



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 9th May: 5th week of Easter:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Pádraig O'Grady – Derryginagh – 20th anniv.

Patricia Brady – Seafield, Bantry – 18th anniv.

Derry & Kathleen Hanley (Kielnascarta)

& their sons John, Jerry & Brendan.

Dromore: 8pm: No booking

Lowertown: 8pm:

Mary Moynihan-Lowertown Months Mind.

Jerry Kennedy - Lissacaha - 14th Anniversary

Sunday 10th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am: Mary Andrews (Wisconsin) & her parents John &

Kathleen Holland – Glounthanaw

Special Intention

Maria Murphy – Dromleigh & Coomhola

Peter Ryan – Marian Terrace

Ballydehob: 9am: Peter Duggan – Bawnakeane – Months Mind

Denis O'Shea – Derryconnell, Schull – Birthday Remembrance

Anita (4th anniv) & Michael Sheehan – Rossbrin Schull,

Durrus: 10am: Peter Farrelly – Gurteen – 4th anniv.

Intentions of the people of Bantry Family of Parishes.

Schull: 10.30am:

Neoma Coughlan (née McEvoy) – Bay View, Schull

Coomhola: 10.30am:

John Coleman – Cappadyourdil, Coomhola – Months Mind

Caheragh: 11.15am: Eileen Scully – Glounaphooka

Gerard & Bridget O'Sullivan – Milleenahorna

Prof. Gerry O'Sullivan – Cork & Milleenahorna

Donal O'Sullivan – Baltimore & Milleenahorna

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Jeremiah & Margaret O'Shea – Ballydehob

Fr. Augustine Keating

Sean Nicholas - Ahakista

Goleen: 12noon: Edmund & Virginia Brennan

Bantry: 12noon: Pat Moloney – Mealagh Valley – Months Mind

Special Intention

Michael & Ann Power – Bantry

Christy Cronin - Gurteenroe

Mon 11th May: 6th Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Noel O'Sullivan – Worksop & Marian Terrace

Schull: 10am: No booking

Tuesday 12th May: 6th Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am:

Eileen O'Grady & her son Pádraig O'Grady - Derryginagh

Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Wed. 13th May: 6th Week of Easter:

Ballydehob: 10am: No booking

Bantry: 10am:

Sr. Catherine Spillane – Convent of Mercy – Bantry & Schull

Thursday 14th May: St. Matthias, Apostle:

Bantry: 10am: Anita Lynch – Market Street, Bantry

Goleen: 10am: Donor's Intentions

Friday 15th May: 6th Week of Easter

Bantry: 10am: Donal Murphy - Kealkil

Schull: 10am: Donors Intentions

Sat 16th May: 6th Week of Easter

Bantry Hospital: 10am:

Brian Harrington – Scart Road – 20th anniv.

Ballydehob: 11am: First Holy Communion Mass

Volunteers Needed at The Sacred Heart Church, Durrus: Muintir Bháire Parish is seeking additional volunteers to assist with the day-to-day running of the church. At present, there is a small team of dedicated parishioners, but we would greatly benefit from more helping hands. We are looking for volunteers to open and close the church. Assist in the sacristy for Sunday Mass. Provide support in the sacristy for funerals when needed.

These roles are vital in ensuring that our liturgies and parish life run smoothly and respectfully. Full guidance will be provided, and duties can be shared on a rota basis. If you are able to give some of your time in service to the parish community, we would be very grateful. Please contact the parish office on 027 56398 or speak to a member of the clergy for more information. A meeting of new volunteers will take place in the Sacristy of Durrus Church on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

Rosary during the Month of May

Rosary at the Grotto, St. Brigid's Church, Ballydehob will take place every Monday evening at 8pm during May.

Rosary at Our Lady's Grotto in Bantry Church Grounds will take place each day in May at 8pm. All welcome.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

Tara Jane Keohane – Chapel Court, Skibbereen

The Mass to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio at Enniskeane Parish Church will be celebrated on Friday May 22nd at 7.30pm. Blessings with the relic of Saint Padre Pio will take place from 6pm to 7pm and after Mass. A collection will be taken up at Mass and shared between the Capuchin Day Centre and the Parish Building Fund.

The Lord said: 'Come to me all who labour and are overburdened'

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Bantry Church, each Friday after 10am Mass until 5pm. (From 1pm in the event of a funeral Mass). You are invited to come and spend some time in quiet prayer / meditation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Skibbereen Geriatric Society are holding a fundraising event in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen on Friday May 15th 2026. Tina Turner Tribute Act, International Star Rebecca O'Connor will perform all of the hits that earned Tina Turner the title "Queen of Rock and Roll" All monies raised will assist with the construction of 8 new accommodation units at Mardyke Street, Skibbereen. Tickets from Hotel (028) 21277.

The Jesters Bakehouse Bantry: Tea, Coffee, Scones & homemade Cakes! A donation based Café supporting RT CoAction Bantry. Open Thursdays (10am-2pm) on 14th, 21st, & 28th May. (Old Bakehouse Bantry).

Offertory Collection 3rd May: Bantry: €2445

MuintirBhaire: €930 Schull: €1091 Goleen: €930

Special Collection for Church Maintenance Fund: Bantry: €2700

MuintirBhaire: €775 Schull: €880 Goleen: €677.70

Caheragh collections not available at time of printing.

A special collection for Mission & Ministry will be taken up throughout the Diocese this weekend, 9th & 10th May.

41st All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock:

On Saturday 6th of June there is a bus going from West Cork to Knock. A Spirit filled day as we pray for our country and the World. If you would like to be there Please contact Karen on 087 6598933 as soon as possible

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima – Feastday 13th May

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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

Breeda Abbott (née Manning)

– Gurtycloona, Bantry & formerly of Cappabue South, Kealkil

Denis Patrick Murray

– Colla, Schull & formerly of Ballylickey, Bantry & Douglas

New Springtime Community and the Army of Praise are calling all Christians to a powerful day of praise and a National Festal Shout of Victory over Ireland: On Saturday 23rd May 2026 11.00am - 4.00pm (bring a packed lunch) Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert, Co. Galway. Speakers: Fr. Pat Collins, Bro. David Jardine, Marie Beirne and David Hamilton

"Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk O Lord in the light of thy countenance" Psalm 89:15

Free series of friendly cyber safety talks are planned for libraries across Co Cork in partnership with the Skills for Life Programme. I'm pleased to let you know that Bantry Library will host a session on Tuesday, 12th May at 11am. These talks are specifically designed for older adults and focus on providing clear, practical advice on how to stay safe online. They are informal, easy to follow, and there is plenty of opportunity to ask questions. The talks last for about 1 hour. Topics include: Recognising and avoiding scams, Protecting your privacy, Creating and managing strong passwords, Staying safe while shopping online, What to do if you are hacked & A simple introduction to AI. No prior knowledge required.

The Munster Technology Universty Cyber Safety Project is a research initiative aimed at making cybersecurity support more accessible to people across Ireland, particularly those who may feel less confident using technology. How to register: Attendees can sign up for free by emailing their name and chosen library to: cyber-advice@cyberskills.ie