

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  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
The Baptism of the Lord

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

**Diocese of Cork and Ross**  
**Songs of Praise**



*Sing*  
*Pray*  
*Learn*

**Join us for a reflective and nourishing gathering for all involved in Music Ministry across our Diocese**

*St. Brigid's Day*  
**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**  
**Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 2.30pm**

**Register your interest**



## BE SAFE, BE SEEN!

Since coming to live in West Cork in 2025, I've been struck by the large number of people walking the country roads by night who are almost invisible to me when I'm driving. It's made me think of the 1980's campaign 'Be Safe, Be Seen!' and a primary school teacher who told us she was happy to come across a pedestrian lit up like a Christmas Tree. Light-coloured clothes aren't enough. Reflective jackets should be the minimum for those walking or cycling our roads. Lights would be ideal additions.

The season of Epiphany concludes today, Sunday of the Lord's Baptism in the Jordan. Epiphany includes the Lord being made known by the visit of the Magi from the east, and by their choice of gifts. It also includes the Lord's baptism and the words and visible signs surrounding it. He is the 'only-begotten Son', like Isaac was for Abraham who in turn was willing to give him up for God's purposes. The dove above the main scene recalls the new beginning at creation and the receding waters around Noah's ark. He did not receive John's baptism of repentance because he needed to repent, but to show he would take our place in suffering for our sins.

Events of God showing, or manifesting, his presence, his identity and his mission in Jesus Christ, are what make Epiphany.

It's an opportunity for us to show Christ in our lives, perhaps by blessing our homes with the Epiphany blessing and the names of the wise men over a doorway: 20+C+M+B+26.

And it's time to light up when walking the dark roads. Be Safe, Be Seen, be Blinking Fluorescent Green!

*Fr Fergus Ryan*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ALONE

the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for telephone and visitation volunteers to support older people in the community. Call 0801 222024 or see [alone.ie](http://alone.ie) for more information.

### Anam Cara

the organisation that supports bereaved parents will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January in Fernhill hotel at 7.30pm.

### Barryroe Carol Service

Collected €1140 for West Cork Cancer Connect.

## PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

### Thank you – Christmas Dues

Thank you for the priests' offerings for Christmas which constitute a major element of their income. Only your direct donations to the priests form their income; neither the parish funds nor diocesan funds support priests in parish appointments. Your generosity

allows priests from elsewhere to minister in our diocese.

### Recently Deceased

Nora O'Donovan, Gurrane;  
Chrissie Murphy, Courtmacsherry;  
Nelius Sexton, Courtmacsherry;  
Maureen Lahiff, Rathbarry; William  
Goggin, Dunmore; Catherine  
Horgan, Clonakilty &  
Templemartin; Marie Walsh,  
Emmet Square; Dymphna De Long,  
Kent Street & Kinsale; Francis  
Muldoon, Old Brewery Lane;  
Patrick Hurley, Clonakilty.

### Recently Baptised

Seán Owen Callanan, Dubai &  
Clonakilty; Albie Griffin, An  
Sruthán Beag.

### Recently Married

Sinéad Flavey & John Murphy, Ring  
& Clonakilty married in Sacred  
Heart Church, Darrara. Lucy Walsh,  
Frankfield & Gearóid Hurley,  
Bandon married in the Church of  
the Immaculate Conception,  
Clonakilty.

### Offertory 20-21 December

Ardfield	€
Barryroe	€1255

Clonakilty	€4245
Kilmeen	€
Rosscarbery	€
Timoleague	€

### Offertory 27-28 December

Ardfield	€
Barryroe	€1370
Clonakilty	€4340
Kilmeen	€
Rosscarbery	€
Timoleague	€

### Offertory 3-4 January

Ardfield	€400
& heating collection	€430
Barryroe	€695
Clonakilty	€4235
Kilmeen	€519
Rosscarbery	€1385
Timoleague	€670

### Offertory 5-6 January

Ardfield	€
Barryroe	€310
Clonakilty	€1300
Kilmeen	€96
Rosscarbery	€370
Timoleague	€

## CUES TO STAND FOR COMMON PRAYER

End of Offertory: **'Pray, brothers and sisters'**, stand till end of *Holy, holy*  
After Holy Communion: **'Let us pray'**, stand till end of Mass

## CUES FOR CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Our choirs have been asked to lead us in singing the following:

- *A Thiarna déan trócaire* – we repeat after they have sung it
- Plainchant *Alleluia* – we repeat after we have listened to them singing it through once; they sing the verse of the celebration; we all join together in singing the *Alleluia* the third time. We will have a Lenten alternative from Ash Wednesday, sung in the same listen-repeat, wait, all repeat.
- Seán Ó Riada's *Ár nAthair*

We hope our primary schools will take up these practices also, especially in ensuring our young people come to learn the Our Father in Irish.

**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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Fr Fergus Tuohy, SMA, CC. [fergus257@gmail.com](mailto:fergus257@gmail.com)

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

### Liturgical schedule for Winter-Spring 2025-2026

#### 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

#### Monthly Masses January 2026

Saturdays at 7.00pm

Both 3<sup>rd</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January in **Bealad**

10<sup>th</sup> January in **Clogagh**

17<sup>th</sup> January in **Rathbarry**

Sundays at 9.30am

4<sup>th</sup> January in **Darrara**

11<sup>th</sup> January in **Lisavaird**

18<sup>th</sup> January in **Courtmacsherry**

First Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.30pm in

**Carrigfadda**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Clonakilty Fridays after 10.00am Mass until 3.00pm; Darrara Tuesdays, 7.00pm to 8.00pm