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Invitation to pray for the National Synodal Assembly as it marks important moment on 17 October for the Church in Ireland entering a new phase of implementation
The *Working Document* for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath, on 17 October, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the *Working Document* and the question: “What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?” Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and scan the QR code to access the Working Document and find out more, and see www.synod.ie

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

Patrick Joseph (Pat Joe) O'Donovan – Slip Lawn, Bantry / Cahirmuckee, Kealkil
Thomas (Greg) O'Dwyer – Seafield, Bantry / Cahersiveen, Kerry
Finbarr “Pedro” Hourihan – Dromleigh, Bantry (formerly of St. Cannaras Place)
Michael Sugrue – Market Street, Bantry
Geraldine Collins (née Coppinger) – Sheskin, Bantry

Vincent's shops in Bantry and Castletownbere are hosting a novelty event on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October in St Brendans NS, Wolfe Tone Square Bantry P75 KF96. The event is "FILL IT FOR A FIVER" where you will be able to purchase a bag at the door, and choose from a massive selection of preloved items to fill your bag. Doors open 10.00am to 5.00pm Contact with Bantry or Beara Vincents (SVP) shops for more details. All proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul.

Caheragh Annual Vintage & Threshing Day:
Sunday 11th of October 2026. Supporting Breakthrough Cancer Research and local charities. Vintage Registration 11am – vintage Parade at 1.30pm. Wheel of Fortune, Hog Roast, Dog Show all classes, Bouncing Castle, Face Painting, Karting, Step Dancing, Home Baking & Cake Sale. Tea/Coffee served. Live outdoor music & lots more. All welcome to attend. Thank you for your continued support.

Chair Yoga: With Erin Kelly Ashworth. Part of the West Cork Feel Good Festival. Erin will guide the group through the positive benefits of yoga such as increased strength, flexibility, better circulation, improved posture, & fitness. Westlodge Hotel – Banqueting Entrance on Wednesday 14th October 2026. (11am – 12noon). Enjoy a chat and a catch up with a cup of Tea or Coffee after the yoga. For more information contact: Gemma on 087-9103036

Offertory Collection 4th October: Bantry: €2105 Schull:€833 Muintir Bhaire:€775 Goleen: €535
Church Maintenance Fund collection last w/e: Bantry: €2030 Schull:€725 Muintir Bhaire:€640 Goleen: €344.20
A Special Collection will be taken up this weekend, 10th & 11th October in all churches in the Diocese for Diocesan Needs
A special collection for Propagation of the Faith will be taken up in the Diocese on next weekend, 17th /18th October

Saturday 17th Oct: 28th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry Hospital: 10am:
Mary & Patrick O’Leary & their parents
Michael & Bridget O’Leary – Caherdaniel.

Bantry:10am: Hannie O’Sullivan – Slip – 20th anniv.
Goleen: 10am: Donor’s Intention

Bantry:10am: Delia & Ned Cussen & family - Cork
Schull:10am: No Booking