



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Easter

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 18th April: 2nd week of Easter :

Bantry: 6.15pm: Bob Murnane – Letterlickey – 8th anniv.

Hannah O'Sullivan – Scart – Birthday Remembrance

Anthony McCarthy – Donemark & Kilcrohane

Kathleen & Christy Cotter – Seskin

Carmel O'Connell – Dromleigh – Months Mind

Dromore: 8pm: John Dineen – Barna & England – Months Mind

Lowertown: 8pm: No booking

Sunday 19th April: Third Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am: Jim Emmins – Colomane

Special Intention

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Ballydehob: 9am:

Dan (anniv) & Annie O'Brien – Ballycumisk, Balldehob

Durrus: 10am: Jerry Maguire – Gearhies – 6th anniv.

Schull: 10.30am: Nellie & Kieran Molloy – Pier Road, Schull

Sheila Murphy – Seaview Terrace, Schull

Dan & Annie Bowen – Gloun, Schull

Dan O'Driscoll – Dunbeacon – 20th anniv.

Kealkil: 10.30am: John, Betty & Seán McCarthy – Cappabui Nth

Denis & Peg O'Leary – Whiddy Island

Jerry O'Sullivan – Whiddy Island

Donal O'Leary (1st anniv) & his wife Peggy O'Leary (10th anniv)

Mary Murphy – Cahirmounteen

Eileen Hurley - Ardra

Caheragh: 11.15am: Tony Dempsey - Bauravilla

Intentions of the People of Bantry Family of Parishes

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Eileen Kelleher - Ahakista

Mary O'Sullivan (Balleragh) & her parents & relatives

Stehen O'Donovan – Derrycluvane

Ellen O'Mahony - Ahakista

Goleen: 12noon: Fr. Michael O'Driscoll - Dunmanus

Bantry : 12noon:

Tom Lynch Spillane – Quarrywell – Months Mind

Margaret O'Sullivan (50thanniv) & her husband John O'Sullivan

–Ardnageeha Beg

Donal McCarthy – Gurteenakilla Ballydehob

Julia May Cronin – Crossogue – 10th anniv.

John Downey – Dromdubh, Ballylickey – 15th anniv.

Andrew Stanczak – 8th anniv.

Mon 20th April: 3rd Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Annie & John O'Connell - Tower Hill

Schull: 10am: Private Intention

Tuesday 21st April: 3rd Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Jack & Mary McCarthy – Drimoleague

Connie & Joan O'Sullivan - Drimoleague

Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Wednesday 22nd April: 3rd Week of Easter:

Ballydehob: 10am:

Kathy O'Regan – Raheenroe, Ballydehob – 3rd anniv

Bantry: 10am:

Pierre Rossouw – South Africa – Birthday Remembrance

Thursday 23rd April : 3rd Week of Easter

Bantry: 10am: Kathy O'Regan – Ballydehob & California

Goleen: 10am: Ruth Stanton

Why Sunday Matters:

Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian Faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body & soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual, it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation, it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.

(Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference, Why Sunday Matters, 2025)

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

Caoimhe Kate Balfe - Rathvilly, Co. Carlow

Darkness into Light:

Muintir Bháire Community Council are hosting a walk in Kilcrohane on Saturday, May 9th meeting in Creamery Yard at 4am. Walking up the Goats Path, to watch the sun rise. Meeting back at the Creamery for a well-earned cuppa and treat afterwards. Donations on the day all go towards Pieta House. Come out and support, it's always a very special morning walk.

The Ballydehob Hall Committee will hold its AGM on Monday, April 20th at 8pm. We are issuing an urgent call for new members. The committee is currently stretched to capacity and is in real need of additional support. Without immediate support from the community, we cannot guarantee the continued operation of the Community Hall. Please come along and get involved.

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For info, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek

Offeratory Collection 12th April : Bantry: €2145 Caheragh: €635 MuintirBhaire: €665 Schull: €867 Goleen: €475

Mealagh Valley Community Hall:

JACKPOT BINGO Thurs 23rd April at 8pm.

€530 in 59 calls. It could be you .

PROGRESSIVE 45 CARDS Sat 25th April at 8.30pm.

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

Peter Duggan – Bawnakeane, Ballydehob

John Coleman – Cappadyourdil, Coomhola

Bill (Willie) Cashin – Coolnakilla, Rathcormac/ Letterlickey, Bantry

Patrick Santry – Curragh, Clonakilty & Bantry

Claire Spillane (née Burke) – Derrygrenough East, Bantry

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

Music and song in Durrus: Party Piece is a relaxed participatory music session for everyone. It is run by Kevin Mc Nally and regardless of musical experience, Kevin will help you to play the music that's close to your heart. All singers, instrumentalists and listeners welcome. Date: Wednesday 29th April. Time: 2pm to 3.30pm. Venue: Philip's Green, Durrus. To book contact Siobhan O'Leary on: 083 154 8304 For more information contact: Lorna Harte- 087 400 1763 or Siobhan O'Leary -083 154 8304

The Annual Bantry Hospice Golf Classic takes place on May 15th and 16th, kindly sponsored by Sandoz. Teams of 3 including meal is €200. For timesheet please contact: Damian: 0863148133 / Jerry: 0860866506 / Paddy 0860485382

Friday 24th April: 3rd Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am:

Sr. Úna Considine – Avila, Ardnagaoithe

Schull: 10am: No booking

Sat 25th April: St. Mark, Evangelist:

Bantry Hospital: 10am: John Coughlan - Durrus

Prayer to the Virgin Mary at Easter:

Blessed are you, O Mary, silent witness of Easter! You, O Mother of the Crucified One, now risen, who at the hour of pain and death kept the flame of hope burning, teach us also to be, amongst the incongruities of passing time, convinced and joyful witnesses of the eternal message of life and love brought to the world by the Risen Redeemer. *Pope St. John Paul II*