



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dates for the Diary: Graveyard Masses

Mass in the Cilleanach: Monday 10th August at 7pm
In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in Bantry Hospital Chapel

Mass in the Abbey Graveyard: Tuesday 11th August at 7pm. In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in Bantry Church

Mass at Beach Mass Rock: Thursday 13th August at 7.00pm In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in Bantry Church

Mass in Kilmaccommogue Graveyard & Holy Well:
Saturday 15th August at 3pm. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated in Kealkil Church.

Newsletter Notice: Please note the Parishes newsletter will take a break during the month of August and will return on 5th/6th of September. In the meantime please keep in touch with Parish news through the Bantry Family of Parishes website. Notices can be sent to bantryparishoffice@gmail.com as usual and will be displayed on our website. www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie

THE FRIENDS OF BANTRY DAY CARE:

Are holding a flag day on Friday 24th July. This group supports the day care for the elderly by raising funds to provide activities including music, art ,crafts,singing and giving the centre a homely atmosphere. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Water Safety Ireland

The Summer week in Bantry is scheduled for week beginning August Monday 3rd 2026.
Contact Hannah on 086-3958849 for more details.

Mealagh Valley Community Hall Upcoming events.
Progressive 45 Cards on Sat July 25th at 8pm.
Thank you for your continued support.

Consecration to the Eucharist - 33 Days to Knock Apparition Date

Consecrate yourself to the Eucharist on the Feast of Our Lady of Knock! Human Life International Ireland will be leading a 33 Day Consecration to the Eucharist online with videos uploaded each day. Starting 19th July - 20th August, on the HLI Ireland YouTube Channel. You can participate by watching the videos, or get the book "How to Be His" by Fr Jesse Maingot OP.

Offertory Collection 12th July: Bantry: €2315 Schull:€1300
MuintirBhaire:€835 Goleen: €875 Caheragh: €682

A special collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up throughout the Diocese on this weekend, 18th/19th July.

CHANGES TO CLERGY IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

At the end of the month, Fr Anthony Buckley will be moving from our Family of Parishes to the Dunmanway Family of Parishes. Fr. Anthony was appointed to the parishes of Schull and Goleen nine years ago. When the current arrangement of Family of Parishes was formed, Fr Anthony's ministry extended to Bantry, Caheragh and Muintir Bhaire.

Over the years, Fr Anthony has got to know people in each of the parishes. He has been a spiritual guide and a faithful friend to so many. Whether visiting parishioners in hospital, calling to see those who were ill in their homes, or simply taking the time to listen to someone who needed a friendly ear, Fr Anthony took the time to bring Christ's love. His visits brought hope, comfort and reassurance to countless families.

His beautiful singing at Mass lifted our hearts and spirits. His voice became a familiar and cherished part of our parish family reminding us that praising God through song is a wonderful gift.

Throughout his time here, Fr Anthony has celebrated numerous baptisms, witnessed marriages, supported families through times of grief, and shared in the ordinary moments that make up parish life. He has walked alongside parishioners through every season of life, always with faith, kindness and generosity.

As the clergy move from parish to parish, Fr Anthony always had the longest distance to travel. We thank him for his generosity in clocking up the mileage going from church to church each weekend, often travelling over 70kms to cover Sunday Masses.

We thank God for the gift of his ministry among us and for the countless ways he has touched our lives. We wish him every blessing as he begins his ministry in our neighbouring Family of Parishes. He will always have a special place in our hearts. May God go with him always.

In next weekend's newsletter I will introduce Fr Jilson Kokkandathail who will be joining our team of priests. Fr. Myles

Dates for the Diary: Mass Schedule for 15th August:

Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 14th August – Vigil Mass:

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

Saturday 15th August – Holy Day

Bantry Hospital Chapel: 10am Schull: 10.30am

Kilcrohane: 11.30am Bantry: 12noon

Kilmacomogue: 3pm : (Mass in Kealkil Church in bad weather)

Vigil Mass for Sunday: Bantry: 6.15pm Lowertown: 8pm Dromore: 8pm

Dates for the Diary: Autumn Station Masses 2026

Autumn Station Masses will take place on the weekend of 23rd /24th August.
Station Offering Envelopes will be available in the Church Porches from next weekend. These offerings make up the income of the Priests.

The Lord said: ‘Come to me all who labour and are overburdened’

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Bantry Church, each Friday after 10am Mass until 5pm. (From 1pm in the event of a funeral Mass). You are invited to come and spend some time in quiet prayer / meditation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 18th July: 15th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Vera Manning Barrett – Glenbanoo

Mary Murnane – Letterlickey – 3rd anniv.

Mark Delaney – Blackrock Road

Margaret & John Regan – Seskin

Denis Byrnes – Dromleigh – 1st anniv.

Dromore:8pm: No Booking

Lowertown: 8pm: No Booking

Sunday 19th July: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:9am: Aidan Hurley – Durrus

Ballydehob:9am:

Kay O'Sullivan – Main Street, Ballydehob – 8th anniv

William McCarthy – Cooragurteen, Ballydehob

Durrus: 10am: Mary F. O'Sullivan - Durrus.

Tom Hayes - Dunbeacon.

John Pyburn - Coomkeen.

Michael & Kitty Murnane - Letterlickey.

Kieran Cronin - Seaview Durrus.

Schull:10.30am:Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes

Killian O'Driscoll – Ardmanagh- 20th anniv.

Jerome O'Driscoll – Cosheen, Schull

Coomhola:10.30am: Con Healy – Corran, Coomhola

Michael Keohane – Inchinagown – Months Mind

Caheragh:11.15am: Brian O'Regan & his grandparents Charlie & Mary Hegarty – Caheragh

Matt & Margaret OSullivan – Bantry

Adrian Coughlan - Coolbuí

Kilcrohane:11.30am:

Patricia & Joe McCarthy – Lower Faramanagh

Goleen:12noon: Mass in Thanksgiving

Bantry : 12noon: Mary Connolly O'Neill & all deceased members of the Connolly Family – Gurtycloona

Jimmy Burke – Reenrour East – Months Mind

Donal Hyde – Slip Park

Mon 20th July: 16th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: Eddie, Mona, John & Fergus Gilman – Aughaville

Schull: 10am: Finín O'Sullivan – Coorydorrigan & Midleton

Tuesday 21st July: 16th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Peter Tobin – Scart Road

Goleen: 10am: Roger Morton

Wed. 22nd July: St. Mary Magdalene:

Ballydehob:10am: No Booking

Bantry:10am: Evelyn Mulvihill & the Mulvihill Family

Thursday 23rd July: St.Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe:

Bantry:10am: Special Intention

Goleen: 10am: Michael Coghlan - Killarney

Friday 24th July: 16th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am:

Mary O'Leary – Newtown East – Birthday Remembrance

Schull: 10am: John O'Driscoll (Main St. Schull) & his parents

Kate Anne and Carey O'Driscoll

Saturday 25th July: St. James, Apostle:

Bantry Hospital:10am:

Stephen Sullivan – Caherdaniel – Months Mind