

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.

Sunday
5th July 2026
14th Sunday of the year

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CHANGE IN SCHOOLS' PATRON?

The reliability of the recent consultation regarding ethos of our primary schools is up for debate. Small numbers took part in most cases. But for the sake of interest, if a catholic school moves to a different patron what practical difference would this have on the school?

For parents and children, the most obvious change would be in the religious education classes. These would no longer be held during school hours. A school might arrange to have Catholic religion classes after school hours in the school building, but it might not. The preparation for the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation would also be held outside school hours. Again, whether that would be facilitated by the school would depend upon each school. Who would teach these classes? Who would prepare the children for the sacraments? In some places, teachers volunteer to take these extra classes. In some instances, it might be necessary to pay teachers to do this important work. It might be necessary to pay for the use of the school.

Of course, if a school changes patron, the question of ownership of the land and buildings arise. The buildings and land of schools under the patronage of a catholic bishop are quite often owned by the parish, legally this is done through a single diocesan trust. In practice, when handing over patronage to a non-religious patron, the parish's financial investment in the various schools over the last two centuries would need to be honoured and ownership of the buildings and land would be transferred.

It's important to recall that the recent consultation will not automatically lead to any change of patronage at all.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Barryroe Show

Saturday 11th July in the GAA grounds. Please submit your entries for competitions early!

Timoleague Historical Society – field trip

The tour will take place on Saturday July 11th from 4-6pm. It is a free tour, but for insurance purposes, is limited to members of the society. Please contact 087 6648683 or 086 7871358 if you would like to pay membership or attend. The trip will focus on the effects of the Lisbon earthquake and tsunami in 1755 which greatly affected west Corks coastal regions. The silting up of the Courtmacsherry Bay area had a direct impact on the trading ports and sand quays at Courtmacsherry, Timoleague and Burrane. The trip will be led by Anthony Beese who is a professional geologist. His writings and interests in geology, folklore, landscape archaeology and the historical environment are sure to pique the interest of many.

Ballinascarthy Community Festival 2026

starts on Sunday 5th July with Sports Day & Toy Tractor Run, the ultimate family fun day! Festival events run daily for the entire week, ending Sunday 12th July with West Cork Vintage Harvest Day, Farren, Ballinascarthy.

West Cork Vintage Club Ballinascarthy Fundraiser

Vintage silage and vintage ploughing invite everyone to support and in support of four charities on Sunday 12th July (weather permitting). Friends of Clonakilty Community Hospital, Horizon (formerly COPE Clonakilty), The Jack & Jill Foundation & Darrara National School – New Autism Unit. Contact Noel O'Regan if you want to support or bring your vintage car or tractor 086 2747633.

Darrara Community Centre - Show

the acclaimed one-man show The Man in the Woman's Shoes by Mikel Murfi on Saturday 29th August 2026 at 8pm. Tickets (€25) are on sale now by calling 086 390 3597. They will also be available to purchase at Darrara Community Centre on Sunday, 5th July, after Darrara Mass, from 10.00am to 11.30am. A complimentary return bus from Clonakilty is available (advance booking essential). For more information, please contact 086 390 3597 or visit our website and social media channels.

Timoleague Educational Garden is now in full bloom. Come sit and enjoy this little piece of heaven, Thursdays and Saturdays, 12noon to 2pm.

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Excommunications

The Holy See has declared the self-imposed excommunication of the four recently ordained bishops as well as the two bishops who ordained them, all members of the Society of St Pius the Tenth (SSPX). The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith recalled ‘Clerics and lay faithful are warned not to adhere to the schism of the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X, lest they themselves incur ipso facto the penalty of *latae sententiae* excommunication’. That means do not attend Mass or receive the sacraments from priests or deacons of the society.

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage in Knock

Celebrating world day for Grandparents & the elderly on Sunday 26th July in Knock Shrine commencing at 2.30pm with anointing of the sick. Chief celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin. A day of grace and blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival:

Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from 13th to 16th August. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill

out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Recently Baptised

Zelie Joy Hennessy, Mungret, Co. Limerick; Twins: James Joseph & Michael Paul Keohane, Lyre, Clonakilty; Jack James Lucey, Knocknagallagh; Páidí Joseph Sheehan, Ballincoursey; Zara Abigail Anić, Carrigaline.

Recently Married

in Timoleague: Colin Smith, Cregane & Simona Lacknova, Slovakia; Michelle Heaney, Maryboro & Niall Motherway, Dungourney; Sam Johnson, Killavarrig & Karmile Zilfimyan, Armenia.

Offertory 27th & 28th June

Ardfield	€380
Barryroe	€1,330
Clonakilty	€4,620
Kilmeeen	€419
Rosscarbery	€1,160
Timoleague	€800

Peter's Pence 27th & 28th June

Ardfield	€205
Barryroe	€665
Clonakilty	€2,340
Kilmeeen	€389
Rosscarbery	€685
Timoleague	€460

Next Second Collection

19th July for the diocesan administrative expenses.

Family of Parishes' Office. Open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm.
Eircode P85 P793. (023) 883 5654 office@onefaith.ie

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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Canon John Kingston, AP. (023) 883 9114

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Fr Fergus Tuohy, SMA, CC. fergus257@gmail.com

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 on Tuesdays, 7pm to 8pm.

Clonakilty on Thursdays after 10am Mass until 2pm.

Masses in Parish Churches every Sunday

Ardfield at 10am

Barryroe at 10am

Clonakilty at 7pm Saturday,

Sunday at 8.30am and 11am

Courtmacsherry at 7.30pm Saturdays of July and August only.

Rosscarbery at 6pm Saturday,

Sunday at 11.30am

Rossmore at 11am

Timoleague at 11.30am

Monthly Masses

First Friday at 7.30pm

3rd July in **Carrigfada**

with anointing of the sick

Saturdays at 7pm

4th July in **Bealad**

11th July in **Clogagh**

18th July in **Rathbarry**

Sundays at 9.30am

5th July in **Darrara**

12th July in **Lisavaire**

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.