

	<div><div><b>BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER</b> <b>BANTRY PARISH, CAHERAGH PARISH, GOLEEN PARISH, MUINTIR BHAIRE PARISH, SCHULL PARISH</b> <i>Fr. Myles McSweeney: 086-1623031 (Bantry)    Fr. Chris O'Donovan: 083 4374304 (Schull)</i> <i>Fr. Anthony Buckley:087-2744617 (Goleen)    Fr. Ben Hodnett: 089-4308735 (Bantry)    Fr. John C. O'Donovan: 028-52985 (Dromore)</i> <i>To contact Priest on duty (Bantry): 087-7999886    Parish office: Tel: 027-56398</i> email: <a href="mailto:bantryparishoffice@gmail.com">bantryparishoffice@gmail.com</a>    Website: <a href="http://www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie">www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie</a></div><div>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME15<sup>th</sup> February 2026   Vol. 41. No.7</div></div>		
<b>CONFIRMATION:</b> Congratulations to the pupils of Scoil Bhríde, Ballydehob National School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday in Ballydehob Church. Bishop Noel O'Regan SMA administered the Sacrament to the young people. Many thanks to all who helped prepare for the day. The next Confirmation in our Family of parishes will be in Caheragh Church on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February for pupils of Caheragh N.S, Dromore N.S & Dreeny N.S..			
<b>Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage:</b> The Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th August to 4th September. . The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available. For more information call Damien on 087 20 49 048		<b>HEATING IN BANTRY CHURCH:</b> The leak has been located and works are underway to remedy the problem. As the church will be cold, please continue to wrap up well when coming to the church.	
<b>Beginning</b> from Monday February 9th, 2026, a <b>Saint Pio Mass and Prayer Meeting</b> will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, Rath, Baltimore on the second Monday of each month (except for July and August) Confession, Adoration, Rosary, Intercessory Prayers, begin at 7.00pm. Mass at 7.30pm. Blessing with First Class Relic of St, Pio of Pietrelcina. Petition Box with Mass offered for those intentions.		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE</b> Mass times in our Family of Parishes are: Ballydehob at 10.00am Bantry at 10.00am & 7.30pm Dromore at 7.30pm Goleen at 10.00am Kilcrohane at 6.30pm Lowertown at 8.00pm Ashes will be available in Schull Church after the 10am Mass in Ballydehob. Ashes will be taken to Coomhola, Kealkil, Caheragh & Durrus, after the 10am Mass in Bantry.	
<b>Fatima Pilgrimage:</b> Fr. Joe McGee, MSC – Spiritual Director. 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> September 2026. 4*Hotel Fatima. 999pp includes flights, ex Cork & Dublin. Luggage, airport transfers, accommodation on full board basis, tour of the Sanctuary, half day tour of Aljustel. For info. Contact Barters Travelnet Cork: 021-485 1700 or <a href="mailto:kcallaghan@travelnet.ie">kcallaghan@travelnet.ie</a>		<b>Forms of Friday Penance:</b> The Irish Bishops’ Confernece suggested the following ways of fulfilling Friday Penance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abstaining from meat or some other food;</li><li>• Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;</li><li>• Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;</li><li>• Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;</li><li>• Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;</li><li>• Making the Stations of the Cross</li><li>• Healing the poor , sick or lonely;</li></ul> •Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual & perhaps giving what is saved to the needy.	
<b>MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL</b> UPCOMING EVENTS: JACKPOT BINGO Thurs 19th Feb at 8pm. Jackpot €490 in 57 calls. Singing Mamas Group, Free Taster Session, Feb Fri 20th 10.30am-12. Contact Tara to book 083-4178421 Mens Pilates starts Monday 23rd Feb at 8pm €15 pay as you go or €70 for 6 weeks. Contact Helena 087-3398553 for more info.		<b><u>Died Recently:</u></b> We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of: <b>Eileen Downey (née Lynch) – Sorrento , Goreemore &amp; formerly of Droumduve, Ballylickey, Bantry</b> <b>Breda McCoy (née Gallagher) – Droumleigh, Bantry</b>	
<b>Cash for Clobber Clothes Collection:</b> Cappabue NS would like to thank everyone who donated items to our recent cash for clobber clothes collection which raised €357.50 for the school. Mile buíochas to you all for your continued support.		<b>Kilcrohane NS</b> will host its Open Day on Friday, 6th of March, from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. All are warmly welcome to come along, meet our pupils and staff, and experience what our school has to offer. Join us for a cup of tea, some light refreshments, and a friendly chat as you explore our school and learning environment.	
<b>Recent Parish Baptisms:</b> We welcome into our Christian Community <b>Arya Julia Bambrick – Church Road, Bantry</b> <b>Haleigh Audrey Bambrick – Church Road, Bantry</b> <b>Aidan Sonny Hickey – Gurrane, Ballydehob</b>		<b>A sincere Thank You</b> to everyone that supported the Christmas Lights at Mick & Kathleen Gaffneys Home in Kilcrohane. €1140.90 was raised & sent to the Jack & Jill Foundation.	
<b>Chair yoga for Parkinson Ireland.</b> Bantry Boys club on Thursdays 11-11.45. Contact Trish 0876527313		<b>Gaelscoil Bheanntaí:</b> Beidh Oíche Oscailte Gaelscoil Bheanntaí ar siúl ar an gCéadaoin, 25 Feabhra óna 18:30 to 20:00. Beidh fáilte roimh páistí na Naíonáin agus ranganna eile. <i>Gaelscoil Bheanntaí will hold their Open Night on Wednesday, 25th February from 18:30 to 20:00. All class levels welcome, including junior infants.</i>	
<b>Open Day for Rusnacahara NS, Ahakista</b> will be on Thursday 26th February. from 1-2pm. We invite families to come along & explore & meet the pupils and staff over a cup of tea & a friendly chat. Contact the school on 027-67286 or by email at <a href="mailto:rusnacaharans@gmail.com">rusnacaharans@gmail.com</a>		<b>In Ireland today</b> , over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit <a href="http://www.epilepsy.ie">www.epilepsy.ie</a> . Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.	
<b>Offertory Collection 8<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Bantry: €2460    Caheragh: €865    MuintirBhaire:€655 Schull:€930    Goleen: € 415 Diocesan Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund last w/e: Bantry: €2210    Caheragh:€537 Muintir Bhaire: €500    Schull:€893    Goleen: €302			

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: SS Cyril, & Methodius, Patrons of Europe:**  
Bantry: 6.15pm: Michael Lynch – Gurteen – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
May Finkle (née Harrington) – Blackrock Road – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
Denis & Pat O’Sullivan – Baurgorm& Ballylickey  
Barry Hourihane – Orchard Hill  
**Dromore: 8pm: No Booking**  
**Lowertown: 8pm: Corney & May Cotter - Ardmanagh**

**Sun.15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
**Bantry: 9am: Robert Lynch (35<sup>th</sup> anniv), his sister Emma, his father Bill & big brother Billy.**  
Pat Murnane – Letterlickey  
**Ballydehob: 9am: Anne & Declan Cronin - Rathravane**  
John O’Sullivan – Shountellig, Dunbeacon – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
Denis Martin (Denny Mattie) Murphy – Derrinard, Ballydehob & The Laurels, Mill Road, Skibbereen–1<sup>st</sup> anniv  
**Durrus: 10am: No booking**  
**Schull:**10.30am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes  
Alice O’Driscoll – South Terrace Schull – 7<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
Anne Hayes – Coosheen, Schull  
Queenie & Joan Morris – Corthna, Schull  
Paddy Hayes – Libeen & Cork  
Jimmy O’Reilly – Colla Road  
**Coomhola:**10.30am: Mary Harrington – Cooryleary, Coomhola  
Eileen Cronin – Borlin – Months Mind  
**Caheragh:**11.15am: May Keating – Knockgorm  
Bob & Bridie Dalton & deceased members of the Dalton Family – Knocknagoshal  
**Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Jimmy & Kitty O’Mahony – Galladoo**  
Johnny Kelleher – Cappabuí – 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
**Goleen:**12noon: Patsy Galvin – Cork & Goleen  
Patrick & Margaret Courcey - Lackavawn  
**Bantry :** 12noon: Paddy Hanrahan (Goureemore) & his niece Louise Lynch (recently deceased).  
Sheila Moloney – Slip – 5<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: 6<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**  
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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: After Ash Wednesday:**  
Bantry:10am: Sarah Coakley – Blackrock Road  
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