

# 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  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2025  
Seventh Sunday of Easter &  
Ascension

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## PAPER AND INK

The twenty-first century is truly a time of communication where social media are places for serious and fun ideas and news, while marketing and advertising seem to grow in techniques and importance daily. Old paper and ink have not gone away and seem to be getting cheaper all the time. Each medium of communication has its own characteristics, advantages and disadvantages, and many organisations use a selection of media to further their goals.

Parish newsletters have been very common in our country for several decades now, and still seem to have a role in our communities of faith. Past issues can be useful for newcomers like yours truly to understand the history and values of our new home. And they can be made accessible online too.

Since arriving in the family of parishes in late July last year, I've come to realise that websites, Facebook profiles and WhatsApp groups are great in keeping everyone informed about events great and small. Still, I think a parishes' newsletter, run by volunteers collaborating with the priests, can offer a medium for a comprehensive take-home collection of news and events, a place for perhaps a longer message that might be educational, formative, or informative about some family of parishes or diocesan matter, for example.

We might have some short local history articles on the front page, or something else of local interest, while keeping the rest more strictly church related. Already, TY students from Clonakilty Community College have been commissioned to write presentations of their parishes, so we will publish those here over the next few weeks and as a family of parishes we might get to know each other better.

The newsletter will no doubt develop in the coming months as we see how it suits our family of parishes.

*Fr Fergus Ryan, OP, CC, resident in Barryroe*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Congratulations to Barryroe National School!**

Children in third class, under the guidance of Múin Niamh, won the STEPS Engineering National project competition recently. One group from the class, with a project on Safety at Sea, were the National winners of this prestigious competition, which had entries from more than 600 schools around Ireland.

### **Lifeboat 200 in Courtmacsherry**

A weekend of events is planned this current June Bank Holiday weekend to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the first lifeboat in Courtmacsherry. See

[www.Courtmacsherry.ie](http://www.Courtmacsherry.ie)

Of special note is a concert in the church there on Sunday afternoon 1<sup>st</sup> June (P72 W259). Tickets have sold out, but the concert can be heard outside the church also. The concert will be preceded by a 10-minute prayer service.

### **Fundraising Concert**

Barth Harrington with his new band is playing at De Barra's in Clonakilty on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. The recently retired school principal of Scoil na mBuachaillí and his band will take to the stage to perform songs composed and written by Barth. All proceeds go to Clonakilty Hospital. Tickets €20 from [debarra.ie](http://debarra.ie)

### **ClonakiltyShow.ie**

The annual Clonakilty Agricultural Show takes place this year on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Celebrating Rosscarbery schools and their merger as Bunscoil Fachtna**

As the two primary schools in Rosscarbery are about to merge, Ardagh boys' school will hold a commemoration of its history from its earliest times (at least from the 1820s) to 2025, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Mass will be held in the school grounds, weather permitting, at 6.00pm followed by refreshments and viewing a display of photos in the school. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be in St Fachtna's church.

The pupils and staff of St Mary's girls' primary school will also hold a special celebration before the merger, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Mass will be held in St Fachtna's church at 2.00pm followed by refreshments and a trip down memory lane in St Mary's primary school. Both schools hope you can join them on their respective days.

## PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

### **Recently deceased**

Mary Corcoran, Gullane, Clonakilty.  
Margaret Noelle O' Neill, Clogheen, Clonakilty, & Carrigaline.

## **Message from Diocesan Office of Mission & Ministry:**

Re. Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment: Continuing the Journey

‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’ (1 Samuel 3:10).

The Diocesan Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment continues to unfold. We are deeply grateful to all who took part in the recent sessions within our Families of Parishes. Your prayer, presence, and reflections have enriched this process. Over the coming weeks, the responses received are being carefully and prayerfully reviewed. This next stage—of reflection and discernment—will help determine the steps we are called to take together as a Diocese. We ask for your continued prayer that this next phase may be shaped by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and a shared desire to respond to the call of Christ in our time.

### **Corpus Christi in Clonakilty**

On Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, to mark the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession through the streets after the 11.00am Mass.

The church car park will only be available for parking for people with mobility difficulties.

The route for the Procession is: leaving via the Post Office gate, through Kent St, Rossa St, Pearse St, and returning to the church via the Post Office gate.

The congregation will follow the leading Crucifix and candles, followed by families with children who received their First Holy Communion, followed by the Mayoral Council, then the choir which precedes the canopy and the Blessed Sacrament accompanied by altar servers. When the Procession returns to the church, Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will be imparted. Refreshments follow in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

### **Corpus Christi in Timoleague**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. More details presently.

### **Trinity Sunday @ Castleventry**

Our annual community gathering for prayer at Trinity Holy Well, Castleventry, will take place again this year on Holy Trinity Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm. We usually have 75-80 people attending, some from neighbouring parishes. However, Castleventry can accommodate more. We welcome everybody. Parents are encouraged to bring their children too. Flowers also welcome. Directions: Google Maps – ‘Trinity Well Castleventry,’

### **Vocations Society of St Joseph**

The monthly meeting takes place this Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, at 7.30pm in the parish centre. P85 P793

### **Vocations Society Pilgrimage**

The annual pilgrimage to Knock takes place 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June. For information 087 132 3053.

### **Timoleague Youth Mass**

Youth Mass in Timoleague will be on  
8<sup>th</sup> June @ 11.30am.

afterwards in Old Clogagh  
Graveyard and Kilmalooda  
Graveyard.

### **Timoleague Masses for the dead**

First Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm Mass  
in Timoleague for all those buried in  
the parish, followed by prayers in the  
Abbey Graveyard and St Molaga's  
Graveyard

First Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> August @ 7.30pm  
Mass in Clogagh with prayers

### **Offertory collections 24/25 May**

Ardfield	€465
Barryroe	€845
Clonakilty	€4,075
Kilmeen	€594.70
Rosscarbery	€1,595

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**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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### **Summertime Mass schedule (from 7<sup>th</sup> June, through July and August)**

**Ardfield** P85 DD40

10.00am in Ardfield

**Barryroe** P72 T206

10.00am in Barryroe

**Clonakilty** P85 NT22

7.00pm Saturday in Clonakilty

8.30am and 11.00am in Clonakilty

**Kilmeen** P85 V832

11.00am in Rossmore

**Rosscarbery** P85 Y270

7.00pm Saturday in Rosscarbery

11.30am in Rosscarbery

**Timoleague** P72 TF89

11.30am in Timoleague

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**Samaritans:** 116 123; [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie) (several days may pass before you receive an email in reply). **Society of St Vincent de Paul**, Clonakilty: 086 029 5142.