

# 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.

'Low Sunday'  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

## FIFTY DAYS

All the older Christian traditions follow the fifty-day season of Eastertide: Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It's based on the period from the Lord's resurrection, past his Ascension to Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples.

A fifty-day season is a difficult one to maintain, especially as it's not one that is like a period of training with relief at the end, quite the opposite in fact. How can we benefit from the season?

- Say the *Regina Caeli* each day at the time of the *Angelus*.
- Sing Easter hymns (learn Easter hymns!) alone or in church such as *Thine be the glory, This joyful Eastertide, Come, Christians all rejoice and sing, Come ye faithful raise the strain, The strife is o'er the battle won, See what a morning, Jesus Christ is ris'n today.*
- Follow closely the reading of the Acts of the Apostles at weekday Mass that recounts the early years of the church which had an intense sense of the Lord's rising.

Here is the Regina Caeli again for your convenience.

**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.**

### Thank you!

**The Offertory Collection on Easter Sunday** goes to the priests and is a significant component of their income. Thank you to those who have contributed to the Easter Offerings for the support of the priests of our parishes.

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.**

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**R** E-gi-na cæli \* læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a  
quem me-ru- isti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surréx-it,  
si-cut dix-it, alle-lú-ia: Ora pro no-bis De-um,  
alle-lú- ia.

Look up the Regina Caeli on YouTube and you can learn it by listening to it there. 100 repetitions where you pay close attention (not all in the same day!) and begin singing along after 50 repetitions will ensure you know to sing it well long before the season of Easter ends. Join Pope Leo online some Sunday at 11am during the season to sing the Regina Caeli with him.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **‘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 Buí Arts Centre, Union Hall. The artists are Éadaoin Hurley-Kemp, Lesley Cox, Sara Hodson, Anne Harrington-Rees, Etain Hickey & Jim Turner. The exhibition opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and runs until 19<sup>th</sup> April (except for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>). It is open daily from 11am to 5pm. Admission is free. All are welcome.

### **Clogagh Ploughing Match**

rescheduled for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

### **Tractor Run Fundraiser**

in aid of Clogagh National School on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm. Registration from 11am in Ballinascarthy hall.

### **Speed Dating for Catholics**

aged 25 - 45 in aid of Whinnie’s Wish Kenya On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, at The Kingsley Hotel, Cork. Meet single Catholics who share your faith while raising funds for a great cause. This event is the perfect opportunity to meet like-minded people in real life! Tickets €30, see [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie), search for ‘Speed Dating for Catholics’ and put Cork as the location. Email [littleroseevents@gmail.com](mailto:littleroseevents@gmail.com)

## PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

### **Barryroe Sanctuary Lamps**

Parishioners often noted the flame in the sanctuary lamp could not be seen in our churches. As part of an experiment, a box of clear or white lamps were purchased and have been in use in both churches since Easter Sunday. White is the colour of the Blessed Sacrament: white vestments are worn for Holy Thursday, the feast of Corpus Christi, First Holy Communion Masses. And so, the lamps indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle were not originally coloured.

In France, red was the colour associated with the Blessed Sacrament, and when Irish priests returned from France having studied for the priesthood there due to the penal laws in our country, they brought the Gallican custom with them: red glass for sanctuary lamps. Most of the world seems to have adopted red for their Blessed Sacrament lamps now; it has the advantage of being a distinctive colour. But is the flame of the sanctuary lamp more visible now without the red colour?

### **Carrigfada Mass**

Mass on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

### **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 2.00pm 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 19<sup>th</sup> April. This is a day trip leaving from Clonakilty at 4.30am. Contact Phil on 086 1238356

### **Recently Baptised**

Bobby Coomey, Skeaf & Australia; Anna Patricia Harte, Gurrane; Aoibhinn Therese McSweeney, Chapel Hill, Timoleague; Seán Vincent Burke, Ballycatten; Isabel & Sofia Ronan, Clogheen Heights, Clonakilty.

### **Recently Deceased**

Ann O'Sullivan, Ardgehane; Ann Sneedon nee O'Mahony, Ayrshire & late of Timoleague; Helen Lehane, Burrane & Clogagh

### **Collection for Holy Places**

Ardfield	€275
& Heating Collection	€310
Barryroe	€645
Clonakilty	€1025
Kilmeen	€470
Rosscarbery	€
Timoleague	€670

# ONE WEBSITE – [www.onefaith.ie](http://www.onefaith.ie)

The six parishes have moved to a single website, a single Facebook account, and a single Instagram account. Legacy accounts will be gradually shut down. Livestreaming of Sunday and weekday Masses will be maintained only in Clonakilty and Rosscarbery. Funerals can, of course, continue to be livestreamed which can be arranged privately by bereaved families through undertakers.

**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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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Darrara Tuesdays, 7pm to 8pm.  
Clonakilty Church on every Friday after 10am Mass until 3pm.

## Liturgical schedule for Spring 2026

### Parish Churches every Sunday

**Ardfield** at 10am

**Barryroe** at 10am

**Clonakilty** at 7pm Saturday,  
Sunday at 8.30am and 11am

**Rosscarbery** at 6pm Saturday,  
Sunday at 11.30am

**Rossmore** at 11am

**Timoleague** at 11.30am

### Monthly Masses April 2026

Saturdays at 7pm

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. Mass instead on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in **Carrigfadda**.