465
& Heating Collection	€225
Barryroe	€968
Clonakilty	€4,340
Kilmeen	€569.10
Rosscarbery	€
Timoleague	€907

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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Canon John Kingston, AP. (023) 883 9114

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

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

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

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 **Lisavaire**; 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.