

Barryroe Parish & Young Readers of the *Prayer of the Faithful*

Dear young people and parents/guardians,

The parishioners of Barryroe parish, and the six priests of our family of parishes, are keen to keep our young people connected with the parish's celebration of Sunday Mass.

To improve our parish's liturgical celebrations, and to keep our young people connected with Mass, we would like to invite sixth class pupils and secondary school students to read the intentions of the *Prayer of the Faithful* at Sunday and holy day Masses. Existing altar servers who have reached sixth class are very welcome to take part in this liturgical ministry also, although preferably not at the same Mass at which they serve. This liturgical ministry can be a part of the John Paul II awards which is for 16-18 year olds.

We envision the parents/guardians taking responsibility for preparing the rota among themselves so two young people are assigned to each Mass at 7.30pm Saturday evening in Courtmacsherry and at 10.00am Sunday morning in Barryroe, and to the extent possible at the vigil of holy days and on the holy day itself, and arranging for replacements when their child is not available. Either parents/guardians or the young people themselves would arrange to download and print the relevant *Prayer of the Faithful* ("Bidding Prayers") from the diocesan website (www.CorkAndRoss.org) which is updated with suitable intercessions a day or two before each Sunday or holy day. Printing is important because we avoid using electronic devices in the liturgy.

If you are interested in getting involved, please complete the sign-up form over the page and return either to the office in Barryroe National School, or to the parochial house (P72 XY19), or to the sacristy in either church, on or before Sunday 22nd September. After that date, parents/guardians will be contacted and a brief preparation session will be organised for the young people along with their parent/guardian present before we introduce the new practice. Thank you in advance for considering this initiative.

Fr Fergus Ryan, CC,
Resident priest in Barryroe parish, on behalf of parishioners and priests of the family of parishes,
September 2024

Photography. From time to time we may use photographs of young people in promotional material and on our parish website, the family of parishes website, and diocesan website. If you would prefer us not to use photographs of your child please advise us of this decision. _____

Webcams. Liturgical celebrations may be broadcast which may include images of your child. If you have any concerns regarding these images please advise us. _____

The information on this form will be retained in connection with your/your child's participation in an diocesan/parish event or activity. The information in this form will usually be deleted within 6 months after you/your child finishes participating in such events. However, there may be circumstances where the information may need to be retained for a longer period. For further information, please see our Privacy Policy (<https://barryroe.ie/privacy>).

The Diocese of Cork and Ross values and encourages the participation of children in the life of the Church and is committed to best practice, which protects children from harm and abuse. As staff, volunteers, clergy and religious in this Diocese, we accept and recognise our responsibilities to develop an awareness of the issues which cause children harm. If you have concerns about any church activity please contact the Diocesan Director for Safeguarding or Diocesan Designated Liaison Persons.

Barryroe Parish Young Reader of the *Prayer of the Faithful* application 2024

Name of young person	
Address of young person	
Date of birth	
School attending	
Class/Year in school	
Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	
Home Telephone number	
Email address(es) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	
Mobile Telephone number(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	
<p>Young reader consent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wish to read the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday and holy day Masses in order to help the community to pray during the celebrations. • I am willing to attend the preliminary practice in a spirit of prayer and cooperation. • I will prepare well before coming to each Mass in good time and will endeavour to be present when the rota indicates I should. 	
Date	
Signature of the young person	
<p>Parent/Guardian consent: I/We have read all the information provided and am/are willing to allow my/our child to read at Masses and other Liturgies. Readers make a commitment to assist at liturgies as required during the year and as outlined to you in Parish communications.</p>	
Date	
Signature(s) of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	