

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
17th August 2025
20th Sunday of the year

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One body, one spirit, in Christ

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLONAKILTY POST OFFICE

The building was originally a Presbyterian Church built between the year 1859 and 1861 on a plot of ground leased from the Earl of Shannon. The lease was finalised on the 1st of July 1862 between Lord Viscount Boyle and The Rev Edward Marcus Dill.

Members of the Presbyterian Community in the Clonakilty area included George Ronaldson, Peter Shiels, Alexander Jeffrey and Bennett Hayes. They had settled in the area in the 1850's but had dwindled out by 1920's when the Church was closed for worship.

The front public office section was where the congregation worshipped and the sorting office was used as their Sunday school. The entrance to the school was through the south door which has been restored in recent years.

In 1924 the Department of Post and Telegraph conducted negotiations with the Presbyterian Church body to purchase the building as the district Post office. In July 1925 the Post Office was opened for business. Up to this the Post office was in various locations in the town. On 17th December 1925 the sale of the building was finalised for the sum of £1,400.00 punds.

We are celebrating 100 years of the Post office being in the unique building. On behalf of Management and staff of Clonakilty Post Office we would like to invite our supportive customers and friends to celebrate with us on Friday 22nd of August at approximately 10.30 am.

Thank you for supporting Clonakilty Post Office, we appreciate your custom.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ecumenical Service

with a blessing for pets will be held in Ardfield Church yard nature garden (Dunycove) on Sunday August 17th at 3.00pm

Courtmacsherry songs & stories by the sea fundraising table quiz

Monday August 18th at 9.30pm in the Lifeboat Inn. €5 per person.

Timoleague Festival

Presents Mike Denver in Timoleague Catholic church on Thursday 21st August. at 8.00pm. Proceeds to be divided equally between Timoleague parish and the festival. For more information and tickets please contact 083 8876414

The great wild Atlantic marathon walk

takes place on Sunday 24th August from Courtmacsherry bay to Inchydoney bay. Entire proceeds to Courtmacsherry RNLI lifeboat. For more information or to register www.eventbrite.ie. Those attending 9.00am Mass please note, it will be busy in the village but car parking spaces will be reserved for Mass goers.

PARISHES' NEWS & EVENTS

Clonakilty Parish Pilgrimage to Rome 1st-4th September 2025

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th August at 7.00pm in Room 1 in the Parish Centre for everyone travelling to Rome. During the meeting, tickets will be distributed and any questions/queries about the pilgrimage answered.

Diocese of Cork & Ross Catechism of the Catholic Church

Group 1 commencing on Monday 1st September in Ballinlough Parish Pastoral Centre from 7.30pm-9.00pm with Spiritual director Mgr. Gearóid Dullea.

Group 2 commencing on Monday 1st September in Brú Columbanus, Wilton from 7.30pm-9.00pm with Spiritual director Fr Pádraig Brehany OFM. Pre booking is essential, please contact 087 7950325

Mass at Mass Rock

The annual Mass at Béal an Aifrin, 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.

Clonakilty Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday after 10am mass.

Darrara Church

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

Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock

takes place on Sunday 28th September. Bus departs from Clonakilty & Bandon. Please contact Kathleen Courtney on 086 4084688 to book your place.

Recently Baptised

Hadley Margaret Ann O' Rourke, & Eoin Hayes O' Rourke, Courtmacsherry & U.S.A

Recently Married:

Couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in Sacred Heart Church, Darrara were Jimmy Dillane, Rathkeale & Bríd Hannon, Adare, Co. Limerick & John Calnan & Mary Griffin, Clonakilty,

Offertory collections 9th & 10th

August

Ardfield	€505
Barryroe	€1495
Clonakilty	€4570
Kilmeen	€441
Rosscarbery	€1660
Timoleague	€990

PARDON ME?! WHAT WAS THAT AT MASS?

The 'Lamb of God' is another one of the unchanging chants of the Mass. Based on the words of St John the Baptist when Our Lord was coming to be baptised, the words are addressed by John to him who gave his life for us. In the sacrament of the Eucharist we continue to experience that giving, and the breaking of the consecrated loaf of bread points to Our Lord's body broken on the cross.

Our Roman tradition began using these words to accompany the breaking of the consecrated bread when Pope Sergius I (seventh century), born in Sicily of immigrant Syrian parents, introduced the Syrian practice of singing 'Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us' during the 'fraction'. From Rome the practice spread throughout the Roman tradition. Ireland adopted that tradition about 1,000 years ago; we have manuscript evidence of other words being sung during the then long breaking of the loaf and arranging of the particles on the large paten (plate) for different occasions, a far cry from our present simple single break. The Irish manuscript is called the 'Stowe Missal'. It's more of an extract from a Missal for a small number of celebrations and dates to the late eighth or early ninth century.

Our singing of the 'Lamb of God' concludes our journey through singing the so-called Roman

‘Ordinary’ of the Mass, from inviting the Lord to return in glory and to have mercy on us when he does, to commemorating the resurrection and joining the angels and saints sacramentally in the worship of God the Father and Christ risen from the dead, through preparing for the Lord’s coming under the signs of bread and wine as the same Easter offering on the

cross in Jerusalem. It places us before Our Lord, present sacramentally on the altar, ready to be our food that saves, medicine of immortality, our God who takes away all our sins and invites us to share his divine life.

Fr Fergus R.

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.