



## BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2024 VOL.21. NO.52

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent:**

Bantry: 6.15pm: Mary O'Mahony (Reenrou East) & her granddaughter Baby Grace O'Sullivan (Slip) Maura & Joe Hegarty  
Hugh McCarthy – Barrack Street  
Arthur O'Connor – Old Barrack Road – 27<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
Mary & Patrick T. O'Sullivan & Nora O'Shea - Adrigole

Dromore: 8pm: No booking

Lowertown: 8pm: Jeremiah and Ellen O'Keeffe - Caherlaska.  
Rita McCarthy Knockeens.

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Fourth Sunday of Advent:**

Bantry: 9am: Kitty McCarthy – Scarbawn – 10<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
Rita & John O'Donoghue – Caherdaniel  
Maura & Joe Hegarty – Ardnagaoithe  
Nora, Daniel & Pearse Leahy – Midleton  
Genie O'Mahony – Durrus – 4<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Ballydehob: 9.00am: Bernadette McCarthy (12<sup>th</sup> anniv) – Rossbrin & East End, Ballydehob & her parents Eileen & Connie.

Durrus: 10am: Mary Ward

Mary Ellen Cronin & her son Derry – The Cove  
Maureen Daly (recent death) & her husband Timmy Daly - Durrus

Coomhola: 10.30am: John McSweeney & Pat McSweeney  
Schull: 10.30am: Jack & Mary Ward – Glenlough, Durrus  
Mary Teresa Caverley – White Castle, Schull – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.  
Ellie O'Leary – Glaun, Schull  
Tom Lavin - Ardmanagh

Caheragh: 11.15am: Margaret Miley (née Clancy) – Coolbawn who died recently in Birmingham  
Julia Shiely & her daughter Veronica McCarthy - Madore

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Sylvester Fitzpatrick – Kilcrohane

Goleen: 12noon: No booking  
Bantry: 12noon: Eamonn Wiseman (4<sup>th</sup> anniv) & his son Ray  
Wiseman – Rooska

Jeremiah Cremin – Seskin  
Sr. Patricia Spillane – New York  
Michael, Eileen, Noreen & Brendan O'Sullivan – London & Bantry  
Turlough O'Connor (Aughaville) (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) & his son Kevin O'Connor (Donemark)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent:**

Bantry: 10am: Mary Coppinger – Blackrock Road  
Schull: 10am: No booking

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent: Christmas Eve:**

Bantry: 10am: No booking  
Goleen: 10am:  
Angela O'Mahony & deceased members of the O'Mahony family

**Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:**  
See Christmas Mass Schedule across the page.

**Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: St. Stephen, First Martyr:**

Bantry: 10am: No booking  
Goleen: 10am: NO MASS

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist:**

Bantry: 10am: Denis Gilley - Caher  
Schull: 11am: NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME.  
Requiem Mass for Mary O'Sullivan – South Schull & England

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Holy Innocents: Martyrs:**

Bantry Hospital: 10am: Hannie Harrington – Georges Row

### Bantry Family of Parishes Christmas Arrangements 2024

Penitential Service: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in Bantry Church  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in Schull Church

**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 Day: Mass at 10.30am

**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 Day: Mass at 12noon  
Christmas Eve Confessions at 12noon.

**Kealkil:** Church of the Immaculate Conception:  
Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm

**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 are at the doors of all Churches. We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.**

**Offertory Collection 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Bantry: 2230 Goleen: €385  
Schull: €800 Muintir Bhaire: €635

Collection for Priests:

*The collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is for the priests of the parishes. The Bishop only allows two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the Priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Parishes. These are all accounted for by the Parish Finance Committee and in turn sent to the Diocesan Accountant in Cork. We thank you for your great support and generosity*



We, the Priests of Bantry Family of Parishes, would like to wish all our People, both at home and abroad, especially those who are ill and those who are not able to travel home for the Christmas Season, a very holy, happy and peaceful Christmas with family and friends.  
Fr. Myles, Fr Chris, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Ben & Fr. John,

**Confessions will be heard in Bantry Church after 10am Mass this week, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**

Died Recently:

We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:  
**Margaret "Finnie" McCarthy (née Coppinger)**  
– Caherdaniel, Bantry  
**Martin O'Sullivan (Neilus) – The Longboat Bar, Durrus & formerly of Crostera West, Glengarriff**  
May they rest in Peace

Recent Parish Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community  
**Jack Charlie McCarthy – Marino Heights, Bantry**  
**Ríoghnach Hannah Goggin – Millbeg, Coomhola**

Community Notices:

Come and See the Gaffney Christmas Lights in Kilcrohane. All proceeds this year go to the Jack & Jill Foundation.

Live Crib at Bantry Christian Fellowship Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 3-6pm Follow the Christmas story trail Meet the Shepherds & Wise Men. Enjoy cookie crafts, carols, music and refreshments Free admission Donations boxes will be in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Bantry. Further information 0861735134

MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL: Progressive 45 cards Sat 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm. Our next Jackpot bingo €420 in 56 calls Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm. We would like to wish all our supporters a Very Happy Healthy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your support.

The Pope's Monthly Intention: December: For Pilgrims of Hope:  
Let us pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christia Hope.

The Annual Bantry Community Carol Service will be held once again in St Brendan's Church of Ireland, Bantry, at 8pm on this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December . Come along, leave the commercialism behind and be assured of a warm welcome. You will not be disappointed!"