



## BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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### PARISH INSURANCE; FINANCIAL REPORTS

One of the largest annual expenses each parish faces is insurance. The insurance bill for our five parishes is €46,984. Bantry Parish - €15,607 which is 7 weekend collections, almost 2 months of the year going towards one expense. Caheragh Parish - €5,294 which is 9 weekend collections, that is 2 months of collections. Goleen Parish - €7,285 which is 16 weekend collections, that is 4 months. Muintir Bhaire Parish - €7,185 which is 8 weekend collections, 2 months. Schull Parish - €11,613 which is 16 weekend collections, 4 months. The next major expense for each parish is Light and heat. In 2025 the bill for Light and Heat in Schull Parish was €8,706, Caheragh Parish €7,022, Goleen Parish €5,471. This gives you an idea of how tight the margins are when factoring in all the other day to day expenses.

During these weeks, the accounts for 2025 are with accountants and when signed by each Parish Finance Committee, they are sent to the Diocesan office for further consolidation. A copy of the report for each of our five parishes will be published once they are signed off. Your support for your parish is vital for it to meet its financial obligations.

### Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

**Killian Sean James – Gilhooley Terrace, Bantry**  
**Ronan Newton – Mitchum, Surrey**

Bantry Historical Society: On Monday next the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8pm in the Christian Fellowship, local historian Margaret Murphy will address Bantry Historical and Archaeological Society on “Exploring Irish Census Records Before 1926” With the 1926 Irish census due out in April, this talk gives an easy introduction to earlier census records (1766–1911) & explains why they matter for anyone interested in history & family research. All welcome. Members free, non-members 5€

West Cork Choral Singers perform ‘The Voyage’ - delightful music inspired by the sea, at St. Brendan’s Church, Bantry, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30 p.m. Tickets from: [www.westcork](http://www.westcork)

Derrycreha National School, Glengarriff is now enrolling for 26/27 . We will be having a Play Day/Open Day on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 1pm to 2.30pm. All welcome.

Offertory Collection 15<sup>th</sup> March: Bantry: €2405 Caheragh:€ 526 Muintir Bhaire:€760 Schull:€958 Goleen: €625

*There will be a special collection taken up in the Diocese for Diocesan Needs on next weekend, 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March*

Spring Station Offering Envelopes are available in the porches of all churches in our family of Parishes. These offerings make up the income for the priests. The Spring station Masses will take place at the Masses over this weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Dues envelopes will be collected at a second collection at those Masses. We thank you for your support.

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

**Michael (Mick) Keohane – Leeds, UK & formerly of Clouncuggar, Caheragh**

**Margaret O’Sullivan (née O’Connor) – Dromore, Bantry**

**Carmel O’Connell (née O’Sullivan) – Dromleigh, Bantry**

**Theresa O’Sullivan (née O’Mahony) – Glencreagh East, Bantry/ Drimoleague**

**Rosaleen (Rosie) O’Hara – Droumreagh, Durrus**

**Tom Lynch Spillane – Quarrywell, Sheskin, Bantry / Mourneabbey, Cork**

Divine Mercy Sunday: Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Cork. The day commences at 2pm and includes the Rosary, several Priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Stations of the Cross. Mass is celebrated at 3.30pm.

Please note morning Mass times in Bantry Church will change as follows due to Confirmations taking place in our Family of Parishes: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Mass will be at 8.30am  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Mass will be at 9am

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 on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. (11am - 1pm). The session is free but *booking is essential*. To book your place or for further information contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763. This workshop is facilitated by Arts for Health artist Sharon Dipity.

A Memory Tree will be planted in the grounds of Kealkill Church after 10:30am Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> March to commemorate the life of Anne O’Sullivan, Carriganass, who played a huge role in the community as teacher and principal of Kealkill NS. The planting is a fitting tribute to Anne who was so dedicated to Kealkill Church and contributed to parish life in many ways, Anne was also a valued member of Kealkill Tidy Towns, and its committee will host a coffee morning in her honour at Kealkill Community Hall which will follow the tree-planting ceremony. All are welcome to both events.

Mealagh Valley Community Hall upcoming events JACKPOT BINGO €510 in 58 calls. Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March 8pm.. We might have a few EGGTRA treats for Easter.  
PROGRESSIVE 45 CARDS Sat March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm.

### The 2026 Aughadown

#### St. Patrick’s Charity Walk

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026. Where? Leaving from Minihan’s Bar. When? Gather at 2:00 PM; the walk will begin at 2:30 PM sharp. This year, all donations collected through our “Pass the Bucket” initiative goes to Schull Community Hospital, Skibbereen Community Hospital & Aughadown Community Council. Please Note: To ensure a safe, enjoyable walk for all, we ask that bikes & pets stay home.

### Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Note Change of time:  
Lily O’Sullivan – Ballycommane, Durrus –  
Birthday Remembrance  
Goleen: 10am: Donor’s Intention

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:

Bantry:10am: Maeve O’Donoghue – Dromleigh  
Schull: 10am: No booking

### Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:

Bantry Hospital: 10am:  
Christy O’Shea – Bantry & Kealkil

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

#### Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Station Mass: Jimmy Abbott – Seskin  
Jerry Hanley – Gurtacloona – Months Mind  
John Harrington – Skehana & London  
Stephen Thomas - Reenrour East – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
Dan O’Shea – Dromleigh – 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.  
Jerry Cronin – Skehana – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv  
Joan Spillane – Quarrywell, Seskin & Derrygrenagh East –  
Months mind

Dromore: 8pm: Station Mass: Mary O’Connor - Inchybegga.

James O Sullivan - Dunmanway & formally of Knockgorm .

Lowertown: 8pm: Station Mass: No booking

#### Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Station Mass: Tommie Holland – Slip Park

Bernie O’Leary – Rooska West

Kathleen Keohane – Keyes Terrace – Birthday Remembrance

Ballydehob: 9am: Station Mass:

Mary O’Mahony–Main St. & Shanavagh, Ballydehob – 21<sup>st</sup> anniv

Michael & Nora O’Regan & their son Jim - Ballinahina

Durrus: 10am: Station Mass

Dan O’Sullivan - Durrus.

Paddy Arundel - Ahakista.

Denis & Bridget Burke - Clashadoo

John McCarthy - Clashadoo.

Schull:10.30am: Station Mass: Frank Lannin – Gubbeen, Schull  
Jacinta Goggin – Glaun, Schull – Months Mind

Kealkil:10.30am: Station Mass: Sean Casey – Kealkil

Curley – Collins – Kealkil

Nell O’Mahony (née Collins)- Inchaclough & Kealkil - Months  
Mind;

Joan O’Callaghan – Ahilmore

John & Bridie Cronin – Cahirmuckee

The Cronin Family – Cahirmounteen

John & Mary O’Rourke – Incharoe

Michael Lucey – Curraglass

Patrick Kelleher (40<sup>th</sup> anniv),his wife Ellen (11<sup>th</sup> anniv) - Ahildotia

Caheragh:11.15am: Station Mass: Rita Cotter – Barna

Con Twohig - Skibbereen

Kilcrohane:11.30am: Station Mass:

Kathy Hourihane– Galladoo –Months Mind

Goleen:12noon: Station Mass: Intentions of people of Bantry

Family of Parishes: Sonny O’Driscoll - Crookhaven

Bantry : 12noon: Station Mass: Norah Connolly – Reendessert

Nora Cremin – Keyes Terrace – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.

Deceased members of the Moran Family

Kathleen Hurley–Cork & Shanacrane,Dunmanway (recent death)

### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:

Bantry: 8.30am: Please note time change

Patricia Walsh – Market Street – 20<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Schull: 10am: No booking

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Stephen O’Donoghue – Market Street

Goleen: 10am: Dan O’Sullivan

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: The Annunciation of the Lord:

Ballydehob:10am:

Mary O’Mahony – Main St. & Shanavagh – 21<sup>st</sup> anniv.

Bantry:10am: Pat & Lily McSweeney (Coomanore) & their  
daughter Anne Gallen