



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 14th March: 3rd week of Lent:
Bantry: 6.15pm: Donal Fitzgerald - Gurteenroe
 Josephine Bishop – Glencreagh – Birthday Remembrance
 The O'Mahony Family – Ards More
 Paddy & Nancy O'Shea – Gories
 Neily O'Sullivan – Baurgorm
 Billy Byrne – Dromleigh – 7th anniv.
 Mary O'Driscoll (née Keane) – Douglas & Glenlough

Dromore: 8pm:
Lowertown: 8pm: Michael O'Mahony Castlepoint.
Sun. 15th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent:
Bantry: 9am: No booking
Ballydehob: 9am: John O'Donovan – Ballybawn – 1st anniv.
 Kitty & Ted Cleary – Dreenacloough, Ballydehob
Durrus: 10am: John & Mary McKennedy – Union Hall
 Kevin Ward - Durrus
Schull: 10.30am: Kevin Ward – Durrus & Dublin
 Ellen McCarthy-Westland, Long Island & all deceased family members
 Paddy Hayes – Libeen & Cork

Coomhola: 10.30am: Patrick & Mary Murphy – Derrydubh
 Eddie Bracken - Goureemore
Caheragh: 11.15am: Chrissie Kingston - Dreeny
Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Denis Daly – Faramanagh
 Michael & Mary Cronin & their son Seanie – Droumnea
 Hannah Bohane - Reenmore

Goleen: 12noon: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes
 Joan Barry – Clogher
 John & Frankie Stuart – Crookhaven
Bantry: 12noon: Mary Hunt – Glengarriff Road
 Deceased members of the O'Donoghue Family – Gilhooleys Tce
 Margaret & Jeremiah O'Shea – Ballydehob
 Eileen Downey – Sorento, Gouree More – Months Mind
 Mary Hodnett – Orchard Hill

Mon 16th March: 4th week of Lent:
Bantry: 10am: Pat O'Sullivan – Scotland & Marian Terrace
Schull: No booking
Bantry: 6.15pm: Eileen Coleman – Marino Street

Tuesday 17th March: St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland:
Bantry: 9am: No booking
Ballydehob: 9am: Christy Jimmy & Nora O'Sullivan – Ballyvinitier, Mallow & Gloun

Durrus: 10am:
 Ann Noonan-Roeckl – Munich & Clashadoo – 4th anniv.
Schull: 10.30am: Denis & Joe O'Leary – Glaun, Schull
 Eileen O'Regan – Pier Road

Coomhola: 10.30am: Patrick & Margaret Daly & all deceased
 Members of the Daly Family – Coorloun North

Caheragh: 11.15am: No booking
Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Eugene & Ann Donegan – Fawnmore
 John & Hanora McCarthy - Fawnmore

Goleen: 12noon:
 Hannah & James Cotter – Lissigriffin
 Donal O'Sullivan - Dunmanus
Bantry: 12noon: Donal Lynch – Gurteen
 Nora & Jeremiah Cremin
 Kitty Barrett & John Cremin

Mass Times for St. Patrick's Day

Vigil Masses on Monday 16th March:

Bantry: 6.15pm:
Dromore: 8pm:
Lowertown: 8pm:

St. Patrick's Day:

Tuesday 17th March:
Bantry: 9am & 12noon
Ballydehob: 9am:
Durrus: 10am:
Coomhola: 10.30am:
Schull: 10.30am:
Caheragh: 11.15am:
Kilcrohane: 11.30am:
Goleen: 12noon:



Spring Station Offering Envelopes are available in the porches of all churches in our family of Parishes. These offerings make up the income for the priests. The Spring station Masses will take place at the Masses over the weekend of the 21st / 22nd of March. Dues envelopes will be collected at those Masses. We thank you for your support.

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to the pupils of Scoil Mhuire & Bharra N.S. Bantry who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Monday, 9th March. Bishop Fintan Gavin & Fr. Myles McSweeney 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 Bantry Church on Monday 23rd March for pupils of Dromclough, N.S, Coomhola N.S, Derrycreha N.S. & Kealkil N.S.

Died Recently: We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:
 Teresa O'Sullivan (née Murphy) – Acton, London & formerly of Scrahanaveal,
 Gneeveguilla, Kerry & Bantry
 Pat Barry - Dublin & formerly Gurtycloona

"Ego Patricius": Saint Patrick in his own words: In celebration of Saint Patrick's Day, all are welcome to a public reading of the *Confession: Saint Patrick's Autobiography and Account of his Mission in Ireland.* 17 March 2026, from 3pm to 4pm, in the Marino Church, Wolfe Tone Square, Bantry P75 H956. Free entry. For further information, please contact Tomás on 089 7080 888 or e-mail seekthesilverplain@gmail.com

Please note morning Mass times in Bantry Church will change as follows due to Confirmations taking place in our Family of Parishes: Monday 23rd March – Mass will be at 8.30am
 Thursday 26th March – Mass will be at 9am

Family Carer morning – Talk on Nutrition: Join us on Thursday 19th March at 11am in the Ballydehob Community Hall for a talk on nutrition with *Gwen Bastian-Enright, MSc, dipNT nutritional therapist.* Learn about how foods and nutrients can support both physical and mental health without being complicated or requiring daily visits to an organic market! Gwen will expand on key nutrients such as vitamin D, focus on supporting digestion and absorption of nutrients from the food you eat and provide simple options for nutrient dense meals and snacks. Booking essential For further information Contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763

A Memory Tree will be planted in the grounds of Kealkil Church after 10:30am Mass on 22nd March to commemorate the life of Anne O'Sullivan, Carriganass, who played a huge role in the community as teacher and principal of Kealkil NS. The planting is a fitting tribute to Anne who was so dedicated to Kealkil Church and contributed to parish life in many ways, including through the weekly flower arrangements she created for the altar. Anne was also a valued member of Kealkil Tidy Towns, and its committee will host a coffee morning in her honour at Kealkil Community Hall which will follow the tree-planting ceremony. All are welcome to both events.

Bantry Blues Ladies Annual Easter Peil Camp will run from Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th April 2026. €30 per child. Suitable for boys and girls aged 4+. Please register online through link on Facebook. Any enquiries contact Mike on 087 9537805

Wednesday 18th March: 4th week of Lent:
Ballydehob: 10am: No booking
Bantry: 10am: Pierre Rossouw – South Africa

Thursday 19th March: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
Goleen: 10am: Joan Sugrue

Friday 20th March: 4th week of Lent:
Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
Schull: 10am: No booking
Sat 21st March: 4th week of Lent:
Bantry Hospital: 10am:
 Mary O'Callaghan – Chapel Street
 Breda McCoy – Dromleigh, Bantry (Months Mind)

Due to the large number of second collections in March, there will be no offertory collection taken up at Vigil Masses on Mon 16th March & Tues 17th March, the Feast of St. Patrick

Derrycreha National School, Glengarriff is now enrolling for 26/27. We will be having a Play Day/Open Day on 26th March 2026 1pm to 2.30pm. All welcome.

Table Quiz in the Travellers Rest on the 20th of March at 8pm in aid of **Caheragh national school.** Tables of 4. All welcome and we appreciate your support.

The Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day Collection takes place on Friday 20th March. Please support.

Recent Parish Baptisms:
 We welcome into our Christian Community
Finn Harrison Hurley – Cois Riasec, Bantry
Ada Hanny Cronin – Ardnacloughy, Ballylickey

The next meeting of the recently formed **Caheragh Community Hub** will be held at 2.00 p.m. On Wednesday 18th March. New members welcome. Venue – Travellers Rest Lounge, Caheragh.

Offertory Collection 1st March: Bantry: €2265 Caheragh: €717
 MuintirBhaire: €950 Schull: €859 Goleen: €445
Special Collection Irish Bishop's Commissions last w/e:
 Bantry: €1685 Caheragh: €370 MuintirBhaire: €630
 Schull: €650 Goleen: €328