

	<div><div><b>BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER</b> <b>BANTRY PARISH, CAHERAGH PARISH, GOLEEN PARISH, MUINTIR BHAIRE PARISH, SCHULL PARISH</b> <i>Fr. Myles McSweeney: 086-1623031 (Bantry)    Fr. Chris O'Donovan: 083 4374304 (Schull)</i> <i>Fr. Anthony Buckley:087-2744617 (Goleen)    Fr. Ben Hodnett: 089-4308735 (Bantry)    Fr. John C. O'Donovan: 028-52985 (Dromore)</i> <i>To contact Priest on duty (Bantry): 087-7999886    Parish office: Tel: 027-56398</i> email: <a href="mailto:bantryparishoffice@gmail.com">bantryparishoffice@gmail.com</a>    Website: <a href="http://www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie">www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie</a></div><div>11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Vol. 41. No.2</div></div>			<div><b><u>Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-</u></b> <b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Jan: After Epiphany:</b> Bantry: 6.15pm: Brian McAuley – Seskin Maureen Minehane – Crowangle, Whiddy Island Special Intention Eve McCarthy – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv. Kathleen Goff – Glengarriff – Birthday Remembrance  Dromore: 8pm: Michael Coughlan - Colomane West Lowertown: 8pm:  <b>Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan: The Baptism of the Lord:</b> Bantry: 9am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes Jimmy O’Shea – Scrivogue, Garnish, Beara Con Manning &amp; his son Danny Manning - Dromacousane  <b>Ballydehob: 9am:</b> Jeremiah &amp; Margaret O’Brien – Dunbeacon Dermot Ryan – Clonsilla Dubline – 25<sup>th</sup> anniv. Private Intention  <b>Durrus: 10am:</b> Tom Coughlan – Rathfarnham &amp; Durrus – Months Mind  <b>Schull:10.30am:</b> Frankie Whelton – Dreenatra – 8<sup>th</sup> anniv. Gretta Leahy – Schull Road, Ballydehob – 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.  <b>Kealkil:10.30am:</b> Mary Thomas – Lisheens, Kealkil Kitty Collins – Kealkil Seán O’Mahony - Maughnaclea  <b>Caheragh:11.15am:</b> John Scully – Glounaphooka Tommy Keohane - Lacka  <b>Kilcrohane: 11.30am:</b> Denis Daly – Gortalassa – 4<sup>th</sup> anniv.  <b>Goleen:12noon:</b> Jim O’Meara – Arduslough – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv. Donal Goggin – Kealfadda Tim Kingston &amp; all the Victims of the Whiddy Island Disaster - 47th Anniv.  <b>Bantry : 12noon:</b> Sheila Harrington – Slip Lawn Mary McCarthy – Colomane West – 4<sup>th</sup> anniv Timothy &amp; Kathleen Daly – Dromore Donal Dwyer – Darkwood, Dunmanway  <b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:</b> Bantry: 10am: Nuala McCarthy – High Street Schull: 10am: No booking  <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:</b> Bantry: 10am: Cornelius O’Farrell – Slip Lawn – 7<sup>th</sup> anniv. Goleen: 10am: John &amp; Margaret Sheehan - Cannavee  <b>Wednesday 14th Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:</b> Ballydehob:10am: Private Intention Frances &amp; deceased members of the O’Sullivan Family Greenmount, Ballydehob Bantry:10m: Robert Evans–The Square, Bantry– 70<sup>th</sup> anniv.  <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:</b> Bantry: 10am: John &amp; Jane Kelly - Scart Goleen: 10am: Jerry O’Shea <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:</b> Bantry:10am: Special Intention Schull: 10am: No booking  <b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:</b> Bantry Hospital: Mass for Peace</div>																
<div><b><u>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:</u></b> Catholic schools across Ireland will celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026 from 18–24 January under the theme ‘Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness’ Inspired by the words of Pope Francis on Saint Carlo Acutis, the theme emphasises that holiness is not reserved for a select few, but is a universal calling “Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith,” Pope Francis said, reflecting on the young Italian whose life of friendship, study and digital creativity was rooted in a deep love of the Eucharist. Catholic Schools Week aims to highlight the distinctive role of Catholic education in forming young people who understand their lives as purposeful and grounded in faith. The theme echoes Pope Francis’ exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, which teaches that each person is called to holiness through love and witness in everyday circumstances. More on <a href="http://catholiceducation.ie">catholiceducation.ie</a></div>	<div><b><u>Music Ministry Afternoon</u></b> Choir directors, choir/music group members, organists, musicians, and individual singers are warmly invited to Songs of Praise, an afternoon dedicated to reflection, prayer, and spiritual nourishment. The event will take place on Sunday 1 February 2026 (2:30pm) at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne. Music plays a vital role in our worship often demanding time, energy, and commitment. This gathering offers a space to pause, give thanks, and be renewed through sacred song, scripture, and shared prayer, in the beautiful setting of the Cathedral. This afternoon is for all who are involved in music ministry to come together to learn new music, reflect, listen, and lift our voices in praise, followed by an opportunity to chat over light hospitality. This is a free event. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the day to help cover costs. Booking is essential to facilitate hospitality. Go to <a href="http://corkandross.org">corkandross.org</a> to register.</div>																			
<div><b><u>DATES FOR THE DIARY</u></b> Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Feast of St. Brigid Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February: Ash Wednesday Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Feast of St. Patrick Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Good Friday Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday</div>	<div><b><u>Died Recently:</u></b> We extend prayers &amp; sympathy to the families, relatives &amp; friends of: <b>Patricia Slocombe (née Tomlinson) – Dromleigh, Bantry</b> <b>Cornelius (Cornie) Mc Sweeney – Lisheens, Kealkill</b> <b>Joan Murphy (née Singleton ) – Donemark, Bantry / Mallow, Cork</b></div>																			
<div><b><u>CONFIRMATION 2026</u></b> Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Schull – Ballydehob N.S. Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Caheragh Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> March: Bantry Town Schools Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Bantry Country Schools Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> March: Durrus - Muintir Bháire Schools Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> April: Schull – Schull N.S &amp; Goleen N.S.</div>	<div><b><u>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</u></b> The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) takes place each year from 18 to 25 January. This year WPCU takes Ephesians 4 v 1-13 as its central text which includes the words “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.” (Ephesians 4:4). The World Council of Churches prayers and reflections for WPCU 2026 have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic (Orthodox) Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century.</div>																			
<div><b><u>MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL AGM</u></b> takes place on Monday 19th of January @7pm. Everyone is invited to attend. If you or someone you know would like to join our committee, new members are always welcome. New committee members are vital for fresh ideas to the hall and help our little community hall get stronger and stronger.</div>	<div><b><u>Recent Parish Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community</u></b>  <b>Landon Michael Lightfoot – Exeter, Ontario, Canada</b></div>																			
	<div><b><u>Durrus Bingo:</u></b> The next Bingo session in Durrus Hall will be today at 3pm on Sunday, January 11th.</div>																			
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