

Newsletter

Clonakilty Family of Parishes comprises the parishes of Ardfield, Barryroe, Clonakilty, Kilmeen, Rosscarbery, and Timoleague.

Parishes' Office (023) 883 5654.

Sunday
25th January 2026
3rd Sunday of the year

Urgent Calls 086 876 0608

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

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

SAINT BRIGID IN 2026

The feast of St Brigid of Kildare falls on a Sunday in 2026. Since she is co-patron of our country and not principal patron, her celebration shouldn't ordinarily trump the celebration of Sunday. However, the bishops' conference have decided to include a commemoration of the saint in Sunday Mass. This will be clear in the missalettes where they are used. The readings will be of the Sunday – fourth Sunday of the year – but the *euchology* (the prayers of the Mass) will be those for the saint.

What about hymns? Hymns to the saint are not so commonly

known, the writer has never heard the one in the Veritas hymnal sung, but if one is used at Mass it is best placed at the conclusion of Mass.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Also called Candlemas, and falling on 2nd February, the fortieth day after Christmas, is a major feast for the Church. Mass begins on this feast day of the Lord with a candle-lit procession commemorating the Lord's entry into the Temple as 'the light to enlighten the gentiles', to quote Simeon.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISH

The pastors of our parishes have asked our wonderful choirs 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 fashion.
- 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.

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 for more information.

Clogagh National School Open Day

for Junior Infants on Saturday 29th January from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Eircode P72 EP38.

Ahakeera Drama

presents 'Separate Beds' by Sam Cree in Darrara Community Centre on Saturday 7th February at 8.00pm. Tickets €20. Complimentary bus from Clonakilty on the night. Booking essential. Enquiries 086-3903597. Sale of tickets in the Community Centre on Saturday 24th & 31st from 11.00am-12.00 noon.

Fundraiser Night in Aid of Skibbereen Community Hospital
Starring Effie O Neill and a host of bands in the West Cork Hotel on Saturday 7th February. Tickets €28. Can be bought from the West Cork Hotel Skibbereen. Raffles and spot prizes also on the night. Everyone come along for a super night of Entertainment and variety guaranteed.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Formation in Faith for Young Adults

The Diocese of Cork and Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers' LEAF Project, is delighted to offer a new Formation in Faith programme for young adults (18–35 years). The programme begins on Wednesday, 28th January 2026, and will run for 9 weeks, from 5.45–

8.00pm in Mardyke House, Cork (T12 W8RP).

Participants can choose between two concurrent pathways:

- Sycamore Formation Series: A video-based programme with guided group discussion on Catholic formation.
- Foundations in Theology: A lecture-based introduction to Catholic theology.

Each session begins with food and refreshments and provide participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. To sign-up or for more information, email:

youthministry@corkandross.org

Songs of Praise

Choir directors, choir and music group members, organists, musicians, singers etc are warmly invited to Songs of Praise on Sunday 1st February at 2.30pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne. Join us for an afternoon of reflection, prayer, learning new music, and lifting our voices together in praise. This is a free event (donations welcome on the day). 150 people have already registered. Please register sooner rather than later. Light hospitality will be provided. Registration via: <https://tinyurl.com/songsofpraise2026>

Diocesan Celebration of the Day for Consecrated Life

Please join us in thanking God for the witness, service, and faith of those who have dedicated their lives to God through consecrated life on Saturday 31st January at 3.30pm in St Francis' Church, Cork. All are welcome.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

This May join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart team as we walk St Declan's Way from the Rock of Cashel to the Round Tower in Ardmore. Spiritual Director: Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details regarding this fundraising pilgrimage please contact Mary at 021-4546691 or email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie

Timoleague Parish Offertory Envelopes

are now available from the sacristy after Sunday morning Mass. Did you know that Timoleague Parish can benefit from Charitable Taxback Refund Scheme for contributions made in offertory envelopes over €250 per year. All information is confidential. Ask for further details.

Offertory 17th & 18th January

Ardfield	€610
Barryroe	€1,220
Clonakilty	€3715
Kilmeen	€383.58
Rosscarbery	€1,348
Timoleague	€1,680

Recently Deceased

Mary Harrington, Carhue, Timoleague; Danny McCarthy, Maryboro West, Timoleague; Baby Bonnie Leigh Walsh, Parkview, Clonakilty.

Recently Baptised

Shane Donal Kingston, Shannonvale & Naoise James Bryan O' Connor, The Miles.

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

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

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Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

Mass 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 February 2026

Saturdays at 7.00pm

Both 31st January & 28th February in
Bealad

7th February in **Clogagh**

14th February in **Rathbarry**

Sundays at 9.30am

1st February in **Darrara**

8th February in **Lisavaird**

15th February in **Courtmacsherry**

First Friday, 6th February 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