

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.

5th Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2026

Passiontide begins

Urgent Calls 086 876 0608

A single website for our family: www.OneFaith.ie

One body, one spirit, in Christ

EASTER NIGHT - SO MANY READINGS!

The readings and psalms at the Easter Vigil are avoided quite a bit in Ireland to the extent we usually just proclaim two or three in practice. Their relevance might go over our heads.

Seven Old Testament readings seems a lot, and it is, but then again, the Vigil is exactly that, a waiting between the new fire of Easter and the Gospel reading of Easter morning, so a range of readings can profitably fill the time.

The readings bring us through Old Testament history by touching on events which have a kind of echo during Easter night when the Lord rose again and began the restoration of all creation in which we participate especially through our baptism. References to baptism are found in most of the readings too.

The story of creation prepares us for that new creation which is the risen Lord. The story of Abraham almost sacrificing Isaac is considered a prophecy of God the Father being willing to give up his only begotten son also, Jesus. Passover and the crossing of the red sea - the third reading - are also preparations for Our Lord passing over from death to life, conquering death; he is the new paschal lamb whose blood protects us from eternal death like the blood on the lintels of the Hebrew homes in Egypt protected them from the slaughter of the first born males by the angel of death.

The fourth reading recalls the Lord's invitation to repentance and reconciliation on our part which we see even after the Hebrew people left Egypt and settled in the Holy land. Then there is the invitation to drink of the water of life; we are preparing for the water of baptism through which we share in the Lord's death and resurrection. The sixth reading invites moral living while the seventh and final reading proclaims the Lord's gathering of his people and their

transformation into a people who will serve as a sign to all nations, rather like the Hebrews returning from exile in Babylon, modern-day Iraq. The new people will be formed through the waters of baptism, prophesied in the psalm 'Like the deer that yearns for running streams'.

Even if you only hear three readings at the vigil this year, the significance of the readings you do hear may be somewhat clearer now.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Friendly Fuchsia Café in St Fachtna's Community Centre, Clonakilty

every Friday from 2pm to 4pm. This is a dementia friendly café where people can chat and connect in a supportive, confidential environment.

Coffee Day in Courtmacsherry Community Hall

on Sunday 22nd March from 10.15am to 1pm in aid of West Cork Rapid Response. Any queries, please contact Dolores (086) 8041679.

Timoleague Daffodil Day Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

on Sunday 22nd March starting at 11am in Timoleague Community Hall.

Timoleague Charity Bingo

in aid of Cancer Connect on Sunday 22nd March at 3pm in Timoleague Community Hall.

Timoleague Community AGM

will be held on Tuesday 24th March at 8.30pm in Timoleague Community Hall.

Ballinascarthy Macra na Feirme

will host a table quiz in aid of Cancer Connect & Ballinascarthy Community Hall on Friday 27th March at 8.30pm in the Henry Ford Tavern.

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

Easter Mass Bouquet Cards

are now available to purchase in the Parish Office, Clonakilty. The cards are from the Divine Word Missionaries and a selection of handmade cards made by the Nuns in Glencairn Abbey, Lismore, County Waterford.

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 10am Mass in the Parish

Church, Clonakilty. For more information contact 086 3071709.

Conversation with the Bible

Thursdays in the parish centre, 7pm to 8pm. 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.

Offertory 14th & 15th March

Ardfield	€640
Barryroe	€1,290
Clonakilty	€4,340
Kilmeen	€245.15
Rosscarbery	€1,215
Timoleague	€682

St Patrick's Day collection will be reported next Sunday.

The Offertory collection on Easter Sunday goes to the clergy and is a major component of their income. It and Christmas Day are the only two days when the offertory is not for the parish but for the priests.

Priests' Contacts

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Canon John Kingston, AP. (023) 883 9114

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

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Clonakilty priest on duty: 087 682 8076

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Darrara Tuesdays, 7pm to 8pm.

Clonakilty 10.30am to 3pm.

Liturgical schedule for Winter-Spring 2025-2026

Parish Churches every Sunday except Easter Sunday-see back page

Ardfield at 10am

Barryroe at 10am

Clonakilty at 7pm Saturday,
Sunday at 8.30am and 11.00am

Rosscarbery at 6pm Saturday,
Sunday at 11.30am

Rossmore at 11am

Timoleague at 11.30am

Occasional Masses April 2026

4th-5th April – see back page

Saturdays at 7pm

11th April in **Clogagh**

18th April in **Rathbarry**

Sundays at 9.30am

12th April in **Lisavaird**

19th April in **Courtmacsherry**

No First Friday Mass in Carrigfadda in April. Mass instead on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm in **Carrigfadda**.

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