

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

3rd August 2025

18th Sunday of the year

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

BENDUFF SLATE QUARRY

A memorial Mass was celebrated by Canon Martin O'Driscoll at the Benduff quarry memorial site on the 18th July last.

Benduff slate quarry operated from c.1820 to 1952. During its operation there were a number of workplace accidents in the quarry in which up to 18 men were killed. The most serious accident happened at 7.45am on the 20th July 1892 when the north face of the quarry collapsed killing eight men. Three bodies were recovered and five remain buried under the rock. The rock face was reported to be 400 feet long and 200 feet high. The collapse made a tremendous thunder like sound that was heard in the nearby countryside and as far away as Glandore.

The quarry closed for a while after the accident but was reopened again the following year. Many of the workers and relatives of the dead men were destitute and had no other work. The quarry seemed to be at its peak in the 1870's and early 1880's. There were between 100 and 150 men employed there at that time. In 1883 Benduff and Froe quarries produced 2,600 tons of slate which was over a quarter of the slate produced in the country that year. The importation of cheaper American slate in the following decades led to a decline in production at the site and it was in liquidation by 1892.

The men killed at the site in 1892 were Patrick Feen (62), James Feen (54), John Feen (25), Michael Tobin (55), Denis Dwyer (21), Daniel Donovan (16). All these men were from Barleyhill. Daniel Connor (50)

from Connonagh and John O Neill (13) from Froe were also killed in this accident.

The other men memorialised on the monument are John O Regan (44), Benduff who died in 1929; James Tobin (54), Barleyhill, died in 1934; Denis Dempsey (41), Barleyhill, died 1937; Patrick Donovan (64), Froe who died in 1873.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Timoleague Harvest Festival

Friday 15th August to Monday 25th August.

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesdays at 11.00am is the deadline for submission of notices for inclusion in the newsletter.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Assumption of Our Lady – holyday of obligation

15th August is the solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, a holyday of obligation. The Mass times will be announced in next Sunday's newsletter, on www.OneFaith.ie, and on church noticeboards.

Barryroe parish Assumption – blessing of flowers and herbs

Bring your own flowers and herbs to be blessed at Masses in Barryroe parish on the solemnity of the Assumption. The blessing recalls the story of Our Lord's Assumption when from her tomb flowers had grown. The blessed flowers are taken home as any bunch of flowers, and serve as reminders of the feastday and for us to pray. Edible flowers and herbs which have been blessed may be used in

cooking and consumed with meals in the ordinary way.

Courtmacsherry church works

Ongoing works to Courtmacsherry church will occur in the coming couple of weeks, including replacing the sky light over the sanctuary. While not affecting Sunday Masses, it may affect the weekday Mass so please consult the noticeboards and www.Barryroe.ie for more up to date information.

Mass in Rosscarbery Church on Bank Holiday Monday at 10am

On Monday August 4th the 10am Mass in Rosscarbery Parish Church will be offered for the repose of the soul the late Fr Pat Walsh. It will be followed by the unveiling of a commemorative plaque on the church grounds and the launching of his book on his memories and reflections in the Celtic Ross Hotel.

Darrara Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evenings 7.00-8.00pm.

Clonakilty Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday in Clonakilty Church after 10.00am Mass until 3.00pm.

Tap machines out of order

Apologies to those who have been using the tap machines in the parish church in Clonakilty. The online donate button is now functioning.

Teampaillín Fachtna

Rosscarbery

Mass for the Jubilee Holy Year Pilgrimage to Teampaillín Fachtna, Rosscarbery on Thursday 14th August at 7.00pm.

Mass at Mass Rock

The annual Mass at Béal an Aifrinn, Meelmane, Courtmacsherry, will be held this year on the Feast of the Coronation of Our Lady Queen of Heaven and Earth, Friday 22nd August, at 7.30pm. This Mass replaces the usual morning Mass.

Rosscarbery Taizé Ecumenical Evening Prayer

Our next Taizé Prayer Gathering will be held on Wednesday, 6th August in St. Fachtna's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Rosscarbery at 8.00pm.

All are most welcome to join us for a quiet time of music, reflection, meditation, prayer & song.

Recently baptised

Ayda Ann Coakley, Reenascreena & Arthur Rushe, Desert & Singapore.

Offertory collections 26th-27th July

Ardfield	€440
Barryroe	€1405
Clonakilty	€4230
Kilmeen	€
Rosscarbery	€1225

Timoleague

€1030

PARDON ME?! WHAT WAS THAT AT MASS?

The hymn shortly before the consecration at Mass in the context of the account of the Last Supper is well known - Holy, holy, holy Lord - but how is it relevant to that part of Mass? It seems to come out of nowhere.

The first few lines are from the vision of the prophet Isaiah in the Temple of Jerusalem and he heard the angels singing to God 'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts' (Isaiah 3:1). Three times holy is the Hebrew way of saying 'the holiest'. 'Lord' replaces God's name which people avoided saying out of respect. 'Hosts' refers to the Hebrews' armies, their strength. God of hosts recalls God's giving strength to his people so they could defend themselves and forge and strong identity.

'Heaven and earth are full of your glory' is from the same song of the angels heard by Isaiah, although with 'heaven' added. God's presence and majesty extend throughout heaven and throughout all creation, including in the church where Mass is being celebrated.

'Hosanna' means 'So, save us!', although by Our Lord's day, people understood it as a rather general religious acclamation.

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord' recalls the coming of God the Son among us.

From Psalm 117(118), the last of the Egyptian Hallel psalms, it is also part of the Palm Sunday story, and in the Mass it prepares for the coming of the Lord in the consecration of the bread and wine making his offering on Good Friday present.

The Holy, Holy, addressed to God the Father, is a hymn of priest and congregation preparing for the consecration, conscious they are in the presence of God, but also conscious God the Son is about to be made present through the consecration of the bread and wine into his body and blood, making his

soul and divinity present also. The hymn also has a view towards the Lord's offering on Good Friday and so prepares us for the Institution Narrative of the Mass.

It's important we stick to the words of the Holy, holy as given to us because changing the words can sometimes make a nonsense of the meaning of the hymn, overlooking that it is addressed to God the Father, that it recalls the Lord's coming on Palm Sunday and his self-offering on Good Friday made present at Mass.

Fr Fergus

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 Sunday Mass schedule (till the end of August)

Ardfield P85 DD40 @ 10.00am

Barryroe P72 T206 @ 10.00am

Clonakilty P85 NT22 @

7.00pm Saturday,

Sunday @ 8.30am and 11.00am

Courtmacsherry P72 W259 @ 9.00am

Rossmore P85 V832 @ 11.00am

Rosscarbery P85 Y270 @

7.00pm Saturday, 11.30am Sunday

Timoleague P72 TF89 @ 11.30am

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.