



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Bantry Family of Parishes Christmas Arrangements 2024

Penitential Service: Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm in Bantry Church
Friday 20th December at 7.00pm in Schull Church

Ballydehob: St. Brigids Church

Christmas Eve: Mass at 8pm
Christmas Day: Mass at 9.00am

Bantry : St. Finbarr's Church

Christmas Eve: Mass at 4.00pm (Childrens Mass), 6.15pm & 10pm
Christmas Day: Mass at 9am & 12noon

Caheragh: Holy Family Church: Christmas Day: Mass at 11.15am

Coomhola: St. Joseph's Church: Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am

Dromore: Mary Immaculate Church: Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm

Durrus: Sacred Heart Church: Christmas Day: Mass at 10.00am

Goleen: Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea & St. Patrick:

Christmas Day: Mass at 12noon
Christmas Eve Confessions at 12noon.

Kealkil: Church of the Immaculate Conception:

Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm

Kilcrohane: Church of Mary, Star of the Sea

Christmas Day: Mass at 11.30am

Lowertown: Church of the Seven Sacraments

Christmas Eve: Mass at 8.00pm

Schull: St. Mary's Church

Christmas Eve: Mass at 7.00pm
Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am

Christmas Offering Envelopes are at the doors of all Churches.

We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Collection for Priests: The collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is for the priests of the parishes. The Bishop only allows two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the Priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Parishes. These are all accounted for by the Parish Finance Committee and in turn sent to the Diocesan Accountant in Cork. We thank you for your great support and generosity.

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

Sean Buckley – Colomane West, Bantry
Marian Russell (née Cronin) – Coolanuller, Ballydehob
Timothy (Val) Manning – Ballylickey, Bantry
David (Dave) Carroll – The Convent, Bantry
John (Sonnie) Hurley – Colomane West, Bantry
May they rest in Peace



Community Notices:



The Ladies of the Care for the Aged Charity Shop would like to wish our friends and supporters a happy Christmas & looking forward to their continued support in 2025.

Kealkil Community Coffee Morning: Christmas Social Gathering on 15th December after Mass at 11am in Kealkil Community Hall (The Old Creamery). Cup of tea & Christmas chat. Light refreshments served. All welcome.

Come see McGee's Christmas Lights in Kealkil. All proceeds this year will go to Cancer Connect

Colaiste Pobail Bheanntraí non-perishable foods collection for SVP in the school from Monday, Dec 2nd. We are also collecting adult socks as requested by Cork Penny Dinners. They do not have to be new, just clean. We will collect donations in school up to Wednesday December 18th. Thank you

Durrus Bingo: A Christmas bingo session will take place in Durrus Community Hall at 3pm on this Sunday, December 15th. Everyone will be welcome.

Durrus Charity Shop: A pre-Christmas sale will take place at the Durrus Charity Shop this week, with great bargains, before it closes for holidays on Saturday next, December 21st.

Schull Community College Transition Years are delighted to present "A Christmas Carol" a festive panto for all the family on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th of December. Tickets will be available on the door, family rates available. Doors open **at 6:30 pm** and the panto will begin at **7:20pm**. All welcome!

Offertory Collection 8th Dec: Bantry: €1880 Caheragh: €835
Schull: €785 Muintir Bhaire: €800 Goleen: €390

Kealkil Church: New 2025 Rota for the Ministers of the Eucharist is available to collect from the Sacristy this Sunday. New people are most welcome to volunteer to be Ministers of the Eucharist. Please contact Sheila (087 9585270) or the Parish office (027-56398).



Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat. 14th Dec: 2nd week of Advent:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Hannah O'Sullivan – Scart
Maureen O'Sullivan – Rock Villas
Eileen Andrews – Slip Lawn
Susan & Edward Wiseman – Cois Riase
Brother Henry Hoskin
Nora & Jerome Walsh – Reenrou East
Patricia Green – Slip Park

Dromore: 8pm: Jeremiah and Christine O'Sullivan -Knockgorm.

Lowertown: 8pm: Patrick and Ellen O'Reilly - Ardnavinna

Sun. 15th Dec: Third Sunday of Advent:

Bantry: 9am: Mark Hutchinson – Birthday Remembrance
Pattie Mullins – Newtown – Months Mind
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Ballydehob: 9.00am: Joe Salter – Letter & Cooragurteen
Michael & Nora O'Sullivan – Derrycarhoon, & Heir Island
Pat Hegarty – Main Street Ballydehob – 32nd anniv.
Annie & James Downey – Ballylickey, Bantry

Durrus: 10am: Brendan O'Neill – Ballycommane
Elizabeth Griffin - Gearhies

Kealkil: 10.30am: Catherine O'Rourke – Incaroe
Mary Kelleher – Moulavanig – 1st anniv.

Rita & Jackie O'Sullivan – Hillview, Breenybeg
Paddy & Mary Creedon – Kielnagnapogue

The O'Reilly Family & Hurley Family - Kealkil

Schull: 10.30am: Hughie Maguire – Coorydorrig – 3rd anniv
Danny Sheehan & his mother Mary Sheehan – Coorydorigan

Caheragh: 11.15am: John O'Sullivan – Dreeny
Timothy & Catherine Harnedy - Caheragh

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: William & Nora Donegan – Derrycluvane
Eileen O'Mahony - Raferigeen

Deceased members of the Allen & Kelly Families
Goleen: 12noon: No booking

Bantry: 12noon: Sr. M. Catherine Spillane – Convent of Mercy,
Bantry & Schull – 7th anniv.

Christy O'Donoghue – Coomhola

Patrick & Christine McCarthy & their son Pat – Tower Hill, Bantry

Monday 16th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Bridie McAlpine – Ballincollig & Durrus
Schull: 10am: Special Intention

Tues 17th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: The O'Sullivan Family – Marian Terrace

Goleen: 10am: Jim Lothian

Wed. 18th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes
Ballydehob: 10am: Paddy & Sheila Herlihy & their sons
Thomas & Mike – Coolnagurrane, Skibbeen

Bantry: 10am:

Deceased members of the O'Mahony Family - Dromclough

Thurs. 19th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Donal O'Connor – Glengarriff Road

Goleen: 10am: No booking

Friday 20th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry : 10am: Mary Agnes O'Sullivan - Seskin

Schull: 10am: James & Nora McDonnell - Coorydorigan

Sat. 21st Dec: 23rd week of Advent: Bantry Hospital:

10am: Canon Donal O'Callaghan – Former Parish Priest of Bantry



Children's Prayer to St. Nicholas
Dear St. Nicholas, so kind and true,
on this special day, we turn to you.
With gifts and joy, you fill our hearts,
bless us now as this day starts.
Guide us with your gentle hand,
help us spread love across the land.
May we share and care each day,
in your spirit, we laugh and play.
Thank you, St. Nicholas, up above,
for your kindness, grace and love.
On this day, and all year through,
we celebrate the joy your bring, it's true,
Amen. (www.columban.org)