



## BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 VOL.21. NO 2

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

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

Bantry: 6.15pm: Mary Baldwin – Reenrour East – Months Mind

Marcus Lynch – Caherdaniel – Birthday Remembrance

Brian McAuley – Seskin

Susan Nanni

Karen Tietze

Dromore: 8pm: No booking.

Lowertown: 8pm: Michael & Finbarr O'Donovan - Gunpoint

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Second week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 9am: Patrick & Christina McCarthy (Tower Hill, Bantry) & thie son Patrick who died recently

Ballydehob: 9.00am: Jeremiah O'Brien - Dunbeacon

Durrus: 10m: Timothy O'Donvan - Tooreen

Kealkil:10.30am: Kitty Clins – Kealkil

Mary Thomas

Sean O'Mahony - Maughnaclea

Schull: 10.30am: John, Betty & Cornie McCarthy - Foilnamuck

Caheragh: 11.15am: Denis & Ellie Harrington - Bawnishal

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Denis Daly – Gortalassa – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.

Joan O'Mahony – Kilcrohane – Months Mind

Michael & Eileen Kelleher

Linda Barry & Paul O'Shea

Goleen: 12noon: No booking

Bantry: 12noon: Mary McCarthy – Colomane West

Sheila Harrington – Slip Lawn

Sinead Breen – Ballylickey

Nellie, Peg & Phillip Clifford – Blackrock Road

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry:10am: Margaret O'Sullivan – Marian Terrace

Schull: 10am: No booking

**Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 10am: Michael Jimmy Downey – Gortagary – 10<sup>th</sup> anniv

Goleen: 10am: Jesi Anthony George

**Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan :2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes

Ballydehob:10am: No booking

Bantry: 10am: Cornelius O'Farrell – Slip Lawn – 5<sup>th</sup> anniv.

**Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 10am: Con & Elizabeth McSweeney – Ballincollig & Bantry

Goleen: 10am: No booking

**Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 10am: Finbarr Ryan - Seskin

Schull: 10am: No booking

**Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 10am: Daniel Hurley (Clonakilty), Hannah Hurley (Kielnascarta) & Con Collins (Kielnascarta)

**Offertory Collection Amounts for 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Holy Day of the Epiphany:**

Bantry: €890 Schull:€376 Goleen:€155 Muintir Bhaire: €283

**Offertory Collection for 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Bantry: €1585 Goleen: €490

Schull: €615 Muintir Bhaire: €632

**Second Collection church maintenance last weekend:**

Bantry: €1460 Goleen: €622 Schull: €815

Muintir Bhaire: €550

**Special Collection this weekend 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**will be taken up for Diocesan Needs.**

### Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace:

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

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

**Michael O'Reilly – Ard Carraig, Goleen**

**Kerrie Vaila O'Connell – Breenybeg, Kealkil**

**Rest in Peace**

**The Pope's Monthly Intention:** January: For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**Reflection/Meditation on Sunday's Gospel:** Presented By Ruah Retreat Team  
Join us for free **online** weekly sessions to strengthen our hope and nourish the soul. Sunday Evenings 6.45p.m. (Online via Zoom). Further enquiries & bookings to [info@ruahrest.com](mailto:info@ruahrest.com)

### Community Notices:

**Goleen Community Centre: Light lunch & bingo on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 12pm to 2pm. If you would like to have lunch please call Mary on 087-467 9322. €5/person. If you have dietary requirements please let us know. All welcome.**

**Bantry Blues joins IRELAND LIGHTS UP in partnership with RTE Operation Transformation. Join us on Wednesdays Evenings in Wolfe Tone Park at 7pm. Bring your hi-vis vest.**

**ALONE** the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. Call 0801 222 024 please or see [ALONE.ie/Volunteer](http://ALONE.ie/Volunteer) for more info.'

McGee's Christmas Lights in Kealkil raised €955 for Bantry Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The McGee Family would like to thank all those who generously supported this worthy cause.

### Recent Parish Baptisms:

**We welcome them into our Christian Community**

**William Michael Barrett O'Donoghue – Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick**

### ONLINE DONATIONS FOR SCHULL PARISH

**For those who donate online to Schull Parish, you can find the donate online button on our family of parishes website.**

**[www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie](http://www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie)**

**Go to the Parishes Section, then to Schull Parish and you will find the MAKE A DONATION link there. Many thanks to all who use this method of donating to the parish.**

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**18-25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

Each year, the week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January.

The theme chosen this year is based on a text from the Gospel of St Luke. 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself.' (Luke 10:27) Let us pray for the unity of Christians throughout the world.

*O God, we are one with you.. You have made us one with You. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.*

*Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realise that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.*