

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 March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

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LENT & BAPTISM

The season of Lent has varied the themes presented at Mass and in the daily cycle of the church's prayer, ranging from penance, conversion to preparation for baptism. Vatican II's reforms sought to re-emphasise the baptismal side of both Lent and Easter, Lent as a preparation for our commemoration at Easter of having been baptised. The prayers and readings at Mass during Lent were also changed as part of the growing number of adults being baptised with a long period of preparation as occurred in the early centuries of the Lenten season. This year, the Gospel readings for Sundays 3, 4 and 5 of Lent are those with strong baptismal themes. This Sunday, we have the Samaritan woman at the well who hears of the Lord's offer of living water. The Lord himself is the water of life, the answer to all our longings and thirsting, and baptism is administered with water.

Next Sunday, Laetare Sunday, we will hear of the healing of the man born blind. Baptism was understood in ancient times also as an enlightening or illumination because it meant receiving the true light of Christ which cleanses the soul and enlightens the mind. The newly baptised moves from darkness to light and receives divine truth by faith.

Finally, on the fifth Sunday of Lent we will hear of the raising of Lazarus from death. While not undergoing a resurrection like Christ experienced on Easter Sunday, Lazarus, having died, was restored to life. Baptism is already a sharing in Christ's resurrection, and promises a sharing in the general resurrection of the body at the end of time.

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EASTER TRIDUUM 2026 *revised*

	Ardfield	Barryroe	Clonakilty	Kilmeen	Rosscarbery	Timoleague
HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper	Ardfield 7.30pm	Barryroe 7.30pm	Clonakilty 7pm	Rossmore 7.30pm	Rosscarbery 7.30pm	Timoleague 8pm
GOOD FRIDAY Stations			Hospital 11.15am Clonakilty 12.00noon		Lisavaird 12.00noon	
Liturgy of the Passion	Ardfield 3pm	Barryroe 3pm	Clonakilty 3pm	Rossmore 3pm	Rosscarbery 3pm	Timoleague 12.00noon
Evening Stations	Rathbarry 7.30pm	Courtmacsherry 7.30pm	Darrara 3.00pm Clonakilty 7.00pm	Bealad 7.30pm	Carrigfadda 7.30pm	Clogagh 5.00pm
SATURDAY Easter Vigil	Rathbarry 7.30pm	Barryroe 9pm	Clonakilty 9pm	Bealad 7.30pm	Rosscarbery 6pm	Timoleague 8pm
EASTER SUNDAY Day Mass	Ardfield 10am	Courtmacsherry 9.30am & Barryroe 11am	Clonakilty 8.30am-11am Darrara 9.30am	Rossmore 11am	Lisavaird 9.30am Rosscarbery 11.30am	Clogagh 10am Timoleague 11.30am

Water, illumination and eternal life are three baptismal themes presented to us this Lent focussing us more closely on commemorating at Easter our own baptisms.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Anam Cara

the organisation that supports bereaved parents will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday 10th March in Fernhill hotel at 7.30pm.

Educational Garden Timoleague

‘Decode Food Labels’ What is really in your food? Speaker Dr Sinéad O’Donovan, Leadership and Nutrition Consultant on Thursday, 12th March, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Everyone welcome. €10 donation. Contact 085 221 6616 or smodonovanconsultancy@gmail.com

Epilepsy Awareness Day

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

PARISHES’ NEWS & EVENTS

Padre Pio Mass & Prayer Meeting

will be held in Sacred Heart Church, Rath, Baltimore on Monday 9th March beginning at 7.00pm. Adoration & Rosary followed by Mass at 7.30pm. This will be held on the second Monday of each month except for July & August.

Recently Deceased

Sr Maura Finn, Bandon & Anne Sexton, Lislevane

Legion ‘Call to Arms’, March 21st, AD 2026.

The Legion of Mary invites all of our friends to our annual ‘Call to Arms’ on Saturday 21st of March which, this year, AD2026, will be at SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork beginning with 10.00am Mass in Saint Joseph’s Church and continuing until mid-afternoon. Hospitality and inspiring contributors assured.

Christian Meditation

is the prayer of silence where we go beyond words, thoughts or images into the presence of God within. It is a powerful form of prayer and can be easily learnt. A meditation group gathers each week on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Church, Clonakilty. For more information contact 086 3071709.

Conversation with the Bible

Thursdays in the parish centre, 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Contact John 086 8178248

Fatima Pilgrimage

from Cork airport on Thursday 2nd July to 9th. The Spiritual Director will be Rev. Fr (Archdeacon) Neilus O’Donnell. For further details contact Patsy Foley on 087 6798810

Recently Baptised

Féilim Edward Lemass, An Sruthán Beag & Calvin Michael Clancy, The Miles.

Offertory weekend of March 1st		Clonakilty	€4710
Ardfield	€550	Kilmeen	€662
& heating collection	€220	Rosscarbery	€1325
Barryroe	€680	Timoleague	€625

Beagáinín Gaeilge

Go raibh an Tiarna libh – Agus le do spiorad.

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

Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Darrara Tuesdays, 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place in Clonakilty Church on Fridays at the moment due to ongoing building work.

Liturgical schedule for Winter-Spring 2025-2026

Parish Churches every Sunday

Ardfield at 10.00am

Barryroe at 10.00am

Clonakilty at 7.00pm Saturday,
Sunday at 8.30am and 11.00am

Rosscarbery at 6.00pm Saturday,
Sunday at 11.30am

Rossmore at 11.00am

Timoleague at 11.30am

Monthly Masses March 2026

Saturdays at 7.00pm

7th March in **Clogagh**

14th March in **Rathbarry**

Sundays at 9.30am

8th March in **Lisavaid**

15th March in **Courtmacsherry**

**For first Sunday of April, see revised
Easter Triduum schedule on page 2.**

First Friday, 6th March at 7.30pm in
Carrigfadda