


BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER
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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-
Saturday 20th December: 3rd week of Advent:
Bantry: 6.15pm: Mary O'Mahony –(Reenrour East) & her grand-daughter Baby Grace O'Sullivan
Arthur O'Connor – Old Barrack Road
Br. Henry Hoskin – Bridge Street, Bantry
The Hurley Family – Ardnathrush
The Keane Family – Pearsons Bridge
Dromore: 8pm:
Michael Christopher O'Regan – Dromore – 100th anniv.
Lowertown: 8pm: Patrick & Ellen O' Reilly - Ardnavinna.
Rita McCarthy - Knockeens.
Sun. 21st Dec: Fourth Sunday of Advent:
Bantry: 9am: Kitty McCarthy – Scarthawn
Harry Johnson & his father Neily Johnson – Gilhooleys Terrace
Special Intention
Mary & Patrick T. O'Sullivan – Adrigole
Nora, Daniel & Pearse Leahy – Middleton
Turlough & Kevin O'Connor
Ballydehob: 9am: Annie & James Downey – Ballylickey, Bantry
Con & Hanamirea O'Driscoll & their son Pat - Dreenaclough
Jeremiah O'Sullivan & his son Denis – Scarteenakilleen
Connie & Eileen McCarthy & their daughter Bernadette (13th anniv) – East End, Ballydehob, Rossbrin& Long Island
Durrus: 10am: Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes
Mary & Jack Ward
Schull:10.30am:Ellen O'Leary – Gloun, Schull
Danny Sheehan – Coorydorrigan
Tom Lavin – Ardmanagh
Jack & Mary Ward – Glenlough, Durrus
Josephine O'Regan - Dreenata
Coomhola:10.30am: Brendan O'Sullivan - New York & late of Borlin – Months Mind
Caheragh:11.15am: John O'Sullivan - Dreeny
Kilcrohane:11.30am: William & Nora Donegan - Derrycluvane
Goleen:12noon: Mass for Peace
Bantry : 12noon: Jim Keevers – Bantry & Ardmore, Co Waterford – Months Mind
Eamonn Wiseman (5th anniv) & his son Ray Wiseman – Rooska
Patrick & Christine McCarthy & their son Pat McCarthy – Tower Hill, Bantry
Jimmie & Kathleen O'Mahony – Reenrour Road & England
Mon 22nd Dec: 4th week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Tom Ward - Durrus
Schull: 10am: No booking
Tuesday 23rd Dec: 4th week of Advent:
Bantry:10am: Mary Coppinger – Blackrock Road
Goleen: 10am: Private Intention
Wednesday 24th Dec: 3rd week of Advent:
Ballydehob:10am: No booking
Bantry: 10m: Kathleen Kelly (née Whooley) – Dromclough & London (recently deceased)
Thursday 25th Dec: The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ:
See Christmas Mass Schedule above.
Friday 26th Dec: St. Stephen, first Martyr:
Bantry:10am: Joseph & Mary O'Mahony & their sons Joseph & Paul - Ardnathrush
Schull: 10am: No booking

CHANGES TO POSTURE AT MASS
The new postures introduced on the first Sunday of Advent have gone very well at the beginning of Mass. At the offertory time not so well. Perhaps an easy way to remember when to stand is when the priest has washed his hands. We stand then until the end of the Holy Holy. After Holy Communion we stand for the final prayer. The priest says: Let us pray. That is the cue to stand.
To recap:
Second standing is when the priest has washed his hands
Third standing after holy communion is when the priest says: Let us pray.

Offertory Collection 14th Dec:	Bantry: €1975	Caheragh: €750
Muintir Bhaire: €700	Schull: €762	Goleen: €325

Recent Parish Baptisms:
We welcome into our Christian Community
Erin McCarthy – Bexley, Sydney, Australia

ALONE the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. 1hr a week can make all the difference! Call 0801 222 024 or see ALONE.ie/Volunteer.



Bantry Hospice Christmas Memory Ribbons.
Remember a loved one and hang a Ribbon on the Bantry Hospice Memory Tree this Christmas, help us light up Wolfe Tone Square.
Each ribbon will shine brightly throughout the festive season, illuminating cherished memories of loved ones and offering comfort to families and friends. Ribbons (Donation based) are available from The Gift Shop and at the Bantry Tourist Office, Our Thanks to both. By donating, you are not only honouring someone special in your life but also helping us continue our vital support in West Cork.Thank you for your kindness and generosity as always, Together, we can make this season brighter for everyone.

Bantry Community Carol Service: The Church of St. Brendan the Navigator: Sunday December 21st at 8pm. *“The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.”* All are welcome.

Blessing of a Christmas Day Meal: God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this Christmas time. We are grateful for all who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We give our thanks in your Spirit who brings our heats to life this Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

Bantry Family of Parishes Christmas Arrangements 2025
Ballydehob: St. Brigids Church:
Christmas Eve: Mass at 8pm Christmas Day: Mass at 9.00am
Bantry: St. Finbarr’s Church
Christmas Eve: Mass at 4.00pm (Childrens Mass), 6.15pm & 10pm
Christmas Day: Mass at 9am & 12noon
Caheragh: Holy Family Church: Christmas Day: Mass at 11.15am
Coomhola: St. Joseph’s Church: Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm
Dromore: Mary Immaculate Church: Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm
Durrus: Sacred Heart Church: Christmas Day: Mass at 10.00am
Goleen: Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea & St. Patrick:
Christmas Eve Confessions at 12noon.
Christmas Day: Mass at 12noon – Missa Pro Populo
Kealkil: Church of the Immaculate Conception: Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am
Kilcrohane: Church of Mary, Star of the Sea Christmas Day: Mass at 11.30am
Lowertown: Church of the Seven Sacraments Christmas Eve: Mass at 8.00pm
Schull: St. Mary’s Church Christmas Eve: Mass at 7.00pm
Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am

Christmas Offering Envelopes can be found at the doors of all Churches in our Family of Parishes this weekend. We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Died Recently: We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:
Michael “Mick” Cronin – High Street, Bantry
Patricia O’Brien – Ard na Greine, Bantry / Rathfarnham, Dublin
Billy O’Sullivan - Crookhaven

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Bantry Church on St. Stephens Day, Friday 26th December next. There will be people and families visiting the Crib on this day and as a result, it would not be conducive to quiet prayer and contemplation.

Sat 27th Dec: St.John, Apostle & evangelist: Bantry Hospital: 10am:
Mariola Szczepaniak – Bantry & Poland – Birthday Remembrance