

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
30th November 2025
1st Sunday of Advent

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

SIXTH CLASS CHARITY CHALLENGE AT RATHBARRY N.S.

Back in 2022, to mark the end of their time at Rathbarry National School, our Sixth-Class pupils decided to celebrate by giving something back to the community. They came up with the idea of fundraising for a charity by completing a series of sporting challenges. What began as a one-off event has since grown into a much-loved tradition. In doing so, they have supported a number of local charities including Lisheen House, West Cork Animal Welfare, West Cork Rapid Response, Courtmacsherry RNLI & Inchydoney Inshore Lifeboat, Cork Cancer Connect and Ardfield/Rathbarry Community First Responders. These charities were chosen by Sixth Class each year, ensuring that monies raised directly benefits causes close to their hearts and community.

From today in our diocese we'll

*remain standing from the start of Mass until the readings.

*stand at 'Pray, brothers and sisters' till the end of *Holy, holy, holy Lord...*

*stand after Holy Communion when priest says 'Let us pray' until end of Mass (sit briefly for notices).

In our family of parishes we'll

*repeat *A Thiarna, déan trócaire* after the choir.

*repeat 'Alleluia' after the choir. Don't sing right away! Sing after them. Then all sing Alleluia together after the verse.

*all sing *Ar nAthair* together.

Ratbbarry school article continued...

By completing different challenges, including duathlons and triathlons, the Sixth-Class pupils have raised an incredible total of almost €3,700. The triathlon involves three events. The pupils begin the challenge by running from our school to the Galley Flash Rowing Club. One lap of the lake is completed in the rowing boat. Following this, the class get on their bikes to cycle the scenic, coastal road towards Owenahinch. The route then goes through the woods to Breda's shop

in Rathbarry village for an ice cream and a chat before heading to school where they are welcomed back by the whole school. The duathlon event is much like the triathlon without any rowing. We are proud of all these thoughtful and caring pupils who have represented our school over these years, and we look forward to this tradition continuing again this year and for many years to come in our school.

By Sixth-Class pupils, Rathbarry National School.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Vincent de Paul – Annual Church Gate Collection

takes place on Saturday, 13th December and Sunday, 14th December. Collections will take place across Clonakilty Family of Parishes.

Last year, the local SVP spent over €108,000 supporting people in the community. €58,000 went directly to helping families in need — ensuring: children did not go hungry; homes stayed warm. €40,000 was provided in education bursaries, helping students build a better future and break the cycle of poverty. SVP also continues to provide housing for 30 older and vulnerable adults in the area.

The people of Clonakilty donated €55,000 — for which SVP is deeply grateful. Current needs: Demand for assistance has increased, and resources are not meeting the need. SVP is asking, if you are in a position to contribute, to please consider giving what you can. We thank each and everyone of you for your continued support and generosity.

Kilmeen Social club

will hold a meeting at 7.30pm on 1st December to finalise arrangements for the Christmas party in Fernhill

on Sunday 14th December. All members please attend

Molaga Tidy Towns Gold Medal Celebration Christmas Party

takes place on Sunday 7th December in Timoleague. 5.30pm Gathering & Carol Singing at the Cross. 6.00pm Turning on of Christmas Lights. Santa will make an appearance as well. All followed by mulled wine and treats in the Hall.

Timoleague Historical Society

invites you to their inaugural lecture by Diarmuid Kingston on Templequinlan Church and Famine Graveyard on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room in Timoleague Community Centre.

Reenascreena National School

Will be holding an open evening on Monday 8th of December from 7.00pm to 8.00pm for prospective pupils and their families. Details are on the school Facebook page or the school can be contacted directly.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Sacred Heart Church, Darrara, Gift Mass

will take place on Sunday 7th December at 9.30am. All invited to bring Gifts for Local Charities.

Rossmore Cemetery resurfacing appeal

Cork county council have agreed to resurface Rossmore cemetery. Our community must contribute €2,000 towards the cost. Please support KCcDA initiative. Contact Jason Collins 087 2562894 for further details kccda1978 on instagram or kccdabealad facebook.

Taizé meeting in Ross

Our Taizé Ecumenical Evening Prayer for Advent will be held on Wednesday, 3rd December at 8.00pm in the Sacristy of St Fachtna's Parish Church, Rosscarbery. All are most welcome to join us for a quiet time of Meditation, Scripture, Silence & Song.

Annual Marian Procession on 8th December

To celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary there will be a Candlelit Marian Procession through the streets of Cork City. The evening begins at 8.00pm with the Rosary in Saints Peter and Paul's, followed by the procession through the streets, and finishing with 30 minutes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction, finishing at 9.30pm.

Special evening of Eucharistic Healing with Fr John Keane

Fr. John Keane will lead a special evening of healing at Saints Peter and Paul's Church on Thursday 11th December. The evening begins

with the Rosary at 7pm. Mass will be at 7.30pm. After Mass, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Fr. John Keane will give individual Eucharistic blessings. All are welcome.

Advent Lectio Divina

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three online Lectio Divina sessions for Advent on Wednesday 3rd, 10th and 17th December from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. These will be an opportunity to pause, pray with Scripture, and prepare for the coming of Christ. These online sessions are open to everyone. With limited places available, registration is essential. Contact us by ringing 021-7355517.

Timoleague Carol Service

Sunday 14th December at 7.00pm. Parish & school choirs will participate.

Barryroe Carol Service

Sunday 21st December.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

A selection of Christmas Mass Bouquet cards is now available to purchase at the Parish Office in Clonakilty— Handmade cards by the Nuns at St Mary's Abbey in Glencairn, along with some Mass Bouquet cards from Divine Word Missionary.

Pilgrimage Group Tours

3 nights Relics of St. Francis of Assisi. Flights from Cork. 2nd – 5th March 2026. Please contact Barter's Travel.

Recently married

Caitríona Hegarty & John Harrington, Clonakilty, who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in Sacred Heart Church, Darrara.

Offertory 22nd & 23rd November

Ardfield	€
Barryroe	€725
Clonakilty	€4,010
Kilmeen	€405
Rosscarbery	€1,205
Timoleague	€875

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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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 at 6.00pm Saturday,
Sunday at 11.30am

Rossmore at 11.00am

Timoleague at 11.30am

Chapels-of-ease monthly Masses

Saturdays at 7.00pm

6th December in **Bealad**

13th December in **Clogagh**

20th December in **Rathbarry**

Sundays at 9.30am

7th December in **Darrara**

14th December in **Lisavaird**

21st December in **Courtmacsherry**

Friday, 5th December 7.30pm in

Carrigfadda.

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.