



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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The Ascension of the Lord

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Prayer of St. Brendan the Navigator: Feast 16th May
Lord, help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You. Christ of the mysteries, I trust You to be stronger than each storm within me. I will trust in the darkness and know that my times, even now, are in Your Hand. Tune my spirit to the music of heaven, & somehow, make my obedience count for You. Amen.

Rosary during the Month of May: Rosary at the Grotto, St. Brigid's Church, Ballydehob will take place every Monday evening at 8pm during May. Rosary at Our Lady's Grotto in Bantry Church Grounds will take place each day in May at 8pm. All welcome.

Green Sketching: On Thursday 19 May from 2pm to 4pm Anne Harrington Rees will facilitate a workshop in the beautiful gardens of the Heron Gallery. It is the first of 6 workshops that will be run across Sheepshead, Mizen and the Beara Peninsulas. Green sketching is a great excuse to put down the phone, to pick up a pencil, to relax, unwind and to connect with nature. Suitable for people without any drawing experience, this workshop is free though we do ask a small contribution (€5) is given to cover the tea/coffee. To find out more or to book, contact Susan on 083-1491543.

The Jesters Bakehouse Bantry: Tea, Coffee, Scones & homemade Cakes! A donation based Café supporting RT CoAction Bantry. Open Thursdays (10am-2pm) on 21st & 28th May. (Old Bakehouse Bantry).

Free part-time courses at St. Goban's - September 2026
A range of free part-time courses will be held from September 2026 to include: Introduction to Computers, Planting and Potting, Outdoor Vegetable Production, Woodwork, Woodwork for the farming community, Art, Sewing, Upholstery, Local Habitats and Biodiversity, English classes etc. Please contact Deirdre on 086 823 9089 for further information.

Offertory Collection 10th May: Bantry: €2200 Schull: €856 MuintirBhaire: €700 Goleen: €595 Caheragh: €721

Special Collection for Mission & Ministry: Bantry: €1655 MuintirBhaire: €510 Schull: €575 Goleen: €383

Offertory Collection Caheragh 3rd May: €567
Caheragh Collection for Repair Fund 3rd May: €585

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

In St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry the Procession will take place after the 6.15pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 6th June. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Finbarr's Church will take place after the 12noon Mass until benediction at 6.00pm on Sunday 7th June.

The Procession will take place in Coomhola after the 10.30am Mass on the 7th of June.

The Procession in Caheragh will also take place on Sunday June 7th after the 11.15am Mass.

On the following Sunday, the 14th June, the Procession will take place in Kealkil after the 10.30am Mass.

Saint Carlo Acutis

There will be Veneration of the Relics of St. Carlos Acutis in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Friday 29th May. Welcome Mass at 7pm. Veneration of Relics and Prayer from 8pm to Midnight.

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

John Hurley – Reenrou & Vickery's Hardware, New Street, Bantry

Cinemax Bantry - Movie Event for Deaf people: "A Quiet Love" follows the story of three deaf couples. Director: Garry Keane. Language: Irish Sign Language, English Subtitles. The movie will be followed by a Q&A featuring producer Sean Herlihy. Includes sign language interpreter Suzanne Carey. Book tickets online www.cinemaxbantry.ie or call 027-55777.

Family Carers Ireland talk in Ballydehob: Are you a Family Carer? Are you caring for family member or friend? Come along to hear about Family Carers Ireland and how they can support you in your role as a Carer. Where: Ballydehob Community Hall
Date: Thursday 21st May. Time: 11am-1pm. For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763

Beautiful Resistance – Hope in Palestine through Theatre and Culture: A talk by Dr Abdelfattah Abusrour at the Marino Church Bantry at 7.00pm 18th May 2026 on the erasure of Palestinian Culture and Identity. Dr. Abdelfattah Abusrour founded Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society, in Aida refugee camp, Bethlehem, Palestine in 1998. He pioneered the philosophy of "Beautiful Resistance"—a creative, peaceful approach that uses theatre, performing and visual arts to transform trauma into hope, dignity, and peace. Thanks to the generosity of Diarmuid Murphy, on Monday next, May 18th at 7.00 pm, in the Marino Church, Abdelfattah will outline his vision to empower children, youth, and communities to become peace-builders and active agents of change. He will also give a first hand account of the impact on Palestinian Identity and Culture from the ongoing occupation.

MEALAGH VALLEY HALL JACKPOT BINGO
€550 in 60 call.
THURS May 21st at 8pm.
PROGRESSIVE 45 CARDS
Saturday May 30th - 8.30pm.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 16th May: 6th week of Easter:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Aivars Pakalns – Latvia – 1st anniv.
Claire Spillane – Derrygrenaugh East – Months Mind
Josephine Bishop – Glencreagh – 1st anniv.
Jason O'Sullivan – Glencreagh – 20th anniv.
John & Margaret Wilcox – Goleen
Jerry O'Donovan – Slip Park – 18th anniv.
Grace Kelly – Dromleigh South

Dromore: 8pm:

Teddy (Timothy) McCarthy - Colomane West - 1st Anniv

Lowertown: 8pm: No booking

Sunday 17th May: The Ascension of the Lord:

Bantry: 9am: Pat O'Brien – Middleton – Months Mind
Dermot O'Sullivan – The Brewery
Timmy Murnane - Scart

Ballydehob: 9am: Bridget (anniv), Jeremiah & Connie McCarthy – Ballycumisk & Horse Island
Mary O'Sullivan – South Schull & London
Stevie Lynch – Kilbronogue, Ballydehob 3rd anniv.
William McCarthy – Cooragurteen, Ballydehob
Noreen Hodnett (née O'Sullivan) – South Schull & London

Durrus: 10am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes.

Schull: 10.30am: Fr. Hugh McLaughlin SMA

Kealkil: 10.30am: Jimmy Murphy, his wife Chrissie & their son Donal Murphy – Kealkil

Michael O'Riordan (Cousane) & Daniel O'Riordan (Bantry)

Ned McSweeney – Kealkil

Neilus Manning – Pearsons Bridge

Tim & Mary O'Leary – Lackareagh

Ann, Julia & Dan McCarthy - Cahirmounteen

Caheragh: 11.15am:

John Kingston – Gortdromagh - Months Mind

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Mary O'Donovan (Faramanagh) and her sister Sheila O'Connell

Betty Lehane – Fawnmore

Mikey Burke – Bantry Elizabeth Burke

Pauline Monaghan Aimee Guibert

Peggy Bohane – Lower Balleareagh – Months Mind

Goleen: 12noon: Mass for Peace

Bantry: 12noon: Teddy Wiseman – Main Street

Patrick Santry – Lissavaire & Bantry – Months Mind

Mon 18th May: 7th Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Tom O'Grady - Ardnagaoithe

Schull: 10am: No booking

Tuesday 19th May: 7th Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Denis, Eileen & Donal Burke – Whiddy Island

Goleen: 10am: John Sweeney

Wed. 20th May: 7th Week of Easter:

Ballydehob: 10am: No Booking

Bantry: 10am: Stephen Lawlor - Athy

Thursday 21st May 7th Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am:

Theresa O'Sullivan – Glencreagh - Birthday Remembrance

Goleen: 10am: Special Intention

Friday 22nd May: 7th Week of Easter

Bantry: 10am: John & Mary Manning & their son Tadhg - Ards

Schull: 10am: Kieran & Nellie Molloy – Pier Road, Schull

Sat 23rd May: 7th Week of Easter

Bantry Hospital: 10am: Philip Bishop – Glencreagh – 20th anniv.



Recent Parish Weddings



We congratulate & wish every happiness to the following couples who were married recently in our Family of Parishes.

Patricia Ryan & Florence O'Sullivan (Rosscarbery) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola, on Friday 1st May, 2026
Maebh Daly & Jamie Buckley (Coomhola & Kildinan) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola, on Saturday 2nd May, 2026
Daniel O'Driscoll & Karen O'Leary who were married at Prince of Peace Church, Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 8th of May, 2026