

Scoríocht na gCoillte

Parishes of Ardfield / Rathbarry, Barryroe, Clonakilty, Kilmeen & Castleventry, Rosscarbery & Lisavaird, Timoleague

Maintaining church buildings is a challenge for our parishes

The cost of ongoing essential maintenance to the churches in all our parishes is already a challenge given their age. Most of our churches were erected in the period after Catholic Emancipation (1830s) or in the years after the Great Famine.

In our family of parishes, the oldest of the churches is Rosscarbery's parish church which was consecrated in 1820 with the newest being the parish church in Timoleague which was opened in 1912.

The cost of keeping the churches in good order falls primarily on parishioners – essentially the people who contribute to the collections at the weekend Masses.

There is very little state support for the maintenance of churches - though many are of historical and architectural interest.

An example of the funds needed is the recent decoration and lighting upgrade at Clonakilty's Parish Church. Interior surfaces were cleaned and painted. Light fittings were replaced with low-energy LED lighting. The work required a lot of scaffolding and hoists as well moving and replacing pews and furnishings.

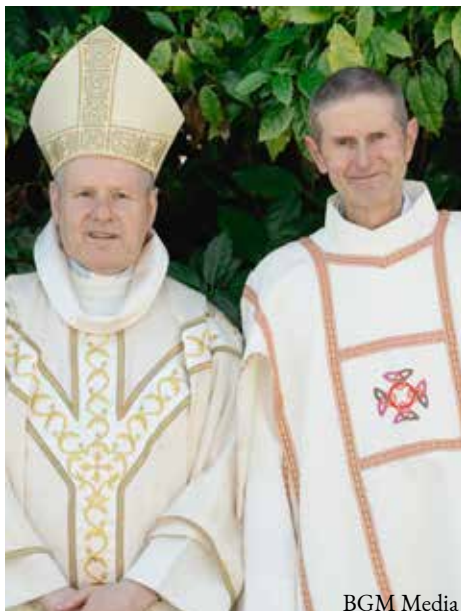
The final bill for the work came to €331,705. This

includes €39,454 in VAT.

The Clonakilty Parish Finance Committee has been successful in getting a grant of €21,000 from Benefact Trust (A UK based charity which helps preserve churches). The parish has also received a number of smaller donations from individuals and families.

Essential works to other local churches are needed in the near future. Rossmore Church's roof and walls need attention and Timoleague parishioners are planning a lighting upgrade for the parish church.

The kindness of faithful parishioners built the churches all those years ago. It's the same spirit of generosity which will preserve them for the future. Their future is being passed on to the next generation.



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Paul is first permanent deacon

Paul Ryan was ordained a Deacon on Sunday 21st June 2026 in the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Timoleague, and has since been appointed by Bishop Fintan to minister in our family of parishes. He is the first permanent deacon to be appointed to west Cork parishes.

Paul, originally from Co. Clare, has lived for many years in Timoleague Parish with his wife Bríd. They have two adult children, Anne and Tomás.

Over the past number of years, Deacon Paul has been preparing for the Permanent Diaconate through formation, prayer and pastoral experience, including time spent in Kinsale Parish. The formation programme is part-time and includes some weekends.

Paul is the fourth person now serving as a permanent deacon in our diocese. Since his ordination he has preached, assisted at funerals and ministered at baptisms in our parishes.

The word deacon means service. A deacon focuses on three kinds of service: at the altar, proclaiming God's Word and in service to those in need.

November Novena is for loved ones

November begins with two feasts of hope! On Sunday Nov. 1st we keep the Festival of All Saints when we rejoice with the multitudes who are in Heaven. The following day, we commence our nine days of Masses for our people who have died – praying that they too may see the Light of Heaven. The term “novena” comes from the Latin for nine days.

Each parish holds a Novena of Masses from Nov 2nd to Nov 10th and people are invited to enroll their loved ones by submitting the list of names in an envelope which is kept at the altar during the Novena of Masses. (An offering for the priests is usually included.)

The regular Masses on Saturday eve Nov 7th and on Sunday Nov 8th are also part of the Novena.

Remembrance Services

Some parishes also hold special liturgies to pray for and remember those who died during the past year. This year they are in Clonakilty Church: Sunday Nov 8th at 7pm, in Clogagh Church on Sunday Nov 15th at 7pm and in Rosscarbery parish church on Wed. Nov 11th at 7.30pm.

Novena of Masses (weekdays)

Ardfield: 7.30pm on Tues/Thurs/Fri

Rathbarry: 7.30pm Mon/Wed (Sat at 7pm)

Barryroe: 9.30am Mon/Thurs/Fri/Sat

Courtmacsherry: 9.30am Tues/Wed

Clonakilty: 10am and 7pm Mon–Sat

Kilmeen: 10am at Rossmore Mon–Sat

Rosscarbery: 7.30pm Mon–Thurs (Sat at 10am)

Carrigfada: 7.30pm Fri 6th (No weekday morning Mass)

Timoleague: 7pm Mon 2nd and Tues 3rd;

9.30am Fri & Sat

Clogagh: 7pm Wed & Thurs; Mon 9th & Tues 10th

Prayers in local cemeteries

Parishes offer prayers in burial grounds at different times. These are the ones that are scheduled during November.

Ardfield/Rathbarry: Nov 15th after 10am Mass Ardfield New

Cemetery followed by prayers in the Old Cemetery. At 3pm in

Rathbarry Cemetery followed by prayers in Castlefreke Cemetery.

Barryroe Parish: Sunday Nov 1st in Lislevane after the 10am Mass and in Lislee at 3pm.

Clonakilty: 14th Nov after 10 Mass at the Priests' Graves

14th Nov at 12 noon in An Paircín.

Sunday 15th: 3pm St. Mary's Cemetery and 4pm Kilgarrieffe.

Saturday 22nd: 3pm at Templequinlan and 4pm Kilnagross.

Sunday 22nd: 3pm at Darrara and 4pm at Ballintemple.

Kilmeen: Sunday Nov 8th after 11am Mass in Rossmore, followed by prayers in Kilmeen.

Rosscarbery: Sunday Nov 1st after 11.30 Mass in the Nun's Cemetery; 2pm in the Abbey Cemetery and Church Yard 3pm in Ardagh Cemetery

Sunday Nov 8th after 9.30 Mass in Lisavaird and at 3pm in Kilkerrinmore

(The cemetery prayers in Timoleague Parish are during the summer.)



The old cemetery at Clogagh

Those whose funerals took place in the parishes since June

Ardfield/Rathbarry

Agnes O'Connor, Carrigaline & Castlefreke

Barryroe

Nora O'Regan, Ardgehane

Clonakilty Parish

Diarmuid O'Mahony, Grove Gardens, Tawnies Lower

Patrick Harte, Youghals, Clonakilty

Mary Josephine Daly, London & Patrick St.

Sean Crowley, Snugborough, Youghals

Maria Lynch, Ballincollig & Patrick St

Tommy Russell, Desert

Helen (Nellie) Whelton, Ballintemple

Mary Hunt, Tawnies Crescent

Noreen Collins, Western Rd

Vincent Bennett, Inchydoney

Ann O'Sullivan, Knocks, Ballineen

Marion Harrington, Kilgarrieffe,

Michael Francis O'Callaghan, Western Rd.

John Griffin, Ballymakeera &

Ballymacwilliam

Richard Jennings, Ard na Gréine,

McCurtain Hill

Dan Nyhan, Carrig, Ballinascarthy

Kilmeen Parish

William Young, Kilvurra

James Keating, Gearagh, Rossmore

Seán Hurley, Lettergorman

Rosscarbery Parish

Shane Dalton, Woodfield

Michael Whyte, Reenascreena South,

Rosscarbery

Mary Flint, Millcove

Timoleague Parish

Michael Crowley, School Rd /

Cregane.

Baptisms June to September in our parishes

Baptism and Marriage lists only include people who have consented to publication.

Ardfield/Rathbarry,

Finnán Stephen Feighery, Australia
Freddie Burke, Garrynadruig,
Timoleague
Ceoladh Rita Evans, Mountain
Common, Ardfield

Barryroe

Liam Robert Bennett, Cullinagh Hse,
Courtmacsherry

Clonakilty

Zelie Joy Hennessy, Mungret. Co.
Limerick
Caelan Caoimhín Buttimer, Sea
Breeze Heights, Clonakilty
James Joseph Keohane, Lyre,
Clonakilty
Michael Paul Keohane, Lyre,
Clonakilty
Faye Marie Mulcahy, Fernhill Woods,
Clonakilty
Sophie Noelle Winter Jennings,
Western Rd., Clonakilty

Evan Timothy Glennon, Gullane,
Clonakilty
Mary Bridget O'Driscoll, Brookhill,
Carrigaline
Fiadh Marie Bracken,, Sruthan Beag,
Clogheen
Nóinín Anne Kelly, Whitethorn Park,
Tawnies,
Jamie Patrick Blackwell, Westside,
Tulligee
Ellie Grace O'Reilly, Hazel Court,
Tawnies
Shea Michael Murphy, Raheeney,
Dublin
Alexander James Corrigan,,
Broadstrand, Courtmacsherry
Theodore Joseph O'Mahony,
Youghals Hse, Inchydoney
Jude Breathnach Nyhan,
Droumgarrieffe, Ballinascairthy

Kilmeen

Fíadh Kay Byrne, Gearagh, Rossmore.

Timoleague

Aoibheann Monica Twomey, Turners
Cross, Cork.
Roni Marie Sweetnam, Skeaf,
Clogagh,
Lydia Joan Butler, Cregane,
Timoleague
Sonny Donal Gerard Coomey, Skeaf,
Clogagh,
Charlotte Teresa Sheehy, Mounteen,
Ballinascairthy
Isabelle May Sheehy, Mounteen,
Ballinascairthy
Molly Croia Ryan,, Ballyluck,
Ardfield

Rosscarbery

Paddy James Shannahan, Curraheen,
Rosscarbery
Miah Caroline Hayes, Burgatia,
Rosscarbery
Étaín Isla O'Donovan, Owenahincha,
Rosscarbery
Nora Kate Mennis, Reenascreena

Booking a baptism

Baptisms in our family of parishes are scheduled as follows:-

- Each Saturday at 4pm in Clonakilty.
- First Saturday of each month in Ardfield Parish and in Kilmeen Parish at 2pm.
- Second Saturday at 2pm in Rosscarbery Parish
- Third Saturday at 2pm in Barryroe Parish
- Fourth Saturday of the month in Timoleague Parish

You are free to choose whichever Saturday suits you.

The church hosting the baptism is decided by the first family to book (if there's more than one in the parish).

If you live in one of our six parishes, you can have the baptism in any of the six parishes.

If you live elsewhere, you need a letter of permission from that parish so the baptism can be celebrated here.

All baptisms need to be booked online at

www.onefaith.ie

Local marriages since June in our parishes

Ardfield/Rathbarry

Ciara Barrett, Rineen & Daniel Darragh, Co Armagh
Helen O'Shea, Tullinaskey & James O'Sullivan,
Timoleague
Aimee McCarthy, Kanturk / Australia & Oisín
Dowling, Timoleague / Australia
Ailish Hayes, Owenahincha & Thomas Kelly,
Mitchelstown

Clonakilty

Emma Kate Harte, Burgatia, & Micheál Curran,
Waterville, Co Kerry.

Kilmeen

Niamh Dineen, Derriverreen & Michael Keohane,
Bealad

Rosscarbery

Aisling O'Sullivan, Frehanes, & Darragh O'Keeffe,
Frehanes

Timoleague Miriam Hodnett, Abbeymahon & Killian
O'Donovan, Ballymacwilliam.



Baby Kitty Elle Kelly, The Lady's Cross, Clogheen, Clonakilty, was baptised in June at Clonakilty Church.



Baby Evan Timothy Glennon, Lakeside House, Gullane, Clonakilty, was baptised in August.

Clonakilty Parish Centre available to church and community groups

The Parish Centre is located on Western Road, Clonakilty, and was once a boys' national school. It now serves a wide range of needs in the local parishes and in the wider community.

The rooms in the Centre are available for hire by community organisations and others who have a choice of a large hall which can seat 120+ people or a smaller room which can seat 15 people - with another mid-sized room also available.

In recent years, the Centre was served on a voluntary basis by Nellie O'Mahony who has retired from this role. We are grateful to her for her years of service in keeping the centre going with the help of a small committee.

The management of bookings at the Centre is now being done by Ber O'Sullivan who can be contacted at admin@clonakiltyparish.ie or by phone/text Mon-Fri 9.30am to 12noon on (087) 3832485.

Every effort is made to keep the costs of the rooms affordable. However, users are asked to be mindful of the costs of light and heat as well as insurance.

Priests live on 'dues' from parishioners

There are envelopes being made available by all the parishes for what are variously called "Station Dues" or "Autumn Dues". These are traditional terms for the offerings people give to priests on a seasonal basis (Spring, Easter, Autumn and Christmas) for their income.

Priests' incomes are comprised of these seasonal offerings, offerings for sacraments and funerals, as well as one stipend per day for Mass.

Please return the envelope to one of the local churches. Your generosity is much appreciated. (If you are giving by cheque, please make the cheque payable to one of the priests.)

The Parishes Office

The Office is in Clonakilty, to the rear of the Parish Centre in the church grounds. It is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-1.30pm. The Office sells a range of Mass Cards for a wide range of situations. A Mass is arranged to be offered by a priest for each individual intention. These Mass stipends support priests in mission countries as well as ensuring that a Mass is said for each intention.

The Office also issues sacramental certificates for Clonakilty and Kilmeen parishes.

Baptisms and Marriages in all six parishes are booked online at www.onefaith.ie

Contact one of the priests to have pre-marriage papers completed.

Office: (023) 883564; office@onefaith.ie



Keep in touch – for free!

You can receive free regular emails with news, times of ceremonies and Masses along with updates from the local parishes by subscribing at www.onefaith.ie/subscribe

There are several ways to use technology to keep up-to-date with the local faith community. As well as the website onefaith.ie our family of parishes is also on Facebook and Instagram. (Look for Clonakilty Family of Parishes.)

Two parishes live-stream Mass every day. Go to churchservices.tv and look for Clonakilty or Rosscarbery.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross also keeps everyone informed at www.corkandross.org. The diocese is also on Facebook, Youtube and Instagram with over 10k followers online.

Pope Leo and the Vatican have full coverage of all papal events and teachings at www.vatican.va

Clergy of the Family of Parishes

The six parishes of the family of parishes are served by five priests and Deacon Paul Ryan, a permanent deacon, who are appointed by the bishop. Fr Ted Collins, a retired priest, also generously ministers in the area.

To contact a priest:-

- » Fr Anthony O'Mahony, Barryroe (023) 8840188
- » Fr Tom Hayes & Fr Fergus Tuohy, Clonakilty (087) 6828076
- » Canon Martin O'Driscoll, Rosscarbery (023) 8848168
- » Canon John Kingston, Timoleague (023) 8839114

In case of an emergency, use these numbers. Land lines are forwarded to the priest on call.