

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

8th June 2025

Pentecost Sunday

& the conclusion of Easter

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BARRYROE PARISH - NICE TO MEET YOU!

Barryroe parish lies to the east of Clonakilty and south of Timoleague. TY student and Barryroe parishioner Lily O'Sullivan presents her parish here for summer visitors and would-be visitors from the other five parishes of our family of parishes. This is the first in a series of brief articles by TY students in Clonakilty Community College presenting our six parishes in turn.

Barryroe is predominantly a farming and fishing peninsula. We have various sports teams and facilities such as Barryroe GAA pitch for training and matches as well as a walking track surrounding the pitches. Representatives of the rowing club in Courtmacsherry, a village on the northern edge of the parish, won the Southwest Rowing Club of the Year in 2022.

Barryroe parish has two churches. The Church of the Sacred Heart in Courtmacsherry was opened in 1886 making it 139 years old, while the Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, in Barryroe has been around since 1869 making it over 150 years old. These churches are the successors to earlier churches and chapels in Lislee, Lislevane, Butlerstown, Kilsillagh, Donoghmore, and others.

Barryroe attracts many visitors to the area because of its beautiful beaches, coastline, walks, and places to eat. It is steeped in rail, maritime and social history. Courtmacsherry has a whale watching service, and the chance to partake in water sports. The seaside village is home to the oldest lifeboat in Ireland (200 years this year!), runs an annual family festival which includes a regatta. People all over Cork have attended the regatta since the early 1900's.

High output agriculture has long been associated with Barryroe, and Barryroe's co-op is celebrating its 100th year in existence. A special celebration is planned for September. Barryroe also runs an annual agricultural show, this includes calf showing, horse riding, dog shows, art, and baking competitions and much more and it takes place in the first week of July.

Come and visit us in Barryroe! During the summer Sunday Mass is celebrated in Barryroe church (P72 T206) at 10.00am, with another Mass during July and August only in Courtmacsherry (P72 W259) at 9.00am.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fundraising Concert

Barth Harrington with his new band is playing at De Barra's in Clonakilty on Sunday 8th June at 7.30pm. All proceeds go to Clonakilty Hospital. Tickets €20 from debarra.ie

ClonakiltyShow.ie

The annual Clonakilty Agricultural Show takes place this year on Sunday 8th June.

Celebrating Rossscarbery schools and the new 'Bunscoil Fachtna'

As the two primary schools in Rossscarbery 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 9th 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 10th 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

Alan Flynn, Woodlands, Clonakilty & Lisle, Courtmacsherry. Mary Hayes (née O'Mahony) Tawnies Lower, Clonakilty. Pat Cahill, Gullane, Clonakilty & Headford, Kerry. Paddy Scully, Hastings, Minnesota & Dunowen, Ardfield, who was buried in the old cemetery in Ardfield during the week.

Jubilee of Youth – Thank you!

Thank you for welcoming the young people who spoke about the Cork and Ross Jubilee of Youth pilgrimage to Rome at Masses in Clonakilty recently and for your financial generosity. Those between 18 and 30 and interested in joining the pilgrimage (28th July - 4th August) call 021 430 1717 or email

youthministry@corkandross.org

Corpus Christi in Clonakilty

Procession after the 11.00am Mass on 22nd June. The church car park will only be available for parking for people with mobility difficulties.

The procession will exit through the Post Office gate, through Kent St, Rossa St, Pearse St, and return to the church via the Post Office gate. The congregation will come immediately after the crucifix and candles, will be followed by families with children who received their First Holy Communion, and the

Mayoral Council. Refreshments follow in the Parish Centre.

Fr Walsh commemorative bench

A bench in memory of Fr Pat Walsh, donated by the Walsh family, has been installed at the hall in Clogagh.

Total Abstinence Pioneers

Pins to mark 50 years' & 25 years' membership were presented to Lily McCarthy (gold pin), Ann O'Hea (gold pin), Anna Deasy (gold pin), and Vivienne Crowley (silver pin) after Mass in Clogagh on 31st May.

Timoleague NS confirmation class 2025 will make their Pioneer Promise at Sunday Mass 8th June in Timoleague. Clogagh NS confirmation class 2025 will make their Pioneer Promise at their end of year Mass in Clogagh on 17th June.

Corpus Christi in Timoleague

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

Trinity Sunday @ Castleventry

The annual prayer gathering at Trinity Holy Well, Castleventry, will take place this year on 15th June at 8.00pm. Parishioners from neighbouring parishes are especially welcome. Parents are encouraged to bring their children too. Flowers also welcome. Google Maps – 'Trinity Well Castleventry,'

Vocations Society Pilgrimage

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

Timoleague Youth Mass

Sunday, 8th June, at 11.30am.

World War I Memorial

Rosscarbery Historical and Heritage Society wish to thank all those who supported and contributed to the unveiling on 31st May last of a memorial in the Abbey Graveyard, Rosscarbery, to the Fallen of World War I from the district.

Mass in Lisavaird church

Mass for the feast of The Sacred Heart and all those buried in the adjoining cemetery on Friday 27th June at 7:30pm.

Teampaillín Fachtna

As part of the Clonakilty Family of Parishes Jubilee celebrations, the annual Mass at Teampaillín Fachtna will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7:30pm. Further information later.

Offertory collections 31.5/1.6

Ardfield	€550 &
€500 for the heating collection.	
Barryroe	€1,215
Clonakilty	€4,420
Kilmeen	€795.54
Rosscarbery	€1,480
Timoleague	€940

Rosscarbery Trócaire collection

The collection in Ross amounted to €1,030.00.

PARDON ME?! WHAT WAS THAT AT MASS?

'Alleluia' features a lot at Mass during the fifty-day season of Easter. We've probably all heard it might mean

‘Praise the Lord’, but we can describe it more accurately than that. It’s from Hebrew, the earliest language of the Old Testament, and literally means ‘Praise-ye Yah’, where ‘Yah’ is an abbreviation of God’s name revealed to Moses.

The expression ‘Alleluia’ is not at all a common one in the Old Testament and is usually found in connection with commemorating Passover and the Hebrews’ Exodus from Egypt. God revealed his name – Yahweh – to Moses precisely when the Passover and the Exodus were about to happen, so ‘Alleluia’ could

even be put as ‘Praise the God who brought us out of Egypt and recall what he did at that time’.

Christian Passover and Exodus is Our Lord’s death and resurrection. ‘Alleluia’, for us Christians, could be put as ‘Praise God who conquered death and showed us the resurrection, and recall the details’ Sung before the Gospel at Mass, Alleluia there becomes a shout for the deacon or priest to proclaim part of Our Lord’s life, death and resurrection recorded in the Gospels, a shout we should all join in singing.

Fr Fergus R.

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

Summertime Mass schedule (until the end of 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

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.