



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Saturday 13th December: 2nd week of Advent:

St. Nicholas, Bishop
Bantry: 6.15pm: Hannah O'Sullivan – Scart, Bantry
Anna Falvey – Ballylickey – Months Mind
Cyril & Patricia Greene – Slip Park
Private Intention

Dromore: 8pm: Denis, Theresa & Patrick Cadogan – Dromore
Jeremiah & Christine O'Sullivan - Knockgorm

Lowertown: 8pm: Ellen and Jeremiah O'Keeffe - Catherlaska.

Sun. 14th Dec: Third Sunday of Advent:

Bantry: 9am: Maureen & Jimmy O'Sullivan – Rock Villas
Tom Palmer – Bonane, Kenmare

Ballydehob: 9am: Pat Hegarty – Main Street, Ballydehob
Michael & Nora O'Sullivan–Derrycarhoon, Ballydehob & Heir Island

Durrus: 10am: Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes
Brendan O'Neill - Ballycomane.

Denis & Claire Long & deceased family members.

Mary O'Driscoll – Gearhies – 10th anniv.

Schull: 10.30am: Shane Cadogan – Gubbeen, Schull
Hughie Maguire – Cooradorigan, Schull – 4th anniv.

Mary Teresa Caverly – Whitecastle, Schull – 2nd anniv.

Kealkil : 10.30am: Catherine O'Rourke – Incharoe

Paddy & Mary Creeedon – Kielnagnapogue

Jimmy O'Sullivan – Glounacarne

Mary Kelleher & her husband Timmy Kelleher – Cappanaboul &

Moulavanig

John McCarthy – Cappabue North, Kealkil

Caheragh: 11.15am:

Bob O'Regan – Cappaglass, Ballydehob – Months Mnd

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Joan O'Mahony – Kilcrohane – 2nd anniv.

Eileen O'Mahony – Raferigeen

Jean Connolly – Rea, Kilmichael – 1st anniv.

Goleen: 12noon: Mass for the Holy Souls

Bantry : 12noon: Margaret McCarthy – Caherdaniel – 1st anniv

John 'Sonnie' Hurley – Colomane West – 1st anniv

James & Mary Ellen Wiseman - Dromleigh

Mon 15th Dec: 3rd week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Gemma Barrett – Colomane East – 20th aniv
& Birthday Remembrance

Schull: 10am: No booking

Tuesday 16th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: James & Elizabeth Flynn – Gearhameen, Durrus

Bridie McAlpine – Ballincollig & Durrus

Jeremiah & Mary Griffin & Family - Gearhies

Goleen: 10am: John & Ellen Goggin - Crookhaven

Wednesday 17th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Ballydehob: 10am: Private Intention

Bantry: 10m: Special Intention

Thursday 18th Dec: 3rd Week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Jack & Mary Ward - Durrus

Goleen: 10am: Donor's Intentions

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

Brendan O'Sullivan – New York & late of Borlin
(Months Mind Mass for Brendan will take place in Coomhola Church on Sunday 21st December at 10.30am.)

Tom Coughlan – Rathfarnham, Dublin & formerly of Reenrour East, Bantry & Durrus

Nora Edgeworth – Carrignagat, Bantry

Offertory Collection 7th Dec: Bantry: €1875
Muintir Bhaire: €740 Schull: €717
Collection for Church Maintenance last w/e: Bantry: €1750,
Muintir Bhaire: €660 Schull: €723

Offertory Collection 8th Dec: Bantry: € 820
Muintir Bhaire: €150 Schull: €225

The newsletter was printed early this week and all the offertory amounts were not available at time of printing.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

Faelynn TM Tawanda &
Faine Thabiso Tawanda

– An Cnocán, Milleenoola, Bantry

Thought for the Day

– Sr, Wendy Beckett – *'The Art of Christmas'*

Advent calls us to stop and think. But for nearly everyone the season of Advent is also the busiest time of the year. There is so much to be done to prepare for Christmas; cards, presents, the planning of meals, hospitality in general. Leaving aside whether we actually need to do all this and whether it could not all be simplified, the actuality of most lives during Advent is emphatically not one of contemplation. We benefit from moments each day, that we set aside just to keep ourselves grounded in faith. It is Jesus and His Birth that we celebrate, not just togetherness. Can we still enter into the spirit of Advent, this holy season?

Friday 19th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Mick & Nellie Ward - Durrus

Schull: 10am: James & Nora McDonnell – Corradorigan, Schull

Sat 20th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry Hospital: 10am:

Mary Agnes Sullivan – Seskin – 10th anniv.

Christmas Penitential Services will take place in Bantry Church on Wednesday 17th December at 7pm and in Schull Church on Friday 19th December at 7pm. There will be a number of Priests available to hear Confessions on the night.

Christmas Offering Envelopes can be found at the doors of all Churches in our Family of Parishes this weekend. We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

A leaflet showing the **Christmas Arrangements** in Bantry Family of Parishes is also available in the Church porches.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree:

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvataion. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen

SVP APPEAL: The local conference of St Vincent De Paul, St Finbarr's Conference will hold its Annual Appeal for the month of December. All our funds are raised locally and spent locally. Donations can be made at local SVP office: 5 Main Street or drop it into the Parish Office/Sacristy at the back of the church or any of the Muintir Bhaire Churches. SVP envelopes available at all Church Porches. Thank you for your support, continuing support and generosity. Should you wish to donate directly, our Bank A/C Details are: AIB Bank Wolfe Tone Square Bantry Co Cork. Account: St Vincent de Paul / BIC: AIBKIE2D / IBAN: IE91 AIBK 9360 1436 7520 53

Bantry Community Carol Service: The Church of St. Brendan the Navigator: Sunday December 21st at 8pm. *"The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it."* All are welcome to attend.

Kealkil Christmas Community Party & Get Together in Kealkil Community Hall on this Sunday 14th December after 10.30am Mass in Kealkil Church. Music, Treats & Craic. All welcome.

Gaffney's Christmas Lights in Kilcrohane will be lit from Friday 19th December.

All proceeds this year will go to the Jack & Jill Foundation. All welcome.

Thank you for your support.

Light & Love Prayer of St. John of the Cross

Feastday 14th December.

"Mine are the heavens and mine is the earth.
Mine are the nations, the just are mine,
and mine the sinners. The angels are mine,
and the Mother of God, and all things are mine;
and God himself is mine and for me,
because Christ is mine and all for me.
What do you ask, then, and seek, my soul?
Yours is all of this, and all is for you.
Do not engage yourself in anything less
or pay heed to the crumbs that fall from your Father's table.
Go forth and exult in your Glory! Hide yourself in it, and
rejoice, and you will obtain the supplications of your heart."

The Pope's Monthly

Intention: December

Let us pray that
Christians living in areas
of war or conflict,
especially in the Middle
East, might be seeds of
peace, reconciliation and
hope.

