

# 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

15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Trinity Sunday

*eleventh week in Ordinary Time*

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## KILMEEN - NICE TO MEET YOU!

*Kilmeen parish lies northwest of Clonakilty and northeast of Rosscarbery. TY student and Kilmeen parishioner Ronan Scannell presents his parish here for summer visitors and would-be visitors from the other five parishes of our family of parishes. This is the second in a series of brief articles by TY students in Clonakilty Community College presenting our six parishes in turn. (Ed.)*

The present parish of Kilmeen has a territory that is filled with local history, with ruins (mostly unnamed) and memorials scattered throughout, and the occasional stone circle. In the heart of Bealad village there stands the Church of the Holy Trinity, a two-hundred-year-old successor to the pre-Reformation Castleventry parochial church. Opposite the present church is a former two-classroom national school opened in 1955 and painted a nice yellow with a red wrap around the edges, but that has long since faded to memory. Today the school serves as a community centre where a social was held after the last Saturday evening Mass before the summer schedule of Mass began.

If you turn back and head eastwards down the hill you will come across an old flax mill that has been converted into a grain silo used by a local farmer. Flax was an important and popular cash crop in the area until the 1950s. Down the road again and you will find yourself facing Kilmeen primary school. Just up past Rossmore church, dedicated to St Mary, you will find the local GAA pitch.

Right next to said pitch you will be able to find the old ruins of Ballinvard Castle which is within a working farm and understandably inaccessible to the general public. The following passage from [castles.nl](http://castles.nl) is relevant and interesting: 'Ballinvard Castle, an O'Hurley stronghold, was built in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century, most probably by Randal Oge Hurley of Ballynacarriga Castle. In the course of the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland, the castle was taken and forfeited in 1650. For a short time it

was garrisoned with English soldiers. When they left, they largely destroyed the battlements, rendering the castle indefensible.’

Now back to Rossmore village you will also find the local theatre just below the church. It is commonly used as a community centre for local events and coffee days along with our local drama group which uses it quite often. You could probably find out if there was any event happening soon by asking around as the community is quite connected and friendly.

Nearby there is also our local strawberry farm known as Bushbys Strawberries. I would highly recommend going there as the Strawberries are delicious.

Now that’s a short presentation of the area of Kilmeen parish.

Come and visit us! During the summer, Sunday Mass is celebrated in St Mary’s church (P85 V832), Rossmore village, at 11.00am.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Coffee Day: Ballinascarty Hall**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 11.00am to 3.00pm in aid of Clonakilty Day Care Centre.

### **Timoleague ‘Village Vista’**

A Village Vista sign has been installed on the church grounds in Timoleague. It depicts key landmarks in the Timoleague area looking out over Courtmacsherry Bay. This installation is thanks to a Tidy Towns project funded by a government grant. The piece was painted by Oksana Vorontovas, a Ukrainian native who lives in Timoleague. The sign was blessed by Fr John Kingston after Sunday Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## PARISHES’ NEWS & EVENTS

### **Recently deceased**

Timothy (Teddy) Corcoran, Fairfield Terrace and Macroon.

### **Trinity Sunday @ Castleventry**

The annual prayer service at Trinity Holy Well, Castleventry, will take

place again this year on Holy Trinity Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, at 8.00pm. Parishioners from neighbouring parishes are most welcome. Parents are encouraged to bring their children too. Flowers also welcome. Directions: Google Maps – ‘Trinity Well Castleventry,’

### **Baptised during Eastertide**

Among those children baptised in our six parishes during the season of Easter with water blessed at the six Easter Vigils precisely for the administration of the sacrament during the fifty-day season, the families of the following twelve have agreed to the publication of their names which we are delighted to share with you:

26/04/2025 – George Alexander Canning, Gallanes | 03/05/2025 – Erin Sophia O’Mahony, Tawnies Lower | 10/05/2025 – John Francis McCarthy, Emmet Lane | Ellen Theresa Cronin, North Ring | Freya Rose Tucker, Curraheen | Alice Draper, Downeen | 17/05/2025 – Rebecca Nora O’ Brien, Lislevane | Tommy Seán Clancy, Carhue |

26/05/2025 – Ethan Jack Burgin,  
Balteenbrack | 31/05/2025 – Robyn  
Myra Ryan, Templebryan North |  
07/06/2025 – John Michael Dineen,  
Currihevern | Ava Julia Connolly,  
Shannonvale.

### **Corpus Christi in Clonakilty**

On Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> after the  
11.00am Mass. The church car park  
will only be available for parking for  
people with mobility difficulties.

The congregation will follow the  
leading Crucifix and candles.

### **Corpus Christi in Timoleague**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the annual  
Eucharistic procession will take place  
at the conclusion of 11.30am Mass.

### **Corpus Christi in Barryroe**

Procession around the church after  
10.00am Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> June ending  
inside with Benediction. First  
communicants are invited to walk  
with their families behind the choir.

### **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 Masses for the dead**

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

### **Timoleague Youth**

Thank you to Timoleague N.S.  
pupils for their involvement in  
Pentecost Sunday Mass. All the  
scholars of Clogagh N.S. will have

their end of school year Mass on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. At both Masses  
the young people confirmed in  
February made/will make a promise  
to use alcohol wisely, to avoid taking  
/ dealing in drugs, and to use social  
media in a responsible way.  
We ask the Holy Spirit to guide them  
in making and keeping these  
promises .

### **Offertory collections 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June**

Ardfield	€540
Barryroe	€1,050
<i>Standing Orders to Barryroe parish's bank account average €145 per week on top of the weekly offertory figure. Payzone payments average €20 per week.</i>	
Clonakilty	€4,020
Kilmeen	€328
Rosscarbery	€1,240
Timoleague	€1,085

### **Rosscarbery Masses for the dead**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Rosscarbery  
church at 10:00am for deceased  
priests and sisters buried in the  
Church, Churchyard and Sisters'  
graveyard.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, in the Abbey  
Graveyard at 7:30pm for all those  
buried in the Abbey and Cathedral  
Graveyards. No 10.00am Mass.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June in Ardagh  
Cemetery at 7:30pm. No 10.00am  
Mass.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June in  
Kilkerrinmore Graveyard at 7:30pm.  
No 10.00am Mass.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Solemnity of the  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in  
Lisavaird Church at 7:30pm, for all

those buried in the adjoining cemetery. No 10.00am Mass.

### **Clonakilty Church cleaning**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, immediately after 10.00am mass. If you would like to help, come along to the sacristy at 10.30am. All help most welcome and appreciated.

### **Peter's Pence next weekend**

The annual collection for the support of papal charities takes place at Masses next Sunday (and Saturday evening). Please use your envelopes as the tax rebate scheme also applies to second collections.

To encourage Peter's Pence in the Middle Ages, St Mary's parish church in Croydon (now Croydon Minster) employed a specially made brass eagle obtained from the Beccles and Bungay area of Suffolk in the fifteenth century. One of the 40 or 50 remaining brass eagle lecterns from before the Anglican Reformation, it was ordinarily used for holding liturgical books, but Croydon's eagle also had an open beak which allowed coins to be placed into the eagle's mouth. The coins were collected at the other end of the bird at the appropriate time.

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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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Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

### **Summertime Mass schedule (June, July, & 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.