



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST.BRIGID, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND 1st February 2026 Vol. 41. No.5

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH - BALLYDEHOB.

Ballydehob Church Choir is looking for new members.

All are welcome.

If interested please contact Carmel Tarmey at (087) 977 2940.

St. Brigid Crosses will be blessed and available to take home at the 9am Mass in Bantry Church on this Sunday 1st February, the Feastday of St. Brigid.

Cancer Connect Fundraiser: Everyone is welcome to "A Cup of Kindness" Tea Party to help raise funds for Cancer Connect, on Sunday February 1st in Caheragh Community Hall from 11am to 3pm. Stop by for a cuppa and support this wonderful service. 021- 2038525 www.cancerconnect.ie

Bantry Flower & Garden Club meeting on Monday the 2nd of February in the Westlodge Hotel at 8pm. Guest speaker is Mr Jerry Cronin who will speak on Bees, Flowers and Honey. The Clubs AGM will follow. All are welcome.

PALS Course: The PALS course will be run in Glengarriff Community Hall from Wednesday 11 February from 10am-3pm. This free popular course is led by Age & Opportunity, Cork Sports Partnership, HSE Health Promotion and the Caha Centre. Potential PALS need to be independently mobile, active older people, people interested in working with older people or people who are interested in going on to lead physical activities with groups or communities of mobile older people such as Active Retirement Groups and ICA. To register contact Kathryn on 087-9144427 or online via www.corksports.ie

Bantry Memory Café: First Wednesday of every Month).

Next Cafe on Wednesday 4th February (11am to 1pm) in The Maritime Hotel (The Mizen Room) P75XW35. The free Café helps to provide a warm welcoming place for people to meet others living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their friends & family. Contact Gemma on 087-9103036 for further details.

Join the Mealagh Valley Heritage Keepers for a relaxed and social afternoon, make Brigid's crosses to bless and protect our homes for the coming year, and learn a little about Brigid. Sunday 1st, 3-5pm Mealagh Valley Hall: Everyone is welcome! The kettle will be on!

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

Rían Tomás O'Donovan – Rathravane, Ballydehob

Open Day for Rusnacahara NS, Ahakista will be on Thursday 26th February, from 1-2pm. We invite families to come along & explore & meet the pupils and staff over a cup of tea and a friendly chat. Contact the school on 027-67286 or by email at rusnacaharans@gmail.com

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 31st Jan: 3rd Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Joe & Kathleen Coughlan – Scart Mary Griffin – Reenrour East & Ballylickey Sonny, Nora, James & Frank O'Mahony – Ards Paddy O'Shea – Chapel Street Baby Billy Cronin – Berlin – 4th anniv.

Dromore: 8pm: David Breen - Kanturk - 2nd anniv. Damien Buckley - Knockgorm - 16th Anniv.

Lowertown: 8pm: Hannah O'Mahony - Schull. Florrie O'Mahony – Dunmanus – Months Mind

Sun. 1st Feb: St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland:

Bantry: 9am: Florence & Breeda O'Sullivan – Gouremore, Bantry Esther & Peter Langley – Mitchelstown John Oliver Regan – Seskin John Cronin – Gortroe – 40th anniv. Fr. Joe O'Sullivan – Harbour View & New Zealand – recent death

Ballydehob: 9am: Fr. Joe Spillane – former CC Ballydehob & Schull – 8th anniv. Bill Bennett – Cooragurteen Ballydehob – 5th anniv.

Durrus: 10am: Florence McCarthy - Ardogleena. Dan McCarthy - Blairs Cove.

Michael & Mary O'Driscoll - Coolcoulaghta. Mary Margaret Crowley – Droumreagh, Durrus

Schull: 10.30am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes Jim & Ronnie Campion – Coorydorrigan Fr. Joe Spillane – former C.C. of Schull Parish

Coomhola: 10.30am: Teddy O'Driscoll - Snav Michael Coppinger – Lisheens – 10th anniv.

Caheragh: 11.15am: Denis O'Donoghue – Madore Susie O'Donovan – Clohane Jim & Sheila O'Neill - Clouncuggar

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: John Bowen – Ahakista – 10th anniv. Ann Coughlan – Kilcrohane – 3rd anniv. Denis O'Sullivan – Eskeraha & Switzerland

Goleen: 12noon: Patricia O'Sullivan - Dunmanus.

Bantry: 12noon: Paddy Regan (1st anniv) & his wife Eileen Regan (4th anniv) – Ardnathrush

Brendie Collins – Scart Road – 1st anniv Denis & Mary McCarthy – Parade Field, Bantry & San Diego Joe Keane – Glengarriff Road Margaret Harrington (1st anniv) & her husband Cyril – Capwell Road, Cork

Mon 2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Schull: 12 NOON: No booking

Tuesday 3rd Feb: 4th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Wednesday 4th Feb: 4th Week in Ordinary Time:

Ballydehob: 10am: No booking

Bantry: 10am: John & Nora Downey – Tower Hill

Thursday 5th Feb: 4th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Karen Keogh – Athy – Birthday Remembrance

Goleen: 10am: John Pat & Kitty Corcoran

February Feast Days
 Tuesday 3rd February: **Feast of St. Blaise:** Blessing of Throats will take place after 10am Mass in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry & after 10am Mass in Goleen Church.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: World Day of the Sick: There will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick in St Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Sunday 8th February at 3.00pm. This is a Family of Parishes Event & all are welcome.

Died Recently: We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:
Charlie Burke-Gwosdz – Schull / Macroom, Cork
Agnes Hegarty – Hillcrest House, Ahakista / Bantry, Co. Cork
Rev. Christopher Joseph (Fr.Joe) OSullivan – New Zealand & formerly of Harbour View, Bantry

Muintir Bhaire Foroige Club were hoping to have a cake sale after mass in Durrus and Kilcrohane on Sunday 1st February. All funds raised will go to Feile O Sullivan from Allihies aged 13 years who suffered a farming accident with life changing injuries .

Yoga Class with Erin Ashworth: Kelly Ashworth is a senior yoga teacher and has been practicing yoga for 19 years and teaching for 12 years. Erin will guide the group through the positive benefits of yoga such as increased strength, flexibility, better circulation, improved posture, and fitness. There will also be a cuppa tea and a chance to meet neighbours and friends. Date: 4th February 2026. Time: 11am Venue: Gortalassa Old School House. For further details, please contact Lorna Harte, Family Carer and Older Person Development Worker on 087 400 1763

SVP Thankyou: The Bantry Conference of St Vincent de Paul has expressed its thanks to all who contributed so generously to their Christmas Appeal and to the Priests of the parish for their support. St Vincent de Paul assists families with education, fuel and living expenses. These donations will help to improve the situations that those facing financial hardship are experiencing. The sum raised was €3,619.00 Thank you.

Offertory Collection 25th Jan: Bantry: €2460 Caheragh: €817 Muintir Bhaire: €670 Schull: €795 Goleen: €460. Special collection for the Church Maintenance Fund will take place in all churches in Bantry Family of Parishes this weekend, 1st February

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Annual Collection 2026 for the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 7th/8th February 2026. The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 18th Sept to Wednesday 23rd Sept this year. People are encouraged to join the pilgrimage as helpers (male and female), nurses and doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes. Further information is available on the Cork and Ross Diocesan Website, on 085 252 5040 or by emailing: lourdes@corkandross.org There has always been great support for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund and your support and continued generosity for the collection on 7th/8th February is greatly appreciated.

Family Carer Information Session: Join Lynne Dennehy Support Manage with Family Carers Ireland, together with Citizens Information, Clonakilty, to learn about the free supports and services offered by FCI as well as guidance on rights & entitlements as a family carer. Tuesday 17th February from 10.30am-2pm in Clonakilty Park Hotel. Tea/Coffee/Lunch provided. Contact Lynne on 086-0759064 for more information.

Friday 6th Feb:
4th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am:
 First Friday Shared Mass
Schull: 10am: No booking
Sat 7th Feb: 4th week in Ordinary Time:
 Bantry Hospital: 10am: Dom Breslin - Donegal