

# 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.**

Solemnity of the Ascension -  
transferred  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

## A SAINT IS COMING!

Would you like to meet a saint? One of the newest saints, 15 year-old Carlo Acutis, will visit Cork at the end of this month and stay for the weekend. Two 'first class' relics of the London-born saint will be brought from his tomb in Assisi. They will come to the cathedral of Ross diocese - in Skibbereen - for an evening Mass at 7pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone who wishes to have an individual blessing with one of the relics will be facilitated that night as the relics are scheduled to leave Skib' after midnight.

The visit of Saint Carlos's relics has been arranged to coincide with the centenary of Cork city's Eucharistic procession a week later, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June beginning at 2.30pm from the North Cathedral.

There are additional events during the June bank holiday weekend in the city and during the week in anticipation of the Eucharistic procession. These events are not only for those in the city, but an invitation is extended to those throughout the diocese.

Further details can be found on posters and flyers in our churches, and on the diocesan website: <https://corkandross.org/ep100>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Blood Donation Clinic**

in Fernhill Hotel on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.  
3.50pm to 8pm.

### **Anam Cara**

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parents support evening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Fernhill Hotel.

## **Musical Bingo in aid of Clogagh National School**

on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 8.30pm in Padjoe's Bar, Timoleague. €40 for table of 4. (Organised by Clogagh NS Parents' Association).

## **Timoleague Educational Garden - 'Let's Get Blooming'**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 12 noon, Annette Smyth from Bandon Co-Op will show you how to get the best summer colour in your planters. Plants will be on sale on the day. Donation of €10 would be appreciated.

## **Lip Sync 2026 in aid of Timoleague National School**

on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Doors open at 7.30pm in Timoleague Community Hall (run by Timoleague NS Parents' Association)

## **PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Summer Mass Times**

Our Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass schedule will continue right through the summer with only one change. That change concerns Courtmacsherry alone.

From July, the Sunday morning Mass in Courtmacsherry will be discontinued indefinitely. For July and August 2026, Courtmacsherry will have a weekly Saturday evening Mass at 7.30pm. From September, the monthly Mass in Courtmacsherry will be on the fourth Saturday of the month at the earlier time of 7pm.

From September, the schedule of Saturday evening Masses will follow strictly the first Saturday, second Saturday, third Saturday, fourth Saturday pattern. This will strike us particularly in November when the first of the month falls on a Sunday: Bealad's monthly Mass will be on 7/11; Clogagh on 14/11; Rathbarry on 21/11; Courtmacsherry on 28/11.

We have five priests assigned to our family of parishes, with occasional assistance from one retired priest, so our Sunday timetables need to be sustainable even if one of the five priests becomes indisposed. During July and August we will be cutting it fine in maintaining all our Sunday Masses while the priests take turns going on vacation.

### **Padre Pio Birthday Mass**

Mass to mark the birthday of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina at Enniskeane Parish Church will be celebrated on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm. Blessings with a relic of the saint will take place from 6pm to 7pm and again after Mass.

### **Rosary – Barryroe Grotto**

the Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto in Barryroe every evening for the month of May at 8pm

### **Rosary – Timoleague – Our Lady's Well**

Nightly for the month of May at 8pm

## **Rosary – Clonakilty**

Wednesday night for the month of May at 8pm at the Convent Hill Grotto.

## **Preparation for Marriage & Married Couples Courses**

*Grásta* is a voluntary group of Married Couples based in Ireland. We are holding Pre-Marriage courses. We also organise courses for Married Couples.

We work in partnership with other lay people, clergy and the team at the beautiful De La Salle Pastoral Centre in Co. Laois to offer enriching residential courses in a peaceful and welcoming environment. The courses are run with the approval of the Diocese and Bishop of Ossory and the Bishops Council for Marriage and the Family.

## **Cork Ecumenical Bible Week Invitation**

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield. ‘Women is St John’s Gospel’ presented by Ms Gillian Kingston. Tuesday morning May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.45 am in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road ‘5 Women on 5 Women in the Acts of the Apostles’ presented by Rev Geraldine Gracie, Ms Joanna Griffin, Rev Elise Hanley, Dr Rosalie Moloney, Dr Marian Mortell. Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in St. Luke’s Church, Douglas ‘Women in St. Luke’s Gospel’ presented by Rev Dr William Olhausen. All events are free.

## **Lough Derg Pilgrimage**

Four-day pilgrimage leaves Cork Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 9am. Returning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Booking information phone Paddy 021 4502572.

## **Timoleague Corpus Christi Procession**

after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Offertory 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Ardfield	€405
Barryroe	€890
Clonakilty	€4,445
Kilmeen	€278
Rosscarbery	€1,475
Timoleague	€1,100

## **Mission and Ministry**

Ardfield	€275
Barryroe	€590
Clonakilty	€2,115
Kilmeen	€191
Rosscarbery	€742
Timoleague	€625

## **Recently Deceased**

John Kingston, Maulnagearagh; Bridget (Bridie) Dempsey, Western Rd., & Glandore

## **Recent Wedding:**

Jessica Leen & Ethan Bracken, Douglas, Cork, who were married in Clonakilty Church.

**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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Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Darrara on Tuesdays, 7pm to 8pm.

Clonakilty on Thursdays after 10am Mass until 2pm.

### **Eucharistic schedule 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 May 2026**

**Saturdays at 7pm**

2<sup>nd</sup> May in **Bealad**

9<sup>th</sup> May in **Clogagh**

16<sup>th</sup> May in **Rathbarry**

**Sundays at 9.30am**

3<sup>rd</sup> May in **Darrara**

10<sup>th</sup> May in **Lisavaird**

17<sup>th</sup> May in **Courtmacsherry**

First Friday of May at 7.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> May in **Carrigfada**, with anointing.

**July and August 2026:** monthly Masses will continue as usual, except Courtmacsherry. Its 9.30am Sunday Mass will be discontinued from July. A weekly 7.30pm Mass will be celebrated there on Saturdays during the summer only.

**Weekday Masses** are guaranteed only in Clonakilty parish church, Monday to Saturday at 10am. Mass intentions at those Masses are arranged between parishioners and the parish and are guaranteed. Weekday Masses outside Clonakilty are subject to change at short notice, including to cover Clonakilty 10am Mass. Mass intentions outside Clonakilty are a private arrangement with the priest and some degree of flexibility is necessary in these matters.