



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1ST DECEMBER 2024 VOL.21. NO.47

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat. 30th Nov; St. Andrew, Apostle::
Bantry: 6.15pm: Jack Lyons – High Street – 50th anniv.
Michael Downey – Reendonegan – 2nd anniv.
Agnes OLeary – Blackrock Road – 1st anniv.
Owen Smith – Dublin Bar, Oldcastle, Co.Meath – 1st anniv.
Dromore: 8pm: Teresa O' Connor - Dromore - 1st Anniversary.
Jerry Horgan - Aughaville and Dromore.
Lowertown: 8pm: Cornie & May Cotter – Ardmanagh

Sun. 1st Dec: First Sunday of Advent:
Bantry: 9am: James & Elizabeth Flynn & Family – Gearhameen
Jeremiah & Mary Griffin & family – Gearhies
Patrick Cadogan – Dromore & Market Street
Philip Spillane – Derryginagh
William Donegan (Derrycluvane, Kilcrohane) & his grandson
Paul O'Shea (Ardnagaoithe)
Terry O'Neill - Ardnagaoithe
Ballydehob: 9.00am: Frances Shinnick – Bawnkeane – 1st anniv.
Phil O'Donoan & deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family – Greenmount.
Margaret Byrne & deceased members of the OSullivan family - Greenmount

Durrus: 10am: John Deacy – Dromataniheen, Durrus – 1st anniv.
Jeremiah & Maura O'Shea – Clondrohid
Laura O'Sullivan & her mother Liz O'Sullivan - Rooska
Kealkil: 10.30am: Jerry Cronin – Cahirmounteen – 6th anniv.
Jimmy O'Sullivan – Clouneycarney – 1st anniv.
John Cronin Cupps & his wife Lucy, his parents Kate & Jim, his sister Nora & brother Paddy - Ardnacloughy
Schull: 10.30am: Lawrence O'Regan (South Schull) & his sister Kitty
Teesdale (London) & all deceased members of the O'Regan Family (late of Long Island)

Caheragh: 11.15am: No booking
Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Sean Cronin – Dromnea – Months Mind
Joe Hourihane - Galladoo
Goleen: 12noon: Jerome & Mary Coughlan - Colleras
Bantry: 12noon: Tom, Kay & Maurice Holland – Reenrou East
Monday 2nd Dec: 1st week of Advent:
Bantry: 10am: Mary Kate Desmond – Gloun South, Dunmanway
Schull: 10am: No booking

Tues 3rd Dec: 1st week of Advent:
Bantry: 10am: Denis O'Mahony - Glandore
Goleen: 10am: Carrie Scanlan
Wed. 4th Dec: 1st week of Advent:
Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes
Ballydehob: 10am: Special Intention
Bantry: 10am: Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan – Marian Terrace

Thurs. 5th Dec: 1st week of Advent:
Bantry: 10am: Marian O'Connell - Glenlough West & France
Goleen: 10am: No booking

Friday 6th Dec: 1st week of Advent:
Bantry : 10am: First Friday Shared Mass
Schull: 10am: No booking
Sat. 7th Dec: 1st week of Advent:
Bantry Hospital: 10am: Liam Coakley – Blackrock Road
Bantry: 11.30am: Mass for the Indian Community

Information Meeting for the Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment.

Parishioners and clergy from five families of parishes gathered on Sunday last in Fernhill House Hotel. Bishop Fintan, along with Eilish Casey and Lorraine Buckley from the Office for Mission & Ministry, outlined in detail the steps being taken in each family of parishes of the diocese during next Spring. A set of three meetings will see parishioners and clergy in each family of parishes meeting to contribute to the future life of their faith communities. The process for the year of prayer, listening, & discernment will be rolled-out across the Diocese of Cork & Ross in the new year.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES:

The Christmas Offerings envelopes are available at all church porches this weekend. These offerings go towards the income of the priests. We thank you for your support.

First Saturday Devotions:

A Devotion Request made by Our Lady of Fatima

Communal First Saturday Devotions begin on 7th December at 9.30am in the Hospital Chapel, Bantry & on each first Saturday following: Requirement for the Devotion: • Go to Confession (within 20 days before or after reception of Communion)
• Receive Holy Communion • Say 5 Decades of the Rosary
• Keep Our Lady company while meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Colaiste Pobail Bheannttraí is doing a non-perishable foods collection for SVP in the school from Monday, Dec 2nd. We are also collecting adult socks as requested by Cork Penny Dinners. They do not have to be new, just clean. We will collect donations in school up to Wednesday December 18th. Thank you for your support.

Offertory Collection 24th Nov: Bantry: €2410 Caheragh: €680 Schull: €782 Muintir Bhaire: €940 Goleen: €410
Special Collection for the Church Repair /Maintenance Fund will take place in all churches this weekend 1st December.

St. Colum's GAA: Upcoming Christmas Events: Visit Santa Event & Christmas Market: Mark your calendars! on 13th, 14th, & 15th December at St. Colum's Hall & Grounds. *Visit Santa Experience: Families will need tickets, which can be booked via Eventbrite. *Christmas Market: Open to everyone free of charge, the market will run from 4pm-8pm daily,

Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in Lowertown Church on Sunday the 1st of December, 2024 from 4 - 5pm.

Celebrating Altar Servers: Altar servers are a really important ministry in each of our Parishes. Since Covid some Parishes have struggled to reengage Altar Servers. The Office for Mission and Ministry and the Coordinator for Youth Ministry are looking at ways of supporting Parishes to develop or introduce Altar Servers.

A first step is to gather with all of our Altar Servers and those priests and adult volunteers who look after them to celebrate Altar Serving in a fun atmosphere and to look at how we can together develop this ministry.

We are gathering on Sunday, December 8th from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in Ballincollig Parish Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig, P31 KV63. We would love if you could join us on the day, conscious that it is a Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

SVP APPEAL: The local conference of St Vincent De Paul, St Finbarr's Conference will hold its Annual Appeal for the month of **December**. Our conference's geographical area is extensive taking in Bantry and the Muintir Bhaire Parishes. The conference endeavours to help and support people and families within this area whom for many and varied reasons find themselves struggling to cope with their situation. It could be financial, living conditions, food, health, education to name some of those reasons. We look at every request on its merits and our voluntary committee makes a decision based on the information provided by the applicant. Our aim as a Conference for 2025 and heading into 2026 is to continue with improvements to our social housing stock and to make life comfortable for our tenants. In tandem with that we continue with our visitations, providing food and fuel vouchers to those in need in this time of increasing cost of living and giving educational supports to those who require it. You the people of Bantry and Muintir Bhaire made that possible by your generosity. St Finbarr's Conference thanks you very much for any donation you can make at this time. All our funds are raised locally and spent locally. Donations can be made at the local SVP office: 5 Main Street or you might like to put your donation in an SVP envelope available at all Church Doors and drop it into the Parish Office/Sacristy at the back of the church or any of the Muintir Bhaire Churches. Thank you for, continuing support and generosity. Should you wish to donate directly, our Bank Account Details are: AIB Bank Wolfe Tone Square Bantry Co Cork. Account: St Vincent de Paul / BIC: AIBKIE2D / IBAN: IE91 AIBK 9360 1436 2520 53

Community Notices

McGee's Christmas Lights in Kealkill will be lit this Sunday 1st December. All proceeds this year will go **Cancer Connect** which provides transport to Cork hospitals for people requiring Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy and related treatments.

The Christmas Fair of Carrigboy N.S. will take place in Durus Hall on this Monday, December 2nd, beginning at 7pm. This is the one major annual fundraiser for the school and it is very successful each year. If people have any unwanted, unopened or unused gifts, these would be greatly appreciated if they are donated to be used as prizes on the Wheel of Fortune, Lucky Dip or raffles. Baking and food items for the food stall and for teas may be handed in on the day of the Fair. Further information can be got by contacting the school at carrigboynsdurrus@gmail.com.

Bantry Active Retirement: "Bantry & Beyond Calendar 2025" is on sale in many outlets around Bantry. Price €10. The proceeds will be donated to Cancer Connect who provide free transport to Cork Hospitals for people affected by cancer.

Kilcrohane Bazaar: Sunday 1st Dec. Kilcrohane Community Hall at 3pm. Craft Stalls, Prizes, Wheel of Fortune, Tea & Cakes. Visit Santa. Lighting Village Christmas Tree & Carols afterwards

Mealagh Valley Community Hall : Progressive 45 Cards Sat 30th Nov at 8.30pm. Jackpot Bingo on Thursday 12th December Jackpot Bingo at 8pm

Bantry Historical & Archaeological Society cordially invites you to our A.G.M. on Monday 2nd of December 2024 in the Christian Fellowship starting at 7.30 pm. This will be followed by a talk on "Memories of Bantry characters of bygone years" The main speaker will be Colum Hourihane with contributions from others. As always, we look forward to your support on the night.