

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
22nd June 2025
Solemnity of Corpus Christi
twelfth week in Ordinary Time

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ARDFIELD - NICE TO MEET YOU!

Ardfield parish lies south of Clonakilty and takes in the whole peninsula. TY student and Ardfield parishioner Cian O'Donovan presents his parish here for summer visitors and would-be visitors from the other five parishes of our family of parishes. This is the third in a series of brief articles by TY students in Clonakilty Community College presenting our parishes in turn. (Ed.)

Living in Ardfield-Rathbarry is honestly something special. It is not just a small West Cork community — it is full of pride, history, and people who always look out for each other. There is a real sense of togetherness here, and that is what makes it feel like home.

The GAA club is a huge part of life. Whether you are playing, supporting, or just going for the atmosphere, it brings everyone together. There has been plenty of great wins over the years, and the underage teams are flying it too.

We have got some of the best beaches around — Red Strand is perfect for swimming and chilling, and Long Strand is great for surfing or just a peaceful walk. After the beach, The Fish Basket is the go-to spot — their food is unreal, and it is right by the sea. There is also a lovely campsite nearby where loads of families and tourists stay in summer, which gives the place a great buzz.

Watching over it all is the Galley Head Lighthouse, one of the coolest sights around. Every year, there is the Galley Head Swim, which is a serious challenge but a brilliant event for raising money and bringing people together.

Both Ardfield and Rathbarry churches are important too — they have been at the centre of community life for generations. And you cannot forget Rathbarry Hall — it is where loads of things happen, from classes to parties to community meetings. It is the hub for loads of local events and get-togethers.

One of the best parts about living here is how people support each other. Whether it is a fundraiser, a clean-up, or someone just needing a hand, people

always show up. Events like the Sandscope Fishing Competition are great craic and bring everyone together — young and old.

There are loads of walkways too — through woods, along the coast, or past fields — all with amazing views. Whether you are walking your dog, running, or just clearing your head, there is always somewhere nice to go.

We have had plenty to be proud of — Rathbarry has done brilliantly in the Tidy Towns, and the GAA club keeps the sporting spirit alive. It just shows how much people care about where we live.

Ardfield Rathbarry Tennis Club, founded in 1996 by local youths, has become a key part of the community in West Cork. With two floodlit, all-weather courts beside St James' GAA grounds, the club offers year-round access to players of all ages and abilities. It plays a strong role in community life, supporting junior development, adult league teams, and hosting regular social evenings and tournaments. The addition of a modern clubhouse in 2016 further strengthened its role as a welcoming, inclusive space for sport and connection.

Ardfield-Rathbarry might be small, but it is full of heart, good people, and unreal places. It's one of those spots where once you have been, you never really forget it.

Come and visit us! During the summer, Sunday Mass is celebrated in St James' church, Ardfield (P85 DD40), at 10.00am.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Open Garden Fundraiser for Cancer Connect

Pinetree Lodge Garden in Ballinacarriga, P47 KN52, will be hosting an Open Garden as a fundraiser for much needed funds for Cancer Connect as well as Breakthrough Cancer Research, on Sunday 29th June from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. We will present our beautiful summer garden and serve tea and coffee and home baked cakes in order to raise awareness and funds and we will have a raffle with locally sponsored Spot Prizes. More Info on FB Pinetree Lodge Garden or <https://idonate.ie/ErikaSexton>

Courtmacsherry Timoleague 18th Annual 10km Road Race

27th June at 8.00pm.

KCCDA Community BBQ

Kilmeen Castleventry Community Development Association BBQ on Sunday 29th June, 2.00pm - 5.00pm, at Bealad Community Centre (P85 HK59). Jimmy The Chef (BBQ) and Kieran Cooke live music.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Recently deceased

Mary O'Neill (née Hurley), Butlerstown village and formerly Barleyfield, Kilbrittain. Florence (Florrie) Whelton, Dagenham and formerly Lettercollum, Timoleague.

Corpus Christi in Clonakilty

Procession on Sunday June 22nd 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 processional cross and candles, then families with children who received their First Holy Communion, the Mayoral Council, the choir which precedes the canopy and the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction on returning in the church. Refreshments follow in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Corpus Christi in Timoleague

On Sunday 22nd 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 22nd 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 28th to 29th June. For information 087 132 3053.

Timoleague Masses for the dead

First Friday, 4th 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.

Courtmacsherry Patronal Feast

Mass on Friday, 27th June, the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, will be at 9.30am in Courtmacsherry, rather than in Barryroe.

Rosscarbery Masses for the dead

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

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

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

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

Friday 27th 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.

Offertory 14th-15th June

Ardfield	€415
Barryroe	€925
Clonakilty	€4,465
Kilmeen	€349.50
Rosscarbery	€1,165
Timoleague	€1,305

Barryroe Trócaire collection

The 2025 donations amounted to €1873, approximately €250 of which came from pupils in Barryroe National School.

PARDON ME?! WHAT WAS THAT AT MASS?

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again. Our way of celebrating Mass in the Roman Catholic Church is a

mixture of traditions from different parts of the world put together in the eternal city. The acclamation 'We proclaim your death' which we began using in the late 1960s is typical of Syrian practices. The exact wording here, obviously based on the words of St Paul 'When you eat this bread...', is from a manuscript found in a ruined monastery in Egypt in the early 1900s. Its succinct wording made it a good choice.

But what do the words mean? When we come to Mass we are making plain that Our Lord's death

on the cross – historically not disputed – is of great importance and is beneficial for us: we are proclaiming its significance merely by turning up. The resurrection, historically disputed by non-believers although the evidence of witnesses supporting it is overwhelming, is something we believe in, so we profess our belief in Our Lord's resurrection by going to Mass. Finally, Mass is always celebrated with the longing for the Lord's return when we will no longer celebrate Mass at all.

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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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

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.