

# 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.

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Easter Sunday  
of the Lord's Resurrection

Urgent Calls 086 876 0608

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

## WHAT IS THE 'PASCHAL MYSTERY'?

The paschal mystery is fundamentally the saving action of the Lord Jesus in his passion (suffering and crucifixion), resurrection and glorification (ascension), and his return in glory which is yet to happen. At Mass, the events of this mystery in the past are made present, and in the sacraments especially we benefit from it.

The adjective 'paschal' refers to Easter, and its origin is in the Hebrew word for 'Passover'. That event recorded in the book of Exodus is seen as a foreshadowing of the Lord's passover. In the Old Testament we learn that the blood of a lamb to be eaten before leaving Egypt was smeared on the doorposts of the Hebrew homes, and it was a sign to the angel of death to 'pass over', i.e. avoid, those homes. The Lord is the Lamb of God, our Passover Lamb whose flesh we consume at Mass, and he protects us from eternal death. The Hebrews were enslaved and were set free to live in the promised land; we were enslaved to sin, but the Lord has offered us freedom from the death of sin and we look forward to eternal life in a new land.

Our Roman tradition has for very many centuries focussed more on the Lord's passion and death while leaving the celebration of the resurrection to be less evident in our parish experiences. Vatican II sought to recall the wider paschal mystery - Christ died, rose, will come again - and some of the prayers of the sacraments, for example were changed for that purpose. In 1968

**Happy Easter!** The priests of the family of parishes wish you and your families a blessed Easter.

**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.

we also added a paschal mystery acclamation after the consecration at Mass - We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

The liturgical year was also altered to make Lent more focussed on baptism - preparation for and commemoration of, to make the Sacred Triduum before Easter (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) to be a Paschal Triduum (Friday to Sunday) beginning with the Lord's Supper. The 50-day season of Eastertide has been in place since at least the Council of Nicea (325 AD), but we have been, especially in Ireland, not so conscious of it as a season. Easter was spoken of as perhaps one day, or a week. It is a season in which we recall the Lord present, risen from the dead, to his disciples before his Ascension, and then the preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, the fiftieth day.

It is in this context that in our parishes we are invited to recall the link between baptism and the paschal mystery during this Easter season. Baptisms at Sunday Mass are being encouraged during Easter 2026, and some parishes will have catechesis (teaching) on baptism in the place of the homily.

Keeping active our awareness of the season of Easter can be difficult, but two things might help. Praying the 'Regina Caeli' at the time of the Angelus throughout the fifty days is one practice to follow. Using Easter hymns which speak of the resurrection and the events around it throughout the season is especially helpful.

For your convenience, here is the full text of the Regina caeli in English:

**Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!**

**for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!**

**has risen as he said, alleluia!**

**Pray for us to God, alleluia!**

**℟ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.**

**℣ For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

**Let us pray.**

**O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to the world, grant we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.**

**Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

every Friday from 2pm to 4pm. This is a dementia friendly café where people can chat and connect in a

supportive,  
environment.

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### **'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 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm and runs until 19<sup>th</sup> April (except for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>). Open daily from 11am to 5pm. Admission is free.

## PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

### **Divine Mercy Sunday – Skib'**

on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April in St Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen. Beginning at 2.30pm. Exposition of image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday - City**

will be celebrated on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Knock Shrine Adoration**

#### **Pilgrimage**

on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Day trip leaving from Clonakilty at 4.30am. Contact Phil on 086 1238356.

### **Vocation Society of St Josephs**

The monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Our meeting includes the Rosary and light

refreshments. New members are always welcome to join.

### **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, 7pm to 8pm. Contact John 086 8178248.

### **Recently Baptised**

Mairéad Bernadette O'Leary, Darrara; Liam Michael Lally, London.

### **Recently Deceased**

Bernie Brickley, Courtmacsherry; Eileen O'Regan, Butlerstown.

### **Offertory 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Ardfield	€355
Barryroe	€585
Clonakilty	€4,085
Kilmeen	€
Rosscarbery	€1,380
Timoleague	€

### **Diocesan Needs**

Ardfield	€205
Barryroe	€500
Clonakilty	€1,358
Kilmeen	€
Rosscarbery	€660
Timoleague	€

**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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Canon Martin O'Driscoll, Co-PP. (023) 884 8168

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Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Clonakilty Church every Friday after 10.00am Mass until 3.00pm.

## **CHECK [WWW.ONEFAITH.IE](http://WWW.ONEFAITH.IE) FOR EASTER WEEKEND MASSES**

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

#### **Parish Churches every Sunday**

*except Easter Sunday which varies slightly*

**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**

Special arrangements for Easter weekend, the first in April. See Triduum timetable and [www.OneFaith.ie](http://www.OneFaith.ie)

Saturdays at 7.00pm

11<sup>th</sup> April in **Clogagh**

18<sup>th</sup> April in **Rathbarry**

Sundays at 9.30am

12<sup>th</sup> April in **Lisavaid**

19<sup>th</sup> April in **Courtmacsherry**

No first Friday Mass in Carrigfadda in April as it falls on Good Friday. Mass instead on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in **Carrigfadda**.