

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
21st September 2025
25th Sunday of the year

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

We continue this Sunday with the series of articles on the primary schools in our family of parishes, written by the pupils themselves.

TIMOLEAGUE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Timoleague National School, which is 140 years old, is situated on the banks of the Argideen River in the shadow of the thirteenth-century Franciscan Friary, a most idyllic setting. Our school motto is *Ancora Imparo – Always learning*. From junior infants to sixth class, we have 151 students from 87 families. We are a mixed boys and girls school with pupils from many different countries. We have six class teachers, two Special Educational Needs (SEN) teachers, four Special Needs Assistants (SNAs), a secretary, and a caretaker. We also have a very supportive Board of Management and Parents' Association.

Our school gives us a lot of opportunities to experience different extra-curricular activities. We have dance and drama classes both of which prepare us for our different performances – Christmas Nativity Play with juniors to second class; third and fourth classes perform at Feis Maitiú in Cork; and fifth and sixth classes do an end of year show. In June this year, 'Oliver' was presented to the whole school community. Sports include boys and girls teams being entered in the *Sciath na Scoil* hurling and football tournaments. In June 2025 the boys were successful in winning their section coached by our teachers, we also enjoy coaching sessions from members of Argideen Rangers GAA. club. Pupils also take part in rugby sessions with Clonakilty RFC. coaches; we partake in the annual schools soccer competition which is co-ordinated by members of Bandon soccer club. Pupils also get the opportunity to take part in the Concern school debates with our team reaching the west Cork semi-final in 2024. The school also enjoys a quiz club and has been successful in the local credit union competition.

In 2020 the school secured extra land to develop a biodiversity/education garden. Irish Water signed a license agreement with the school for the land adjacent to Timoleague Pump Station. Five years later this garden continues to grow, winning numerous awards in many competitions and has become a vibrant part of our community. In our garden you will find wildflowers, fruit and veg, a pond, benches to relax on plus many more interesting things.

The school supports a healthy eating policy with emphasis on healthy lunch boxes. In the next few weeks, the school food dudes programme will be completed by each pupil, where they will get to taste different fruit and veg daily over the course of a week. Some of these food items will not be new to our classes as they will have grown and tasted them from our education garden.

We proudly display numerous green school flags on our flag poles, and we are hoping to add the Global Citizenship Energy flag to our collection in 2026. Timoleague N.S., our school is inclusive, supportive, fun, diverse. Malcolm X said 'education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today'. Thanks to all those in our school we are well prepared for our future.

Written by 6th class, Timoleague N.S.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Darrara National School Fête

on Sunday, 21st September, 1.00pm-4.00pm in Darrara National School.

Darrara Wellbeing Day

on Thursday, 25th September, in Darrara Community Centre from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Talks by Sarah Good (Cork Deaf Association) and Kevin McCormack (Mental Health Coach). Music with Thomas O'Leary. Free admission.

Marymount Hospice Coffee Day

at the home of John and Ruth Buttimer, Bealad West, P85 DC98, on Thursday, 25th September, from 10.30am to 6.00pm. All welcome.

Clonakilty Friendship Club

will resume meetings on Monday mornings in the Parish Centre at

10.30am. We welcome new senior citizens as members.

Timoleague Educational Garden

running weekly evening events from October to December from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Monday, 6th October: Local history. Tuesday 7th: Games night. Wednesday 8th: Irish language. Thursday 9th: Get crafty.

Clonakilty Bereavement Group

Clonakilty Bereavement Group is a safe and secure place in which you work through your grief. We are offering you support over a five-week period commencing on Tuesday, 23rd September, at 8.00pm in Clonakilty. Contact: 023 8835654.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Gougane Sunday 2025

This year Gougane Sunday, 28th September, takes on a particular significance as it has been

designated a place of Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Diocese. It is possible for people to gain an indulgence by participating in *Gougane Sunday*. For that reason, confessions will be available from 1.30pm followed by Rosary at 2.30pm with Mass at 3.00pm.

Sycamore & Foundations in Theology

A programme exploring the fundamentals of our Christian faith for young adults aged 18-35 beginning Wednesday, 24th September, from 5.45pm to 8.00pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP).

New Prayer Group in Clonakilty

Conversation with the Bible, a chat, a cuppa, a shared experience, in the Parish Centre, Clonakilty, Thursdays from 7.00pm to 8.00pm beginning on the 25th September. Enquiries to John on 086 8178248.

Clonakilty church cleaning

takes place on Saturday, 27th September, immediately after 10am mass. If you would like to help, come along to the sacristy at 10.30am.

Mini Novena to celebrate the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis

In Timoleague Parish Church from Sunday, 28th September, to Thursday, 2nd October. Rosary at 7.45pm and Mass at 8.00pm nightly.

Sunday: Fr John Newman.

Monday: Fr Seán Crowley. *St Carlo's Love of the Eucharist*. Also with Benediction on Monday.

Tuesday: Fr Anthony Buckley. *St Carlo's Love of ones Neighbour*.

Wednesday: Fr Bertie O'Mahony. *Evening of Hope*.

Thursday: Fr John Kingston. *Feast of the Guardian Angels*.

There will be a petition box at the altar for your intentions for which Mass will be offered, and candles available for purchase to be lit on the altar. A donation box will be available to cover costs accrued and the remainder will go to UNICEF support in Gaza.

Clerical Education Fund

The second collection this Sunday is for costs associated with the formation and studies of future priests and deacons ordained for the diocese of Cork and Ross.

Recently Deceased

Jerry O'Donoghue, Chestnut Grove, Clonakilty.

Offertory collections 13th & 14th September

Ardfield	€630
Barryroe	€945
Clonakilty	€4,285
Kilmeen	€340
Rosscarbery	€1,185
Timoleague	€800

First Friday Mass in Carrigfada

7.30pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Next Mass 3rd October.

First Saturday Mass in Lisavaird

is discontinued due to a monthly Sunday morning Mass having been scheduled, beginning in October.

Autumn Offerings for the Clergy

One of the major parts of the priests' income is the 'Autumn Dues', often given at the Station Masses. Some parishioners have already made their contribution, and the priests of our family of parishes thank them most sincerely for their

generosity. Envelopes will continue to be available in the churches for those who do not use the offertory envelope system. Either envelope may be dropped into the offertory collection baskets during Mass at your convenience.

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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Canon John Kingston, AP. (023) 883 9114

Canon Martin O'Driscoll, Co-PP. (023) 884 8168

Fr Fergus Tuohy, SMA, CC. fergus257@gmail.com

Fr Fergus Ryan, OP, CC. (023) 884 0188 & 087 204 0576. priest@barryroe.ie

Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

Sunday Mass schedule for Winter-Spring 2025

Ardfield P85 DD40 @ 10.00am

Barryroe P72 T206 @ 10.00am

Clonakilty P85 NT22

@ 7.00pm Saturday,

Sunday @ 8.30am and 11.00am

Rossmore P85 V832 @ 11.00am

Rosscarbery P85 Y270 @

7.00pm Saturday

(***will be 6.00pm from October),

11.30am Sunday

Timoleague P72 TF89 @ 11.30am

Monthly Sunday Masses in Chapels-of-ease beginning in October

Vigil of 1st Sunday 4th October 7.00pm in Bealad P85 YT32

Vigil of 2nd Sunday 11th October 7.00pm in Clogagh P72 PK33

Vigil of 3rd Sunday 18th October 7.00pm in Rathbarry P85 R237

1st Sunday 5th October 9.30am in Darrara P85 C990

2nd Sunday 12th October 9.30am in Lisavaird P85 X665

3rd Sunday 19th October 9.30am in Courtmacsherry P72 W259

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.