

	<div><div>BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER</div><div>BANTRY PARISH, CAHERAGH PARISH, GOLEEN PARISH, MUINTIR BHAIRE PARISH, SCHULL PARISH</div><div>Fr. Myles McSweeney: 086-1623031 (Bantry) Fr. Chris O'Donovan: 083 4374304 (Schull)</div><div>Fr. Anthony Buckley:087-2744617 (Goleen) Fr. Ben Hodnett: 089-4308735 (Bantry) Fr. John C. O'Donovan: 028-52985 (Dromore)</div><div>To contact Priest on duty (Bantry): 087-7999886 Parish office: Tel: 027-56398</div><div>email: bantryparishoffice@gmail.com Website: www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie</div><div>THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS</div><div>14TH SEPTEMBER 2025 VOL.38. NO.33</div></div>	
<div><div>Autumn Station Masses 2025</div><div>Station Mass Offering Envelopes are available at all the Church Porches from this weekend. The offerings make up the income of the Priests in the Family of Parishes. Station Masses will take place on the weekend of 27th /28th September. Thank you for your continuing generous support.</div></div>	<div><div>A Blessing for Creation</div><div>Bless us, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. As we go forth with joy and hope to care for God’s creation, walking gently on the earth, in right relationship, nurtured by your love, taking only what we need, giving back to the earth in gratitude, honouring all with reverence, reconciling and healing, mindful of those who will come after, and of the poor today, recognising our proper place as part of, not apart from, your creation. Ignite your Spark within us, that we may know ourselves as truly human and irrecocably part of the Web of Life.</div></div>	<div></div>
<div><div>Gougane Barra Sunday 28th September 2025: Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope. Receive a special plenary indulgence during this Jubilee Year: 1.30pm: Confessions 2.30pm: Rosary 3.00pm: Mass Celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin For more information see corkandross.org</div></div>	<div><div><div><div><u>Died Recently:</u> We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:</div><div>Jimmy Downey – Colleras, Goleen,</div><div>Rest in Peace</div></div><div><div>Retreat and Ministry of Healing St. Mary's Parish, Irishtown, Clonmel, Co.Tipperary Eircode E91FD28 Saturday September 20th 10.00am-1.00pm afternoon 3.00pm-5.30pm & Sunday 21st 3.00pm- 7.30pm. Led by international Priest Fr. Rozo Palić also Croatian Music Ministry. Bring the sick, family, friends. For further details contact: Patricia 089 9466193 or Imelda 089 9558283.</div></div></div></div>	
<div><div>Diocese of Cork and Ross:</div><div>Is God calling you to be an Diocesan Priest?</div><div>Discernment Group for young men aged 18-40. Monthly Meetings September 2025 to May 2026. Mardyke House, Cork City. Contact vocations@corkandross.org for more information</div></div>	<div><div>Community Notices</div><div>Stay strong and steady on your feet! Norma Mulcahy is a neuromuscular therapist and will be coming along to the <u>Goleen Community Centre</u> to teach us how improve balance, strength and flexibility through physical activity. There will also be a light lunch afterwards. To book your place please contact Catherine on 086 818 8387. Date: 16th September. Time: 12pm. Venue: Goleen Community Centre</div></div>	
<div><div>Offertory 7th September: Bantry: €2020 Caheragh: €588 Muintir Bhaire: €810 Goleen: €512 Schull: €860</div><div>Church Maintenance Fund last w/e: Bantry: €2310 Schull:€755 Caheragh: €560 Muintir Bhaire: €745 Goleen: €840</div><div>There will be a special collection taken up next weekend, 20th /21st September, in the Diocese for <u>Priesthood Education</u>. Currently one Seminarian returned to his studies for the Priesthood in Maynooth last week and another candidate is pursuing Formation for the Permanent Diaconate. In addition the Fund also supports the ongoing training and education of Priests in the Diocese. Your continued support in promoting Vocations is sincerely appreciated.</div></div>	<div><div><div><div><u>Are you a Family Carer?</u></div><div>Come along for a morning of fun & relaxation at our Creative Carers Art Morning. No previous art experience ecessary. All materials are supplied. This event is FREE. Venue: The Westlodge Hotel, P75 N978 Historical Rooms. 10.30am - 12.30pm on Thurs 18th September: Thursday 16thOctober: Thursday 20th November. Booking essential. Contact Gemma Casey on 087 910 3036.</div></div></div></div>	
<div><div><div><div><div></div><div><div>Recent Parish Weddings</div></div><div></div></div><div><div>We congratulate the following couples who were married recently in our Family of Parishes.</div><div>Brian O'Loughlin & Monica Doyle who were married in the Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea & St Patrick, Goleen on the 30th of August, 2025</div><div>Lorraine Coughlan & Keith O’Riordan who were married in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Dromore on 6th September, 2025</div><div>Clodagh Cleary & Neily O’Sullivan who were married in the Church of St. Brigid, Ballydehob on 6th September, 2025</div><div>We wish all couples every happiness in the years ahead</div></div></div></div></div>		