



## BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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### Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment Family of Parish Gatherings – Next Steps:

Over the next four months all the Parishes and Families of Parishes of our Diocese will be involved in the next stage of our Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment. This will involve representatives of each Parish Leadership Team participating in 3 meetings over 3 weeks reflecting on the questions posed in Bishop Fintan's invitation in September.

The meetings for Bantry Family of Parishes (Bantry, Caheragh, Goleen, Muintir Bhaire and Schull) will take place in The West Lodge Hotel, Bantry on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm each evening.

Those from our Family of Parishes who attended the Sunday afternoon in Fernhill House before Christmas are requested to attend the meetings in The West Lodge Hotel.

**Offertory Collection 13<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Bantry: €2060 Caheragh:€655 Schull: €660 Muintir Bhaire:€600 Goleen €390

**Second Collection for Diocesan Needs last w/e:**

Bantry: €1555 Caheragh:€530

Schull: €561 Muintir Bhaire:€450 Goleen €385

### Community Notices

**Caheragh Dromore Defibrillator Group** will be holding a Practice Session on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 8.15 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall, Caheragh.

**Durrus Celebration:** To mark the brilliant achievement by Durrus in becoming an All-Ireland winner in the 2024 Pride of Place competition, a celebration will take place in Durrus Community Hall on Saturday night next, January 25<sup>th</sup>, when there will be food, music and dancing. Among those scheduled to attend are the Mayor of Co. Cork, Cllr. Joe Carroll, as well as Cllr. Caroline Cronin, who played such a vital role in getting Durrus entered in the competition. The night will get underway at 7pm and music will be provided by Derry Kennedy and Martin Kearney. Everyone will be very welcome to attend. For people who are unable to attend, Bere Island Community Radio intend to livestream the proceedings online and on 100.1FM. Donations of baking for the event will be most welcome.

**Please Note: Change to Saturday Morning Mass: Due To Flu Restrictions in Bantry General Hospital the 10am Saturday Morning Mass in the Hospital Chapel will be celebrated in Bantry Church for the month of January.**

#### Died Recently:

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

**Dorothy Quinlan – Durrus Road, Schull**

**James (Jim) O'Meara – Arduslough, Goleen**

**Mary Kelly (née Long) – Bauravilla, Skibbereen**

**Mary Aradipiotis (née Barry) - Guildford, England & formerly of Goleen.**

**REST IN PEACE**

**BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES & FRIENDS  
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
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 and from Lourdes Airport to hotel. Government taxes. For further enquiries please contact: Barter's Travelnet Cork: 92 Patrick Street, Cork Tel: 021-4851700 or John Minehane: tel. 087-8347318 or email: [john.minehane@gmail.com](mailto:john.minehane@gmail.com)

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The annual week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place from Saturday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. This years prayer resources have been prepared by an ecumenical monastic community of brothers and sisters in Bose, northern Italy. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27, and to contemplate Jesus' provocative question to Martha: 'Do you believe this?'

**Bantry Blues GAA Club: GAA Healthy Club Project: Bantry Blues Healthy Cub are again co-ordinating the hugely popular 'Ireland Light Up' Initiative.**

Ireland Light Up encourages GAA clubs across the 32 counties to light up and bring communities together to walk and talk in a safe environment during the dark winter evenings. Let's not miss the opportunity to connect with our community!

The first walk for 'Bantry Lights Up 2025' was on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> and will continue every Thursday until the 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 7pm Wolfe Tone Park.

**The Annual General Meeting of Caheragh Community Hall Committee** will be held in the Community Hall, Caheragh on Wednesday next January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.30 pm sharp. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting including all hall users and parish groups. It's a valuable community facility and a safe place to go for all ages.

**McGee's Christmas Lights in Kealkil:** The McGee Family would like to thank all those who supported the recent fundraiser for Cancer Connect.. A total of €900 was raised.

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time

Bantry: 6.15pm: Leo O'Sullivan & his son James & daughter Mary – Droumsullivan  
Bridie Lucey – Church Road  
Michael Jimmy Downey – Gortagarry  
Thomas Barry – Derryvahalla – 20<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
Kate Sullivan – Gearhies  
Sean O'Sullivan – Baurgorm & London – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
Dromore: 8pm: No Booking  
Lowertown: 8pm:

Sun.19<sup>th</sup> Jan: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am: Mary O'Brien – Reenrour East  
Paddy & Nancy O'Shea - Gories

Ballydehob: 9.00am: Marie O'Donovan – Lourdes House, Church Road, Ballydehob – 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
James Hickey – Skehanore North, Ballydehob – Recently death

Durrus: 10am: Paddy & Katie Daly - Gloun.

Coomhola: 10.30am: Nora Cronin - Borlin

Schull:10.30am:

John, Betty & Corney McCarthy – Foilmuck, Ballydehob

Caheragh:11.15am: Mamie Keohane –Clouncuggar – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.

Joan McCarthy – Corliss

Michael Coughlan – Colomane West

Kilcrohane:11.30am: Frank & Maureen Connolly & their daughter Monica – Co. Cavan

Sr. Monica Markey

Linda Barry – Ahakista & Carrigtwohill

Goleen: 12noon: Mary, Michael, Mark, Dick & Joe Lucey & all deceased members of the Lucey Family

Bantry: 12noon: Sheila Harrington – Slip Lawn

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Schull: 10am: No Booking

Bantry:10am: Gemma Barrett - Colomane

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: James Coppinger – Blackrock Road

Goleen: 10am: Richard Twomey - Kealfadda

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes

Ballydehob:10am: No booking

Bantry: 10am: Jim Cadogan – Reenrour East

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: Pat & Joan Daly - Slip

Goleen: 10am: No booking

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time

Bantry : 10am:

Michael & Eileen O'Sullivan – Leicestershire & Rooska

Schull: 10am: No booking

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry Church: 10am: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE:

James O'Leary – Whiddy Island