CLONAKILTY FAMILY OF PARISHES

Newsletter

One body, one spirit, in Christ

Clonakilty Family of Parishes comprises the parishes of Ardfield, Barryroe, Clonakilty, Kilmeen, Rosscarbery, and Timoleague.

Sunday
19th October 2025
29th Sunday of the year

Parishes' Office (023) 883 5654. **Urgent Calls 086 876 0608**

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We continue this Sunday with a series of articles on the primary schools in our family of parishes. This week's contribution takes the form of a poem.

40 YEARS OF KINDNESS AT DARRARA NATIONAL SCHOOL

Kindness is welcoming everybody.
Kindness means everyone's a friend.
Kindness flows through our entire school,
It keeps us together from beginning to end.

We share technology, toys and knowledge.
We build with polydrons and lego too.
Writing on outdoor blackboards, indoor whiteboards,
Baking and cooking food for me and you!

We run down the big pitch and around a huge yard,
New fencing keeps everyone safe.
Bright walls, colourful flooring and sky-blue blinds,
Create an ideal space!

Situated in nature, under a large oak tree,
Surrounded by green fields, and long grass up to our knees!
We sing and smile as we garden,
Colourful pots, raised beds and native trees.

We can choose to take a movement break,
Or to spend time in the sensory room,
Take something from the fidget box,
Even walk a slinky 'round the classroom.

Golden time is earned,
And enjoyed on special days.
We get to busy ourselves with things,
While learning all the way.

40 years on this lovely site,
Everyone has a place,
It's one big school family,
Working together with God's Grace.

By Senior Pupils in Darrara National School

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Friends of Clon Day Care Centre
AGM will take place on October 20th at 8.00pm in the Day Care Centre. New members welcome.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Altar Server Ministry – Workshops for Priests, Parents and Adult Volunteers
As part of renewing the Altar Server Ministry, the Office of Youth Ministry and Mission and Ministry have produced new training videos, designed as a resource where parents and adult volunteers can be trained and empowered to form altar servers within their own parishes.

Two workshops will be held for priests, parents and adult volunteers, to provide guidance on how you can introduce altar servers, or enhance and develop altar servers already within your parish. These will take place on:

- Monday, 20th October, 7.30–9.00pm – Clonakilty Parish Centre
- Tuesday, 21st October, 7.00–8.30pm – Frankfield & Grange Parish Centre

For more information, contact youthministry@corkandross.org

Recently deceased of Rosscarbery Parish
A Special Remembrance Mass will be celebrated in the Rosscarbery Parish Church on Monday 10th November at 7:30pm to remember all those of the Parish who died between 1st November 2024 and 31st October 2025. This Mass is for all those, who lived in or were native to the Parish, who have died in the last year, and are buried in the Parish or elsewhere. Please hand in the name of your loved one, either by calling into the sacristy in Rosscarbery or by emailing: rosscarberyparishoffice@gmail.com

Before the Mass special candles will be given to a representative of each of the deceased, as their name is read out. Candles will then be brought to the Altar, where they will be lit for the Mass. These candles can be taken home by a family member after the Mass. All are invited to the Celtic Ross Hotel for a cup of tea and light refreshments afterwards.

October Rosary
at 8.00pm at Timoleague church steps Grotto, 8.00pm at Barryroe grotto, nightly in both cases.

Memorial Service in Clonakilty Parish Church
on Sunday November 2nd at 7.00pm

Barryroe Parish Public Prayer for the faithful departed
All Souls' Day, 2nd November, at 3.00pm in Lislee Cemetery, 4.00pm in Lislevane Cemetery.

Public Prayer for the faithful departed in Clon cemeteries

Saturday 8th, 10.30am, Church yard
12.00noon, Páircín
Sunday 9th, 3.00pm, Templenaquila
4.00pm, Kilnagross
Saturday 16th, 3.00pm, St Mary's
4.00pm Kilgarriffe
Saturday 23rd, 3.00pm Darrara
4.00pm, Ballintemple

Dates for First Reconciliation 2026

Monday 2nd March, The four English language schools in Clonakilty parish.
Tuesday 3rd March, Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin, Kilmeen parish school (in Rossmore) and Ardfield & Rathbarry parish schools.
Wednesday 4th March, Barryroe parish school & Rosscarbery parish schools.
Thursday 5th March, Timoleague parish schools.

Dates for First Holy Communion Masses 2026

Saturday 2nd May Clogagh.
Saturday 2nd May or Sunday 3rd May, tbc, Ardfield & Rathbarry parish schools.
Saturday 9th May Barryroe parish school; Scoil na mBuachaillí & St
St Joseph's GNS; Kilmeen parish school (in Rossmore).
Saturday 16th May Rosscarbery parish schools, Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin & Timoleague.
Saturday May 23rd Darrara NS and Knockskeagh NS.

Recently Deceased

James O'Neill, Desert & Bealad. Kevin Finn, Casement Park, Clonakilty. Margaret Daly nee Hurley, Rosscarbery.

Recently Married

Claire Frewen, UK & Kenneth Lipsett, UK. Maeve Murphy, Carhue & Seán Beechinor, Cahirconway, Lyre. Wishing both couples every blessing & happiness in their married life.

Second collection this Sunday

The second collection this weekend goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and is used to support the young churches throughout the world in the establishment of parishes, dioceses, training of catechists and building of seminaries, etc.

Offertory 11th & 12th October	
Ardfield	€535
Barryroe	€1,225
Clonakilty	€3,715
Kilmeen	€474.89
Rosscarbery	€1,280
Timoleague	€1,380

Diocesan Needs collection	
Ardfield	€220
Barryroe	€635
Clonakilty	€1,765
Kilmeen	€490
Rosscarbery	€590
Timoleague	€600

Autumn Offerings for Clergy
The priests of the parishes would like to thank parishioners most sincerely for their contributions to *Autumn Dues*. As stated previously, these voluntary donations are one of the major sources of priests' income. The generosity of parishioners allows one extra priest, on loan from another country or from a religious Order, to minister in our parishes for every three priests of the diocese, allowing on average four priests under 75 for each family of parishes.

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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Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

Sunday Mass schedule for Winter-Spring 2025

Parish Churches every Sunday	Chapels-of-ease monthly Masses
	Vigil of 1st Sunday, 4th October 7.00pm in **Bealad**
Ardfield at 10.00am	
Barryroe at 10.00am	Vigil of 2nd Sunday, 11th October 7.00pm in **Clogagh**
Clonakilty at 7.00pm Saturday, Sunday at 8.30am and 11.00am	Vigil of 3rd Sunday, 18th October 7.00pm in **Rathbarry**
Rosscarbery at 6.00pm Saturday, Sunday at 11.30am	1st Sunday, 5th October 9.30am in **Darrara;** 2nd Sunday, 12th October 9.30am in **Lisavaird;** 3rd Sunday, 19th October 9.30am in **Courtmacsherry.**
Rossmore at 11.00am	
Timoleague at 11.30am	1st Friday, 7.30pm in **Carrigfadda.**

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