



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2023 VOL.19. NO 50

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat.9th Dec: 1st week of Advent:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Anna Lynch – Dromleigh North – Months Mind
May & Peg Murphy – Dromdubh
Eileen Andrews – Slip Lawn
James & Elizabeth Flynn & family – Gearhameen, Durrus
Patrick O'Mahony – Reenrour Road & Colchester Essex
Mary McCarthy- Leitrim, Bantry & San Diego, USA – 1st anniv.
Dromore: 8pm: Mick Ward - Dromourneen
Lowertown: 8pm: Patrick & Ellen O'Reilly - Ardrivinna

Sun 10th Dec: Second Sunday of Advent:

Bantry: 9am: Michael Connolly – Cahernacrin
James & Mary Ellen Wiseman – Dromleigh
Jerry Mullins – Dromacoppill
Danny Burke – Deryvahalla
Mary Kate Desmond – Gloun South, Dunmanway
Ballydehob: 9.00am: John & Philomena Hegarty - Cappamore
Durrus: 10m: Brendan O'Neill – Ballycommane
Mary Ellen Cronin & her son Barry Cronin – The Cove
Coomhola: 10.30am: No Booking
Schull: 10.30am: No Booking
Caheragh: 11.15am: Brian O'Donovan – Clohane
Joan Glanville – Gurrans
Teddy O'Donovan
Donal Hurley – Colomane West – Months Mind
Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Patricia Daly (née Foley) – 1st anniv.
Fr. John O'Callaghan – Bandon – 12th anniv.

Goleen: 12noon: Donal O'Donovan - Ballyrisode
Bantry: 12noon: People of the Family of Parishes

Mon. 11th Dec: 2nd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Timothy & Mary O'Sullivan – Reenrour East
Schull: 10am: Shane Cadogan - Gubbeen

Tues. 12th Dec: 2nd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Betty Swords – Marian Terrace
Goleen: 10am: John Goggin - Crookhaven

Wed. 13th Dec: 2nd week of Advent:

Durrus: 9am: No booking
Ballydehob: 10am:
Leslie & Nora Fletcher– Ballycummish & UK
Bantry: 10am: Dr. Denis Cotter – Seskin & Gurteenroe

Thurs. 14th Dec: 2nd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Maureen O'Sullivan – Rock Villas
Goleen: 10am: The McCarthy

Fri. 15th Dec: 2nd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Pat & John O'Connell – Chapel Street
Schull: 10am: Tom Lavin - Ardmanagh

Sat 16th Dec: 2nd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Mary Agnes O'Sullivan - Seskin

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

John Deacy – Dromataniheen, Durrus & Bohola, Mayo
Teresa O'Connor (née O'Shea) – Glengarriff & Dromore, Bantry
John (Sean) O'Riordan – Glandore
Frances Shinnick (née Hayes) – Bawnkeane, Ballydehob
James (Jimmy) O'Sullivan – Glouneycarney, Dunmanway
Rest in Peace

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.

The **Annual Bantry Community Carol Service** will be held once again in St Brendan's Church of Ireland, Bantry, at 8pm on Sunday 17th December. For many people this beautiful service of Lessons and Carols is their first real start to the Season of Christmas. Come along, leave the commercialism behind, and be assured of a warm welcome from the parishioners of St Brendan's and the ladies choir from Glengarriff. You will not be disappointed!"

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Kitty Grace Cronin – Ardnacloughey, Ballylickey, Bantry
We welcome her into our Christian Community

DERRYCREHA NATIONAL SCHOOL: We would like to invite family, friends, community and new friends to our annual Christmas Mass in school. Our Christmas celebration will begin at 11am on Wednesday 13th December. Following Mass and music, why not stay for refreshments and our bumper Christmas Hamper raffle.



Community Notices:

McGee's Christmas Lights in Kealkill. All proceeds this year will go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Colaiste Pobail Bheantraí: Please donate non - perishable items such as pasta, rice, cereals, sweets, tea/coffee. Also gift sets, unopened toys and new books to those less well off in the Bantry community. All items gathered remain in the immediate locality. They can be dropped to CPB. We are also collecting crutches and fracture boots for two hospitals in Eastern Ukraine. A truck will leave Cork in mid January. To give a crutch is to offer support. Have a look around at home, the attic or your shed and donate to CPB."

Christmas Party for all Seniors in our Community will take place next Sunday 17th December in Kealkil Community Hall (Bingo Hall) from 3-6pm. Come along & meet friends & neighbours for fun, music, banter, refreshments, tea/coffee & live music. All welcome.

Age Friendly Christmas Coffee Morning: There will be a festive feel to the December AF Coffee morning on Thursday next in the Bantry Tourist Office from 10.30 -12.00 noon. There will be seasonal music & fun, yummy eats, mince pies and as always good company. Come and join us for a lovely end of year catch up. Looking forward to meeting you there.

Tuesday 12th December from 12pm to 2pm: at the **Goleen Community Centre.** Join us to celebrate the start of the Christmas season by making your own Christmas decorations facilitated by Mary O Meara. If you would like lunch, please contact Lorna Harte on 087 4001763 to book by 8th Dec. €5/person.

MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL: JACKPOT CHRISTMAS BINGO Thurs 14th at 8pm...€470 in 61 calls.. Extra raffle prizes.
Progressive 45 CARDS Dec 30th at 8.30pm. The Mealagh Valley Community hall would like to wish you all a Happy & Healthy Christmas. Thank you all for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Bantry Care for the Aged Association CLG: Notice for members that AGM will be on Tuesday December 12th at 6pm in Ard Mhuire, Bantry

NEW WEBSITE: www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie

Christmas Mass times will be available next weekend in all churches and can be found on www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: The Christmas Offerings envelopes are available at the porches of each church. These offerings go towards the income of the priest. We thank you for your support.

Collection for Priests:

The collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is for the priests of the parish. The Bishop only allows two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the Priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Parish. These are all accounted for by the Parish Finance Committee and in turn sent to the Diocesan Accountant in Cork. We thank you for your great support and generosity

Communion Calls: Fr. Martin will visit his Communion calls for December, Christmas & January in the week beginning 17th Dec.

A prayer when lighting the second Advent Purple Candle

Dear Jesus, you entered our world at Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Offertory Collection Amounts for w/e 2nd / 3rd Dec: Bantry: €1930

Goleen: €395 Caheragh: €930 Schull: €680

Muintir Bhaire: €660

Special collections: Church Repair Funds: Bantry:€1905 Schull:€565

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. St Finbarr's Conference thanks you. 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 Bantry Co Cork. Account: St Vincent de Paul / BIC: AIBKIE2D / IBAN: IE91 AIBK 9360 1436 2520 53