



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CONFIRMATION: 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 23rd February for pupils of Caheragh N.S, Dromore N.S & Dreeny N.S..

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage: 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

Beginning from Monday February 9th, 2026, a **Saint Pio Mass and Prayer Meeting** 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.

Fatima Pilgrimage: Fr. Joe McGee, MSC – Spiritual Director. 22nd-26th 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 Aljustrel. For info. Contact Barters Travelnet Cork: 021-485 1700 or kcallaghan@travelnet.ie

MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNiTY HALL

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.

Cash for Clobber Clothes Collection: 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 buiochas to you all for your continued support.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

Arya Julia Bambrick – Church Road, Bantry

Haleigh Audrey Bambrick – Church Road, Bantry

Aidan Sonny Hickey – Gurrane, Ballydehob

Chair yoga for Parkinson Ireland. Bantry Boys club on Thursdays 11-11.45. Contact Trish 0876527313

Open Day for Rusnacahara NS, Ahakista 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 rusnacaharans@gmail.com

HEATING IN BANTRY CHURCH: The leak has been located and works are underway to remedy the problem. As the church will be cold, please continue wrap up well when coming to the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY - A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Mass times in our Family of Parishes are:

Ballydehob at 10.00am Goleen at 10.00am

Bantry at 10.00am & 7.30pm Kilcrohane at 6.30pm

Dromore at 7.30pm Lowertown at 8.00pm

Ashes will be available in Schull Church after the the 10am Mass in Ballydehob. Ashes will be taken to Coomhola, Kealkil, Caheragh & Durrus, after the 10am Mass in Bantry.

Forms of Friday Penance: The Irish Bishops' Conference suggested the following ways of fulfilling

Friday Penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross
- Healing the poor , sick or lonely;

•Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual & perhaps giving what is saved to the needy.

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

Eileen Downey (née Lynch) – Sorrento , Goreemore & formerly of

Droumduve, Ballylickey, Bantry

Breda McCoy (née Gallagher) – Droumleigh, Bantry

Kilcrohane NS 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.

A sincere Thank You to everyone that supported the Christmas Lights at Mick & Kathleen Gaffneys Home in Kilcrohane. €1140.90 was raised & sent to the Jack & Jill Foundation.

Gaelscoil Bheanntraí: Beidh Oíche Oscailte Gaelscoil Bheanntraí ar siúl ar an gCéadaoin, 25 Feabhra óna 18:30 to 20:00. Beidh fáilte roimh páistí na Naónáin agus ranganna eile. *Gaelscoil Bheanntraí will hold their Open Night on Wednesday, 25th February from 18:30 to 20:00. All class levels welcome, including junior infants.*

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

Offertory Collection 8th February: Bantry: €2460 Caheragh: €865 Muintir Bhaire: €655

Schull: €930 Goleen: € 415

Diocesan Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund last w/e: Bantry: €2210

Muintir Bhaire: €500 Caheragh: €537

Schull: €893

Goleen: €302

Sat 14th Feb: SS Cyril, & Methodius, Patrons of Europe:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Michael Lynch – Gurteen – 2nd anniv.

May Finkle (née Harrington) – Blackrock Road – 2nd anniv.

Denis & Pat O'Sullivan – Baugorm& Ballylickey

Barry Hourihane – Orchard Hill

Dromore: 8pm: No Booking

Lowertown: 8pm: Corney & May Cotter - Ardmanagh

Sun.15th Feb: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am: Robert Lynch (35th anniv), his sister Emma, his father Bill & big brother Billy.

Pat Murnane – Letterlickey

Ballydehob: 9am: Anne & Declan Cronin - Rathravane

John O'Sullivan – Shountellig, Dunbeacon – 2nd anniv.

Denis Martin (Denny Mattie) Murphy – Derrinard, Ballydehob & The Laurels, Mill Road, Skibbereen-1st anniv

Durrus: 10am: No booking

Schull:10.30am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes Alice O'Driscoll – South Terrace Schull – 7th 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 – Cappabui – 6th anniv.

Goleen:12noon: Patsy Galvin – Cork & Goleen

Patrick & Margaret Courcey - Lackavawn

Bantry : 12noon: Paddy Hanrahan (Gouremore) & his niece Louise Lynch (recently deceased).

Sheila Moloney – Slip – 5th anniv.

Mon 16th Feb: 6th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Christy O'Reilly - Gurteenroe

Schull: 10am: Private Intention

Tuesday 17th Feb: 6th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Paddy Hanrahan

Goleen: 10am: Sr. Columba Redmond

Wednesday 18th Feb: Ash Wednesday:

Ballydehob:10am: No Booking

Goleen: 10am: No booking

Bantry:10am: Teresa O'Luasa – 2nd anniv.

Kilcrohane : 6.30pm: No booking

Dromore 7.30pm: No booking

Bantry 7.30pm: No booking

Lowertown: 8pm: No booking

Thursday 19th Feb: After Ash Wednesday:

Bantry: 10am: Annie May O'Mahony - Glandore

Goleen: 10am: Nellie Hallihan

Friday 20th Feb: After Ash Wednesday:

Bantry:10am: Sarah Coakley – Blackrock Road

Schull: 10am: Maureen & Pat Pyne

Sat 14th Feb: After Ash Wednesday:

Bantry Hospital: 10am: Norah & Raymond Clarkin & their daughter Olivia Clarkin Machata