



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 21st Feb: After Ash Wednesday:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Catherine O'Connor – Old Barrack Road, Bantry
 Jerry, Jane & Sheila Cronin – Rock Villas. Sonny Cronin – Seskin. Nora Begley – Scart Road. Kitty O'Callaghan – USA
 Angela Delaney (Blackrock Rd), her brothers Paddy, Anthony & John Harrington & her sister May Harrington Finkle

Dromore: 8pm: No Booking
 Lowertown: 8pm: No Booking

Sun. 22nd Feb: First Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Mary Casey & her parents Ellie & Jeremiah Shanahan – Whiddy Island
 Special Intention

Ballydehob: 9am: May (anniv) & Tim O'Driscoll & deceased family members – Passage West & Ballydehob

Durrus: 10am: Sean Daly - Ardogenea,
 John O'Sullivan - Shountullig,
 Kathleen O'Sullivan - Chapel Rock.

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

Kealkil: 10.30am: Mary O'Mahony – Cappabue North
 Michael, Mary & Margaret Cronin – Cappabue
 Dan O'Sullivan – Maulreha, Kealkil – 10th anniv.
 Sr. Maura Cullinane – Geaeragh – 1st anniv.
 Donald O'Regan - Dromaclarig

Caheragh: 11.15am: No booking

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Breda Daly (4th anniv) & her parents Paddy & Mary – Eskeraha

Goleen: 12noon: Rita O'Driscoll – Milleen, Goleen
 Patricia O'Reilly – Goleen & Schull (Months Mind)

Bantry: 12noon: Mary Twomey – Tedagh, Rooska – 3rd anniv.
 Gretta O'Sullivan – The Brewery, Seskin

Mon 23rd Feb: 1st week of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Special Intention
 Schull: 10am: Cornelius & Mary Bridget O'Regan - Ardmanagh

Tuesday 24th Feb: 1st week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Denis McCarthy – Parade Field, Bantry & San Diego, California – Birthday Remembrance
 Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Wednesday 25th Feb: 1st week of Lent:

Ballydehob: 10am: No Booking
 Bantry: 10am: Noreen Teresa O'Sullivan – Cavan & Marian Tce

Thursday 26th Feb: 1st week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
 Goleen: 10am: Pauline Harrington

Friday 27th Feb: 1st week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Florence McCarthy – High Street
 Schull: 10am: Ann Marie Cronin – Whitecastle, Schull

Sat 28th Feb: 1st week of Lent:

Bantry Hospital: 10am: Fr. Joe O'Sullivan – Harbour View,
 Bantry & New Zealand – Months Mind

Offertory Collection 8th February: Bantry: €2365 Caheragh: €486
 MuintirBhaire: €620 Schull: €996 Goleen: €505

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for the Church Maintenance Fund on the 28th Feb/1st March

Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction in Lowertown Church on Sunday the 22nd of Feb, 2026 (4 - 5pm).

Maranatha is a full-day faith-based, high energy music event for young people from parishes across the diocese attending post-primary schools. Students from over half of our post-primary schools have been preparing for Maranatha 2026. This cumulates in a concert in Cork City Hall on Thursday 26th February with over 500 young people singing together. Maranatha was created to bring young people together to celebrate their faith through music and have fun at the same time. Please support our young people by coming to this event. Tickets are €15 (plus booking fee) and are available to book on eventbrite.ie, search Maranatha. Doors open 7pm, with concert beginning at 7.30pm.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

Hannah Rose O'Hea – Aughaville, Bantry
 Saoirse Kate O'Hea – Aughaville, Bantry

Creative Art Morning for Family Carers: Are you a Family Carer? Are you caring for family member or friend? Come along for a morning of fun and relaxation at our Creative Carers Art Morning. No previous art experience is necessary, all levels welcome. All materials are supplied. Just bring yourself and an apron! Where: Ballydehob Community Hall. Date: Wednesday 25th February Time: 11am - 1pm. The session is free but **booking is essential**. To book your place or for further information, please contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763.

Durrus Bingo: Bingo will take place in Durrus Hall at 3pm on this Sunday, Feb 22nd. **Knitting & Crochet Classes.** A series of knitting & crochet classes get underway at Philip's Green in Durrus each Thursday from 11am to 1pm. Wool, hooks and needles will be supplied, as well as tea, coffee and biscuits. Charge is €5/ day. The classes could well be an opportunity for people to meet others, especially those living alone.

Farm Meeting: at the Ouvane Falls Inn in Ballylickey on Thursday, February 26th, at 8.30pm sharp. Of special interest to sheep farmers will be Tomás Bourke, who is IFA Executive for sheep, livestock and animal health to discuss topics such as market prospects for sheep in 2026, farm payments update, flock welfare and nutrition. The 2nd speaker, Tom Murray, is an expert on the Fair Deal Scheme and is brilliant at explaining the various aspects of the scheme.

Age Friendly Bantry: It's almost Monday Movie time again. On Mon. next Feb. 23rd @ 11am in Cinemax Bantry you can enjoy another free morning at the movies. Movie will be from the 50's, 60's or 70's & certified for over 55's. No booking is required. A big thank you to Cinemax Bantry for supporting AFB with this initiative."



Lent is the time of preparation for Easter and it commemorates the forty days which, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning His public ministry where He endured temptation. During Lent – through prayer, penance (including participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession), acts of charity and self-denial – we are called to renewal of our Christian life in preparation for Easter.

Please note morning Mass times in Bantry Church will change as follows due to Confirmations taking place in our Family of Parishes

Monday 23rd February – Mass will be at 9am
 Monday 9th March – Mass will be at 8.30am
 Monday 23rd March – Mass will be at 8.30am
 Monday 26th March – Mass will be at 9am

Died Recently: We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:

Joan Spillane (née Murphy) – Quarrywell, Sheskin & late of Derrygreough East, Bantry

Nora 'Noady' Naughton (née Hanahoe) – Church Road, Durrus / Ballina, Mayo

CARERS COFFEE Morning: Thursday 26th February (11am-12.30pm) in the Maritime Hotel (Bar/Snug area). Offers a chance to meet others in a relaxed friendly & supportive environment. Contact Gemma On 087-9103036 for further information.

Kilcrohane NS will host its Open Day on Friday, 6th of March, from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. All are warmly welcome to come along, meet our pupils and staff, and experience what our school has to offer. Join us for a cup of tea, some light refreshments, and a friendly chat as you explore our school and learning environment. For more information, please visit www.kilcrohanens.ie or contact us at kilcrohanens@gmail.com or 027-67285.

The 2026 season of the **Bantry and Surrounding Areas Cardiac Support Group** will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building), P75 T611. There will be a presentation on a cardiac related issue / illness with discussion and advice after. Blood pressure from 7.30. Refreshments/discussion after.

Gaelscoil Bheanntaí: Beidh Oíche Oscailte Gaelscoil Bheanntaí ar siúl ar an gCéadaoin, 25 Feabhra óna 18:30 to 20:00. Beidh fáilte roimh páistí na Naíonáin agus ranganna eile. *Gaelscoil Bheanntaí will hold their Open Night on Wednesday, 25th February from 18:30 to 20:00. All class levels welcome, including junior infants.*

For the past years, a collaboration between AFB & TY students from CPB have had very successful outcomes. TY students assist some seniors with various items of technology & seniors discuss growing up in a different age with TY students. Classes for both groups will be held on Thursday March 5th, 19th & 26th - 11am - 12noon at two different locations. Those interested in improving their use of phone's, laptops & iPads please contact Denis in Bantry Library 027-50460. Those interested in conversation with TY students in CPB please contact Winnie 087- 2513732.

Is your daughter interested in making new friends, joining a team, being active and learning new skills? Join our weekly underage GAA training sessions starting March 2026. **Bantry Blues Ladies GAA** will be restarting training sessions for U8 to U16 girls in March (U8s eligible if born in 2018/19). If interested please contact Anne O Gradv 087 6310320 or Mike Russell 087 9537805.