

# 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  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Urgent Calls 086 876 0608**

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

## **Cue One to stand**

Pray, brothers

and sisters (after Offertory)

## **Cue Two to stand**

Let us pray

(after Communion)

## **BARRYROE NATIONAL SCHOOL**

Nestled in the rural setting of Lislevane, near Courtmacsherry in West Cork, Barryroe National School is a vibrant co-educational primary school that blends strong academic, sporting and creative traditions with notable recent achievements. The school is an amalgamation of schools in Lislevane, Butlerstown and Courtmacsherry established in 1972 and celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### **Enrolment and Facilities**

The current enrolment of the school stands at 182 pupils, the school currently comprises of an Administrative Principal, seven mainstream classes, three Special Educational Needs (SEN) teachers and a dedicated Speech & Language class. The physical amenities include: A large indoor sports hall, Two sensory rooms, A playing pitch, Junior and senior tarmac yards with an obstacle course, A large ship-playscape and a school garden, an on-site pre-school & A large, new car-park and set-down area.

### **Activities**

The school partakes in GAA, soccer, rugby, gymnastics, dance, cycling, drama, music, orienteering, debating, public speaking, engineering, Quizzes, Creative Cluster, VEX Robotics, Junior Entrepreneur, the Green Flag Program, the Active Schools Program, the Amber Flag Program and exhibits every year at the BTYSE Primary Science Fair at the RDS, Dublin.

We hold many concerts and performances throughout the school year including singing at the airport and local hospitals at Christmas and a two-night concert in Butlerstown Hall each December.

### **Recent Achievements**

- ❖ West Cork Debating Champions and Finalists 2021, 2022, 2024.
- ❖ West Cork Sciath na Scol Hurling final wins for both Boys and Girls in 2025.
- ❖ Cork County Sciath na Scol Camogie Winners 2024.
- ❖ Barryroe National School 3<sup>rd</sup> Class won the prestigious Engineers Ireland STEPS Young Engineers Award 2025. Their invention, the “Water Safety Wristband” — a wristband incorporating a compressed-air canister that inflates a balloon to provide buoyancy for a swimmer in difficulty — was recognised above over 550 project entries and almost 4,000 participating primary students nationally.
- ❖ Feis Maitiú Public Speaking Team and Individual Winners 2025.

### **The Mini-Boat Project**

Over the past three years the school has also been involved in a very exciting Mini-Boat project since local fisherman Billy McCarthy discovered a small boat ‘The Crimson Current’ with a GPS tracker attached, washed up in Barry’s Cove. He brought the boat to the school, where artefacts from Morristown Beard School, Boston were discovered. Since then, the school has had a lot of contact with the American school – even receiving them as guests to the area last year. The boat has since made its way back across the Atlantic to Nantucket and in recent months has just washed up again in Norway. Barryroe School held a zoom meeting with this new school only last week. It was lovely to see the Barryroe Jersey being removed from the boat in a new setting once again. Plans are now underway to relaunch the boat and we eagerly await its next journey. The project has reinforced Barryroe National School’s coastal identity and its commitment to global citizenship and environmental awareness.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### **St. Vincent de Paul – Annual Church Gate Collection**

takes place on Saturday, 13th December & 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.

### **Reenascreena National School**

Will be holding an open evening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of December from 7.00pm to 8.00pm for prospective pupils and their families. Details are on the school Facebook page or contact the school on 023-8848000.

### **Kilmeen Social club**

Christmas party in Fernhill on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, please reply to Helen Hayes before Tuesday.

### **Molaga Tidy Towns Gold Medal Award Celebration Christmas Party**

takes place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December in Timoleague. 5.30pm Gathering & Carol Singing at the Cross. 6.00pm Turning on of Christmas Lights.

### **Timoleague National School – Entrepreneurs Project**

Only the best from Timoleague National School 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Get your food graded boards, candle holders & chocolate balls, all for sale in Timoleague hall after the lights are switched on. Cash only.

### **Anam Cara Monthly Meeting**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Decemeber at 7.30pm in Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.

## **PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass – day of precept**

Ardfield, Barryroe & Clonakilty 10.00am

Rossmore 11.00am

Timoleague & Rosscarbery 11.30am

Clonakilty 7.00pm.

### **Remembrance Tree**

A tree of Remembrance is being put in place at the Pike Bar in Lisavaird. You are asked to pin the names of your deceased loved ones and to give a small donation. After Christmas a mass will be arranged in Lisavaird Church for all those named on the tree. All money raised will go towards Lisavaird First Responders. Your Donations will be greatly appreciated.

### **Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards**

A selection of Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are 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.

### **Clonakilty Parish Church cleaning**

takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December immediately after 10am mass. All help most welcome and appreciated.

### **Recently baptised**

Jane Manu Baruah, Swords, Co. Dublin

## Christmas Carol Services

Timoleague – Anglican Church of Ascension – the Musicorum Choir on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm

Timoleague Parish Church, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

Clonakilty, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

Barryroe, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## Offertory 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November

Ardfield	€405
Barryroe	€965
Clonakilty	€3,910
Kilmeen	€472.50
Rosscarbery	€1,160
Timoleague	€867

## 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** at 6.00pm Saturday,  
Sunday at 11.30am

**Rossmore** at 11.00am

**Timoleague** at 11.30am

### Chapels-of-ease monthly Masses

Vigil of 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm in **Bealad**

Vigil of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Decemeber

7.00pm in **Clogagh**

Vigil of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm in **Rathbarry**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am in

**Darrara**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am in **Lisavaird**; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>

November 9.30am in

**Courtmacsherry**.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm in

**Carrigfadda**.

**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.