



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis inaugurated the Sunday of the Word of God in 2019, asking that it be celebrated in parishes and communities throughout the world on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year, which is next Sunday 25th of January. He encouraged faith communities to find ways to "mark this Sunday with special solemnity" and to focus our attention on the Word of God in the Bible that guides and directs us as we seek to live out our Christian faith. In his homily on the inaugural Sunday of the Word of God, Pope Francis encouraged all of us to make the Word of God a central part of our daily life:

Dear brothers and sisters, let us make room inside ourselves for the word of God! Each day, let us read a verse or two of the Bible.

Let us begin with the Gospel: let us keep it open on our table, carry it in our pocket or bag, read it on our cell phones, and allow it to inspire us daily. We will discover that God is close to us, that he dispels our darkness and, with great love, leads our lives into deep waters.

Cash for Clobber Clothes Collection

Help Cappabue NS raise funds for the school by donating clean unwanted ladies, gents & children's clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts and household textiles (duvets, pillows, carpets not accepted). Donations in refuse bags can be dropped to Cappabue NS during school hours (8:50am-2:30pm) from Monday 26th to Friday 30th January.

Kealkill Foroige Club are holding a Coffee Morning on Sunday 25th January 2025 at Kealkill Community Hall (after 10.30 mass in Kealkill Church) between 11 am and 1pm. All proceeds of the Coffee morning will go to the Stand 4 Feile Fund. Pop in and meet your friends and neighbours for a catch up over some coffee and treats.

Age Friendly Bantry in partnership with Cinemax Bantry is delighted to announce the free screening of old time classic movies, on the last Monday of each month starting on Monday January 26th. This is be an opportunity for a very enjoyable nostalgic visit to see in the cinema old time movies from the 50's, 60's & 70's. Films will start at 11am, no booking required but do come early. All films certified for over 55's. "

Mealagh Valley Community Hall: JACKPOT BINGO Thurs 22nd Jan at 8pm.

MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL AGM takes place on Monday 19th of January @7pm. Everyone is invited to attend. If you or someone you know would like to join our committee, new members are always welcome. New committee members are vital for fresh ideas to the hall and help our little community hall get stronger and stronger



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES AND FRIENDS LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 - 13th – 18th September 2026

Spiritual Director: Fr. Noel O'Leary SMA

Cost includes: Charter flight from Cork to Lourdes return (Tarbes or Pau Airport). All meals in Lourdes. Accommodation sharing twin or triple bedded rooms with facilities. Transfers to & from Lourdes airport to Hotel. Government Taxes. For further enquiries please contact John & Marian Minehane: 087-8347318 or john.minehane@gmail.com or Barter's Travelnet Cork: 92 Patrick Street, Cork: 021- 4851700

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

Kitty (Catherine) O'Driscoll (née O'Mahony)
 – Cappamore, Ballydehob

Chrissie Murphy (née Regan) – Breenybeg, Kealkil

Paddy (Baker) O'Donovan
 – Colomane West, Bantry / Union Hall, Cork

Tony O'Driscoll – Inchinagotagh, Skibbereen

Seán Ó Sé – Ballinlough, Cork & formerly of Ballylickey, Bantry

McGee's Christmas Lights in Kealkil: The McGee Family would like to thank all those who supported the recent fundraiser for Bantry Lifeboat. A total of €600 was raised.

Recent Parish Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community

Luca Braga Alencar – Apt. 2, The Brick Oven, Bantry

Durrus Bingo: The next Bingo session in Durrus Hall will be today at 3pm on Sunday, January 11th.

Offertory Collection 11th Jan: Bantry: €1715

Muintir Bhaire: €480 Schull: €657

Special collection for Diocesan Needs last w/e:

Muintir Bhaire: €480 Schull: €493

Caheragh: €690

Goleen: €440

Bantry: €1365

Goleen: €263

Caheragh: €420

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 17th Jan: 1st Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Patricia O'Brien – Ard na Greeine, Seskin & formerly of Newtown East – Months Mind
 Marcus Lynch – Caheradaniel – Birthday Remembrance
 Bridie Lucey – Church Road – 7th anniv
 Michael Downey – Gortagarry
 Sean O'Sullivan – Baurgorm & London
 Mary T. O'Sullivan & Nora O'Shea - Adrigole
 Dromore: 8pm: Margaret Barry- Gortnascreena- 30th Anniv.
 Lowertown: 8pm: No booking

Sun. 18th Jan: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes
 John & Molly Scully & their son Jerome – Kealkil
 Mary O'Brien – Reenrour East
 Special Intention

Ballydehob: 9am: Private Intention

Paddy Hodnett (1st anniv) & his daughter Julie - Ballydehob
 Elizabeth & Michael O'Mahony – Fortview, Ballydehob
 Kay Burke – Cashelane Dunbeacon & Grenagh – Months Mind
 Marie O'Donovan – Lourdes House, Church Road – 7th anniv.

Durrus: 10am: Anthony Whooley - Ahakista

Schull: 10.30am:

Coomhola: 10.30am:
 Donie & Mary O'Sullivan – Blackwater
 Tade Cadogan – Cooleenlemane, Coomhola

Caheragh: 11.15am: Mary Kelly – Bauravilla – 1st anniv.

John, Pat & Donal Keohane – Gortdromagh
 Joan McCarthy – Corliss
 Denis & Ellie Harrington - Bawnishal

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Katie Daly - Gloun
 Linda Barry – Ahakista & Carrigtwohill

Goleen: 12noon: Mass for Peace

Bantry : 12noon: Tommy Barry – Derryvahalla – 21st anniv.

Special Intention

Ann Brennan – Mayo - Birthday Remembrance

Mon 19th Jan: 2nd Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am:
 Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan – Marian Terrace
 Schull: 10am: Special Intention

Tuesday 20th Jan: 2nd Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Joan & Pat Daly - Slip
 Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Wednesday 21st Jan: 2nd Week in Ordinary Time:

Ballydehob:10am: Private Intention
 Jerry Sheehan – Knockroe, Ballydehob – 20th anniv.
 Bantry:10am: James Coppinger – Blackrock Road

Thursday 22nd Jan: 2nd Week in Ordinary Time:

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

Goleen: 10am: Jerry O'Shea

Friday 23rd Jan: 2nd Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: Special Intention
 Schull: 10am: No booking

Sat 24th Jan: 2nd Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry Hospital: No booking