



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023 VOL.19. NO 49

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat.2nd Dec: 34th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Nora & Jerome Walsh – Reenrou East
Jeremiah & Mary Griffin & Family – Gearhies
Timothy & Kathleen Daly – Dromore
Donal Dwyer – Dunmanway
Michael Moloney - Ards
Dromore: 8pm: Theresa Cadogan – Dromore – 10th anniv.
Lowertown: 8pm: Bridget & William Palmer - Kilgarvan

Sun 3rd Dec: First Sunday of Advent:

Bantry: 9am: Phillip Spillane - Derrygrenagh
Eileen Regan – Ardnathrush – Birthday Remembrance
William Donegan – Derryclovane
Harry Johnson – Birthday Remembrance
Mary Thomas – Dromleigh
Michael & Eileen O'Sullivan – Bantry & London
Ballydehob: 9.00am: Annie & James Downey - Ballylickey
Durrus: 10am: Jeremiah & Maura O'Shea – Clondrohid
Laura O'Sullivan & her mother Liz O'Sullivan - Rooska
Kealkil:10.30am: John Cronin Cupps, his brother Paddy, sister Nora O'Leary & his parents Kate & Jim Cronin Cupps - Ardnaclooughy
Schull: 10.30am: Laurence O'Regan – South Schull
Caheragh: 11.15am: Tadhg Daly – Corliss – 10th anniv.
Sean Harrington – Caheragh – Months Mind
Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Peggy Arundel – Ahakista
Maureen & James Murray - Dunmanway
Goleen: 12noon: Michael O'Leary - Oughmina
Bantry: 12noon: People of the Family of Parishes

Mon. 4th Dec: 1st week of Advent:

Bantry:10am: Padraig & Eileen O'Grady - Derryginagh
Schull: 10am: No booking

Tues. 5th Dec: 1st week of Advent:

Bantry:10am: Marian O'Connell – Glenlough & France
Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Wed.6th Dec: 1st week of Advent:

Durrus: 9am: No booking
Ballydehob:10am:
Connie McCarthy – Ballycummisk & Horse Island
Bantry: 10am: Donal Lynch – William Street – 40th anniv.

Thurs. 7th Dec: 1st week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Kathleen Cronin – Coomanore North
Goleen: 10am: Robbie Lawlor
Bantry:6.15pm: Noreen & Brendan O'Sullivan – London & Spain
Dromore: 8pm:
Lowertown: 8pm: Jeremiah & Ellen O'Keeffe - Caherlaska

Fri. 8th Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

No 9am Mass in Bantry Church today: No Mass in Coomhola.
Ballydehob: 9.00am: Kitty, Timothy & Nora Duggan & deceased family members - Derreenard
Durrus: 10am: No booking
Kealkil:10.30am:Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family
Schull: 10.30am: James & Nora McDonnell - Coorydorigam
Caheragh: 11.15am:

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Joe Hourihane & his daughter Nuala Curran – Months Mind

Goleen: 12noon: No booking
Bantry: 12noon: Karen Keogh – Athy
Paddy O'Mahony – Bantry & England
Nellie Hazel (Reenrou Road) & her son Brian Hazel (London)
Donors Intention & Special Intention
Marcus Keyes – Newtown & Tennessee, US (recent death)

Died Recently: We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:

Agnes O'Leary – Blackrock Road, Bantry
Margaret (Peg) O'Sullivan – Ballyruin, Kilcrohane & Rochestown
Robbie Lawlor - Boulysallagh, Goleen.

ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE: St. Brigid's Church, Ballydehob on Sunday 17th December at 4.00pm. Blessing of the crib near the Danno O'Mahony statue will take place after the service.

NEW WEBSITE: Check out our new website. www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie.

FUNERAL MINISTERS: Many parishes in our diocese have a Funeral Ministry Team. The members of the team are from the local parish/community and their role is to pray the vigil prayers in the funeral home or in the home of the deceased on the evening before the Funeral Mass. In years gone by, a member of the family or a neighbour prayed the rosary at the wake. Three Funeral Team Ministers will be commissioned at the 9.00am Mass in Ballydehob and three will be commissioned at the 10.30am Mass in Schull Church this Sunday 3rd December. Please keep them in your prayers as they take on this important ministry.

Caheragh Dromore Defibrillator Group want parishioners to know the position of the Defibrillators in the Parish. If you suspect a person is having a heart attack call 999 or 112 & ask for an ambulance.

1. Defibrillator at Clancys Cross Eircode - P47H593
2. Defibrillator at Kirbys Tria oil Travellers Rest pub - P47P285
3. Defibrillator at Coachmanns Inn Bauravilla - EP81H261
4. St Joseph's National School Dromore Eircode - P75VX24

All the defibrillators are locked. In an emergency simply Pin1845 on the keyboard. Pull open the cover with both hands.

A prayer when lighting the first Advent Purple Candle: *Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our world which is full of turmoil. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth at Christmas. Amen.*

McGee's Christmas Lights in Kealkill will be lit up on the 3rd of December. All proceeds will go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The **Ballydehob / Schull ICA Guild** would like to thank the members for their generosity in donating items to the Team Hope Shoe Box appeal. All donations have been given to Sally Daly for Team Hope. The Guild's Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 7th December 2023 in The Church Restaurant, Skibbereen at 2.30 pm. Members are welcome to bring a friend.

Kilcrohane Community Alert AGM: AGM will take place in Kilcrohane community hall on Monday 4th December 7:30pm. Speakers; Community area Garda Batt Duggan, Tadhg O'Sullivan representing JM Energy, Solicitor Luke O'Donovan. All welcome.

Annual Christmas Bazaar in Kilcrohane: Takes place in the Church grounds on this Sunday 3rd December (3-5pm). Followed by lighting of the Christmas Tree. Santa will be visiting and all welcome.

Tidy Towns AGM: Bantry Tidy Towns will be holding their AGM on Tuesday December 5th in the Maritime Hotel at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Book Launch: On Friday 8th December at 11am in Bantry Tourist Office there will be a short presentation by author Colum Hourihane on his latest book entitled "Life and Work in Bantry". All welcome

Bantry from Bantry Historical Society: **Bantry Historical and Archaeological Society** will hold their A.G.M. on this Monday night the 4th December at 7.30 in the Christian Fellowship. This will be followed by a talk by Richard Butler titled "visitor impressions of Bantry long ago (c. 1800 – 1950)" The speaker will explore some of the more interesting and unusual accounts by visitors from Britain, France, America, and further afield.

Bantry Memory Café: Coffee Morning: Weds. 6th Dec. 11am-11pm. Mizen Room, Maritime Hotel, Bantry. All welcome. Catherina: 087-9103036

Christmas Craft Fair: Gortalassa Old School House. Sunday 10th December 12-5pm. Range of local art & craft. Home baking. Free Entry.

Atlantic Challenge Bakesale Fundraiser in the Marino Church, takes place on Friday 8th December from 10am. Please support.

Dreeney National School are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 2nd. December 2023 in aid of Cancer Connect. All welcome.

Offertory Collection Amounts for w/e 18th/19th Nov: Bantry: €2265
Goleen: €435 Caheragh: €1355 Schull: €730 Muintir Bhaire: €
Special collections this w/e in Bantry & Schull for Church Repair Funds.

SVP APPEAL: The local conference of St Vincent De Paul, St Finbarr's Conference will hold its Annual Appeal for the month of December. Our conference's geographical area is extensive taking in Bantry & the Muintir Bhaire Parishes. The conference endeavours to help and support people and families within this area whom for many and varied reasons find themselves struggling to cope with their situation. It could be financial, living conditions, food, health, education to name some of those reasons. We look at every request on its merits and our voluntary committee makes a decision based on the information provided by the applicant. Our aim as a Conference for 2022/2023 and heading into 2024 is to continue with improvements to our social housing stock and to make life comfortable for our tenants. In tandem with that we continue with our visitations, providing food and fuel vouchers to those in need in this time of increasing cost of living and giving educational supports to those who require it. You the people of Bantry and Muintir Bhaire made that possible by your generosity. St Finbarr's Conference thanks you very much for any donation you can make at this time. All our funds are raised locally and spent locally. Donations can be made at the local SVP office: 5 Main Street or you might like to put your donation in an SVP envelope available at all Church Doors and drop it into the Parish Office/Sacristy at the back of the church or any of the Muintir Bhaire Churches. Thank you for your support, continuing support and generosity. Should you wish to donate directly, our Bank Account Details are: AIB Bank Wolfe Tone Square Bantry Co Cork. Account: St Vincent de Paul / BIC: AIBKIE2D / IBAN: IE91 AIBK 9360 1436 2520 53

Sat 9th Dec:
1st week of Advent:
B antry: 10am: Special Intention