

Newsletter

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

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4th Sunday
1st February 2026
Feast of St Brigid of Kildare

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BAPTISMS AT SUNDAY MASS THIS EASTERTIDE

We think of the celebration of Easter each year as an commemoration of the Lord's resurrection, and maybe for the whole of the 50-day season of Easter a commemoration of his being present in the Christian community after his resurrection, teaching them up to his Ascension, and then a final eight days before the Holy Spirit came on the apostles at Pentecost, the fiftieth day. But Easter Sunday, and the fifty-day season, are more than that.

Easter is traditionally an important time of the year for administering baptism, either during Easter night or during the fifty-day season, because in the sacrament we share in the Lord's resurrection. St Paul wrote the following to the Romans: 'You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life' (6:3-4).

During Easter, those of us who are already baptised also commemorate our sharing in the Lord's new, risen life, which began with our baptism. The prayers of the Mass and the Divine Office during the season of Easter often make reference to that commemoration.

This year in our diocese, families presenting infants for baptism are encouraged to schedule the baptism during a Sunday Mass in the fifty-day season of Easter. Practically speaking, this adds just five minutes to a Mass as some elements of the baptismal liturgy are either done before Mass or are replaced by parts of the Mass itself (e.g. the readings).

Our baptism booking system in the family of parishes will facilitate baptisms at Sunday Mass for the season of Easter this year. Please consider the invitation to schedule during Sunday Mass. Please encourage your relatives to have the baptism at Mass where the whole parish community has an opportunity to

witness a baptism and recall for ourselves the very tight connection between baptism and the Lord's resurrection.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Timoleague Ploughing Match

rescheduled to Sunday 8th February on Sexton Family Farm, Meelmane, Courtmacsherry.

Reenascreena NS Cheltenham

Preview Night

Monday 16th February in the Celtic Ross Hotel at 8.00pm. The panel on the night will include Richie Forristal, Jane Mangan and Johnny Dineen among others. Raffle and auction on the night. Tickets are €20 and are available from 086 8550859.

Clonakilty Bereavement Group

Clonakilty Bereavement Group is a safe and secure place in which you work through your grief. We are offering you support over a five-week period.. The Sessions are held in Clonakilty and will commence on Tuesday 24th February at 8.00pm. Contact 023-8835654 (9.30am-1.00pm.)

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – commemoration at the beginning of Mass

On Monday 2nd February. Candles can be left into the Sacristy at the churches where Mass is being said on Monday to have them blessed before the procession and collected afterwards. Donations of candles towards the church would also be appreciated. Mass in Barryroe parish that day is in Courtmacsherry at 9.30am.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Annual Collection 2026

The annual collection for the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund will be taken up at all Masses on 7th & 8th February. The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September this year. People are encouraged to join the pilgrimage as helpers, nurses and doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes. Further information is available on the Cork and Ross Diocesan Website, by emailing: lourdes@corkandross.org or by ringing 085 252 5040.

Mass Animated by Young Adults

A Mass animated by young adults takes place on the second Sunday of each month, with the next celebration on Sunday 8th February at 7.00pm in St Peter and Paul's Church.

Anointing of the Sick

on Wednesday 11th February, Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick, during 3.00pm Mass in Rosscarbery church. A celebration for our six parishes.

Six-parishes Choirs workshop

On Sunday 15th February at 3.00pm, a second annual choir workshop for all our church music groups. Much more practical this year, with reviewing our congregational singing promotion, and loads of

music for the seasons. All choir members are welcome, and so are others who would like to join us for the afternoon. To facilitate refreshments and photocopying, please register through your choir leader. Non-choir members, also please approach your local choir leader and come along as 'a friend'.

Barryroe Parishioners

are invited to join the Income Tax Relief to Charities Scheme. The scheme works on the basis that parishioners/donors have their contributions to the parish recorded (using the envelope system, Payzone, or a standing order, etc.), and the recorded figure is used to make an application to the state once per year. Some of the income tax they've already paid is then diverted to the parish and is in proportion to the donation given to the parish in the corresponding year. A donation of €250 in the period of a year would yield over €100 income tax given to the parish, provided sufficient income tax had been paid. The scheme is highly confidential, both at parish level where only the resident priest has access to records of donations and participants in the scheme; the state is also highly respectful of people's privacy and discloses nothing to the parish about individual donors, who has actually paid income tax or sufficient tax for the scheme and their donations, etc. Participation in the scheme must be renewed frequently and most people who

first joined it in Barryroe at the time of the church renovations are now no longer part of it but may not realise it. For both 2023 and 2024, the parish received approximately €10,000, i.e. a total of €20,000. That is a sizeable amount of money for a parish whose typical income is about €90,000 per annum. Those payments were both processed last year and will appear in the accounts presently. Please do consider joining the scheme, or renewing your participation. Approach Fr Fergus for a printed mandate to complete and return to him.

Timoleague Parish Offertory Envelopes 2026

are now available from the sacristy after Sunday morning Mass. Timoleague, like Barryroe, also participates in the Income Tax Relief to Charities Scheme – ask in the sacristy.

Taizé Ecumenical Evening Prayer

Our next Taizé Evening Prayer will be held in the Sacristy of St. Fachtna's Parish Church, Rosscarbery on Wednesday 4th February at 8.00pm.

Vocations Society of St Joseph

The Society will resume their monthly meetings on next Tuesday evening 3rd February in the Parish centre at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome to join us.

Recently deceased

Oliver Cullinane, Tawnies Upper;
 Vincent Dineen, Montenotte &
 Clonakilty; Mary Hayes, Maulmour
 East, Ballinascarthy; Annie Long,
 Assumption Place.

Recently baptised

Clodagh Kate O'Driscoll, Skeaf

Offertory 24th & 25th January

Ardfield	€335
Barryroe	€1,160
Clonakilty	€3,615
Kilmeen	€604
Rosscarbery	€1,100
Timoleague	€635

Learn the Our Father in Irish!

The recording through this link (and QR code) is from Cór Chúil Aodha founded by the composer of the melody we sing at Mass. [TinyURL.com/AnPhaidir](http://tinyurl.com/AnPhaidir)



Ár n-Athair atá ar neamh,
 Go naofar d'ainim,
 Go dtagfadh do ríocht,
 Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
 Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu*,
 agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha
 mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin
 A's ná lig sinn i gcathú,
 ach saor sinn ó olc.

*Note on line 5, the Munster dialect's word for 'today' ends with a 'v' sound, unlike the standard spelling given here.

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

31st January & 28th February in **Beala**

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

Darrara, Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.00pm; Clonakilty, Fridays 10.30am to 3.00pm.