

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.

29th March 2026

Palm Sunday
of the Lord's Passion

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CHRISM MASS IN THE CITY

Have you ever wondered where the holy oils used in baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick come from?

Each year, shortly before Easter, the bishop of each diocese prepares these oils during a special Mass at which the priests of the diocese are present in good numbers.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the oil of the sick is blessed at the altar. This oil is used for anointing of the sick - including during 'last rites' (confession, anointing, last communion) - throughout the following year by the priests of the diocese.

Then after Holy Communion, the oil of catechumens - those preparing for baptism - is blessed. Finally, the oil of chrism is consecrated. Chrism is also used in baptism, and is necessary for confirmation.

The oils are composed of ordinary olive oil, but for the chrism, a perfume is added before it is consecrated. Chrism is also used for anointing altars and walls of churches during their dedication. It is also used to anointing a new bishop's head at his ordination and a new priest's hands at his ordination.

During the Mass the priests of the diocese renew the promises they made at ordination.

You might like to join the bishop and priests at the cathedral in Cork for the Chrism Mass this coming Holy Thursday at 10.00am.

The Offertory Collection on Easter Sunday goes to the priests and is a significant component of their income. It and Christmas Day are the only two days when the offertory is not for the parish but for the priests. Thank you sincerely for your generosity!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bingo in Ballinascarthy Hall

on Sunday 29th March at 3pm. Raffle and refreshments. Jackpot €100. The bingo is in aid of hall funds with a donation to the Seán O'Sullivan family fund Ballydehob.

Clough Ploughing Association

will host Cork West County final on Sunday 29th March (weather permitting) on the lands of James O'Driscoll, Ballinascarthy, P85 XY83

The Friendly Fuchsia Café in St Fachtna's Community Centre, Clonakilty

every Friday from 2pm-4pm. This is a dementia friendly café where people can chat and connect in a supportive, confidential environment.

'Across the Fields' Art Exhibition

Six professional artists living and working in the Rossmore community have come together for the first time to present their creative works in an exhibition in Cnoc Búí Arts Centre, Union Hall. The artists are Éadaoin Hurley-Kemp, Lesley Cox, Sara Hodson, Anne Harrington-Rees, Etain Hickey & Jim Turner. The exhibition opens on 2nd April at 7.00pm and runs until 19th April (except for Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th). It is open daily from 11am to 5pm. Admission is free. All are welcome.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Penitential Service in Clonakilty Parish Church

on Monday 30th March at 7pm with individual confession and several priests.

Easter Mass Bouquet Cards

are now available to purchase in the Parish Office, Clonakilty. The cards are from the Divine Word Missionaries and a selection of handmade cards made by the Nuns in Glencairn Abbey, Lismore, Waterford.

Taizé Evening Prayer

on Wednesday 1st April in the sacristy of St Fachtna's Parish Church, Rosscarbery at 8pm. All are welcome.

Church cleaning in Bealad

for Easter on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm

Chrism Mass

Bishop Fintan invites all parishioners to the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday (2nd April) at 10am in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne. This special celebration of the diocesan family of faith includes the blessing of oils and renewal of priestly promises. Overflow parking is available at St Anthony's Convent, with refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Visitors' Centre. All are welcome.

Timoleague Parish

Confessions on Good Friday in Timoleague after 12 noon ceremonies. Confessions in Clogagh after 5pm Stations of the Cross. Easter Sunday egg hunt organised by the Parish Council after 10am Mass in Clogagh & after 11.30am Mass in Timoleague.

Barryroe Parish Paschal Triduum

In addition to the usual celebrations, Morning Prayer on Friday and Saturday at 10am in Barryroe. Easter Egg Hunt after both Sunday morning Masses for primary school children and younger. Blessing of graves in Lislevane after 11am Mass.

Recently instituted as an Acolyte

Paul Ryan, a parishioner of Timoleague-Clogagh. He will be ordained as a deacon shortly in the Diocese. We keep Paul and family in our prayers as he prepares for his final step.

Divine Mercy Sunday

will be celebrated on Sunday 12th April in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Cork. The day commences at 2pm and includes the Rosary, Confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Stations of the Cross. Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm.

Fatima Pilgrimage

from Cork airport on Thursday 2nd July to 9th. The Spiritual Director

will be Rev Fr (Archdeacon) Neilus O'Donnell. For further details contact Patsy Foley on 087 6798810

Recently Deceased

John Harrington, Assumption Place; Tommy O'Donovan, McCurtain Hill & O'Donovan's Hotel.

Offertory 21st & 22nd March

Ardfield	€385
Barryroe	€740
Clonakilty	€4,090
Kilmeen	€303
Rosscarbery	€1,240
Timoleague	€1,535

St Patrick's Day Collection

Ardfield	€385
Barryroe	€885
Clonakilty	€2,955
Kilmeen	€277.85
Rosscarbery	€1,185
Timoleague	€635

Christian Meditation

is the prayer of silence where we go beyond words, thoughts or images into the presence of God within. It is a powerful form of prayer and can be easily learnt. A meditation group gathers each week on Thursdays in the parish centre, 7pm to 8pm. Contact John 086 8178248

Conversation with the Bible

Thursdays in the parish centre from 7pm to 8pm. Contact John 086 8178248

Family of Parishes' Office. Open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm.
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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 Ryan, OP, CC. (023) 884 0188 & 087 204 0576. priest@barryroe.ie

Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Darrara Tuesdays, 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place in Clonakilty Church on Fridays at the moment due to ongoing building work.

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 April 2026

Easter weekend – see Triduum
timetable printed last week.

Saturdays at 7.00pm
11th April in **Clogagh**
18th April in **Rathbarry**

Sundays at 9.30am
12th April in **Lisavaid**
19th April in **Courtmacsherry**

No first Friday Mass in Carrigfadda in
April. Mass instead on Thursday 16th
April at 7.30pm in **Carrigfadda**.