



## BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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### HALF A MILLION PILGRIMS HAVE ALREADY PASSED THROUGH THE HOLY DOOR OF ST. PETER'S BASILICA FOR THE JUBILEE

Just two weeks after the solemn opening of the 2025 Jubilee year on Christmas Eve, already 545,532 pilgrims from all over the world have passed through the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. This is a very significant beginning, with a large turnout of people. The groups crowding along Via della Conciliazione give an important witness – they are a sign of the great sense of safety and protection that pilgrims experience in the city of Rome and in the areas around the four Papal Basilicas" said Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, who is in charge of the organization of the Jubilee. The first major event of the Holy Year will be the Jubilee of the World of Communication to be held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January. Thousands of journalists, communications experts and officials from all over the world are expected in Rome for the occasion.

### JUBILEE OF HOPE LAUNCHED AT CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY AND ST. ANNE

The inclement weather did not dampen the spirits of those gathered for the diocesan launch of the Jubilee of Hope at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on Sunday, January 5th. Bishop Fintan, in solidarity with Pope Francis, and bishops worldwide, launched the Jubilee and called on the faithful to become "messengers of hope" in a troubled world.

In his homily, Bishop Fintan urged the faithful to renew their faith, rekindle their hope, and deepen their love for God and one another. He encouraged each one to become a "Pilgrim of Hope," bringing hope to those in need in our families, Parishes and Families of Parishes, and to the wider community.

"It is providential," said Bishop Fintan, "that our Year of Prayer, Listening, and Discernment which began last September, coincides with the Jubilee of Hope." He noted that both initiatives are rooted in the foundational hope brought by faith in Jesus, urging the faithful to embark on this year with hearts open to God's direction.

**Please Note: Change to Saturday Morning Mass: Due To Flu Restrictions in Bantry General Hospital the 10am Saturday Morning Mass in the Hospital Chapel will be celebrated in Bantry Church for the month of January.**

**Died Recently:** We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:  
**Florence (Florrie) O'Driscoll – Dromleigh House, Dromleigh, Bantry**  
**John Hourihan – St Cannaras Place, Bantry**

May they rest in Peace

### BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES & FRIENDS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

**Spiritual Director: Fr. Noel O'Leary SMA**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Cost includes: Charter flight from Cork to Lourdes return  
(Tarbes or Pau airport)**

**All meals in Lourdes. Accommodation sharing twin or triple bedded rooms with facilities. Transfers to and from Lourdes Airport to hotel. Government taxes.**

**For further enquiries please contact: Barter's Travelnet Cork: 92 Patrick Street, Cork Tel: 021-4851700 or John Minehane: tel. 087-8347318 or email: [john.minehane@gmail.com](mailto:john.minehane@gmail.com)**

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place from Saturday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's prayer resources have been prepared by an ecumenical monastic community of brothers and sisters in Bose, northern Italy. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27, and to contemplate Jesus' provocative question to Martha: 'Do you believe this?'

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan: After Epiphany**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Nuala McCarthy – High Street  
Maureen Minehane – Crowangle, Whiddy Island  
Maura & Ivan Psaila – Marino Street  
Brian McAuley – Seskin  
Fr Denis Murphy – Glengarriff Road  
Margaret McCarthy - Caherdaniel**

**Dromore: 8pm: No Booking**

**Lowertown: 8pm: Michael & Finbarr O'Donovan**

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan: The Baptism of the Lord:**

**Bantry: 9am: No booking**

**Ballydehob: 9.00am: Dermot Ryan – Clonsilla, Dublin  
John Stephen, Michael and the O'Sullivan Family, Greenmount  
Durrus: 10am:  
Kealkill: 10.30am:**

**Schull: 10.30am: Frankie Whelton – Dreenatra  
Fr Michael Nolan former PP of Schull**

**Caheragh: 11.15am:**

**Kilcrohane: 11.30am:**

**Goleen: 12noon: Tess Goggin – Colleras 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv**

**Bantry: 12noon: Con Manning & his son Danny –  
Dromacousane**

**Mary McCarthy – Colomane West – 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.  
Special Intention**

**John 'Sonnie' Hurley – Colomane West – Months Mind**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Schull: 10am: No Booking**

**Bantry: 10am: Donal McCarthy – Dromleigh North**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Timothy & Mary O'Sullivan – Reenrou East**

**Goleen: 10am: Mary & Florence McCarthy**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes**

**Ballydehob: 10am: Jerry Sheehan - Knockroe**

**Bantry: 10am: Special Intention**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory**

**Goleen: 10am: No booking**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time**

**Bantry : 10am: Christine & William Wiseman - Beach**

**Schull: 10am: No booking**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry Church: 10am: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE:**

**Kathleen Cronin – Coomanore North**

### Recent Parish Baptism:

We welcome into our Christian Community

**James Gerard McCaw, Schull & New Zealand**

**Offertory Collection 5<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Bantry: €1555 Caheragh:€  
Schull: €679 Muintir Bhaire:€520 Goleen €370

**Maintenance Collection:** Bantry: €1110 Caheragh:€

Schull: €876 Muintir Bhaire:€440 Goleen €213

**Second Collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up this weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> January in all churches.**

### A PRAYER FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL

Lord, You walked on the earth, understood the broken world, yet also rose from death into resurrected life. I pray for my loved one that they would be held at this time in your loving arms. Bless the work of the doctors, surgeons and hospital staff, and bring the power of your resurrection life into their body. Fill my loved one with your restorative Spirit.

May your resurrection life bring healing and wellness into their being. May your grace carry them through this hard time into a new season filled with hope and joy. Amen.

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