

BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **22nd November 2026 Vol. 42.**

Graveyard Prayers for the faithful departed will continue as follows:

Graveyard Prayers: Sunday 22nd November:
Stouke at 3.00pm

Graveyard Prayers : Sunday 29th November:
Schull at 3.00pm

A Blessing on the Feastday of St. Columbanus – Feastday 23rd November

Lord, may everything we do this day begin with Your blessing and continue with Your help.
May everything we say this day begin with Your love and continue with Your grace.
May everything we plan this day begin with Your Inspiration and continue with Your peace.
So that throughout our lives all that we begin in You may, by You, be happily ended,
And all that we seek through You may be lovingly attended. Amen. *Daily-prayers.org*

Recent Parish Baptisms:
We welcome into our Christian Community
Síofra Przydatek-O'Callaghan – Pairc na Carraige, Bantry
Sadie Nora Beamish – Inchinagotagh, Skibbereen

***Died Recently*:We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:**
David Magner – Old Barrack Road & formerly of Newtown, Bantry
Dr. Mairead (Meg) MacConaill – Durrus & Bishopstown, Cork

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in Schull Church on Monday 30th of November after 10am Mass. There will be Exposition on the last Monday of each month in Schull Church.

Silver Ring found in Bantry church.
Please contact the Parish office on 027-56398

Free part-time adult education courses at St. Goban's in Bantry, commencing January 2027 - Art & Design, Photography, Woodwork, Computers, Planting & Potting, Vegetable Production, English classes, Sewing, Local Habitats & Biodiversity - please contact Deirdre on 086 823 9089 for further information or to reserve a place'

Chair Yoga: Families & Older Persons. Westlodge Hotel (Banqueting Entrance) at 11am-12noon. Thursday 26th November. For info. Contact Gemma on 087-9103036

Age Friendly Bantry are back with their Monday Movies for November on Monday 23rd. @ 11am in Cinemax Bantry. If your over 65 come & enjoy a relaxing morning with an old movie from the 50's, 60's & 70's followed by a visit to the nearby Maritime Hotel for a light lunch at a reduced rate. Thank you to Cinemax Bantry & The Maritime Hotel for supporting this Age Friendly event

Christmas Concert will be held in The Holy Family Church, Caheragh on Friday 4th December at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from Wild Ways Skibbereen; Anne 086 8741660 ; Bernadette 086 8384815 Kay 087 2611492. We will also sell them after Mass in Dromore on Saturday night and again on Sunday after Mass in Caheragh. Please support

Caheragh NS are hosting a clothes collection on Friday, 27th Nov. Any donations of unwanted, clean clothes, household textiles (no pillows or duvets), shoes etc can be dropped into the school on or before 9.30am on Friday the 27th of Nov. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

Gentle Mass' Workshop 6th December: Drimoleague: During the COVID pandemic Barryroe parishioner Denis O'Regan composed a new setting of the liturgy of the Mass. Thanks to the help of Bishop Fintan the liturgical text in this setting of the Mass was recently approved by the Advisory Committee on Church Music on behalf of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference in August 2026. All singers (choir members or not in any choir) are welcome to a free workshop to learn it at 3:00pm on Sunday 6 December at Drimoleague Parish Hall. To help with planning could each singer please register at GentleMass.ie/register

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th-13th December 2026: Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country & all meals included. Expect inspiring talks, Mass work shops, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out & meet other young Catholics. To register visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Ballydehob Christmas Fair takes place on November 29th from 11 to 4pm. Local crafts, art and food, raffle and children's art competition.Hall cafe open.Free entry to the fair, a small fee to visit Santa's grotto, as part of a fundraiser for Scoil Bhríde.

Christmas Craft Fair: Carrigboy National School:
Monday November 30th from 7 to 9pm in Durrus Community Hall. Wheel of fortune, Cakes, Raffles for great prizes, Bric a Brac, lucky Din & much more. Teas served. All are welcome.

Bantry Flower & Garden club Christmas dinner & Demonstration in the Westlodge Hotel Bantry on Monday the 7th of December at 6.30pm. Demonstration by Eileen O' Brien, Kinsale "Festive Christmas Designs" Tickets €35 each must be booked before the 1st of December from 027 61022 or 027 50985.

Kicrohane Bazaar & Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree: Sunday 29th November – Kilcrohane Community Hall from 3pm. All welcome. Something for everyone – craft stalls, raffles, face painting, the Wheel of fortune, baked goods etc. The bazaar will be immediately followed by the lighting of the village Christmas Tree at sundown (approx.4.30pm) on the Church Green where carols will be sung and Santa may appear too!

Emergency Planning Information Session - Gortalassa, Sheep's Head: Come along and join Jonathan Tyner, Training Officer, Irish Red Cross/Ambulance Service and Lorna Harte from the Family Carers and Older Person's Initiative to talk about how to prepare for an emergency. -What to do in the case of a Stroke, fall or heart attack at home -What to do while waiting for the ambulance and how to prepare for all eventualities. -How to prepare ourselves and be Winter Ready for any severe weather conditions. Date: Weds 25th Nov. Venue:The old School House, Gortalassa at 11am. To book a place or for further information, please contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763 of the Family Carers and Older Person Development Service

Offertory Collection 8th Nov: Bantry: €2125 Caheragh:€610 Schull:€950 Muintir Bhaire: €790 Goleen: €575

Diocesan Youth Ministry Collection: Bantry: €1915 Caheragh:€485 Schull:€ 796.25 Muintir Bhaire: €580 Goleen: €471

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 21st Nov: 33rd Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 6.15pm: Joe & Ena McGrath – Newtown East
Anna Falvey – Ballylickey
Catherine Hurley – Reenrour East
Joan Sweeney (7th anniv) & Johnny Sweeney (Birthday Remembrance) – Newtown
Seán Manning (Lahern) & his daughter Jacinta Goggin (Schull)
Thomas Gregory O'Dwyer – Seafied, Bantry – Months Mind

Dromore:8pm: Sheila O Donovan - Colomane West.
Carmel Cadogan - Colomane West - 3rd Anniv
Lowertown:8pm: Denis O'Neill – Drishanne, Dunbeacon.

Sun 22nd Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:
Bantry:9am: Intentions of the People of Bantry Family of Parishes
Kay O'Sullivan – Ardnagaoithe & Ballydehob
Tommy Griffin – Kildare – recently deceased
Special Intention for healing
Leo Lopez & Dexter Lopez

Ballydehob:9am: Timothy (25th anniv) & Kathleen (55th anniv) Coughlan – Greenmount Road, Ballydehob
Jack & Theresa O'Brien – Ballycummisk, Ballydehob

Durrus: 10am: John O'Sullivan – Gearhameen
Phil Flanagan – Clashadoo
Juliann & Dan McCarthy - Kilcrohane

Schull:10.30am: Fr. Connie Griffin SMA – Colla, Schull
Imelda Morris – Corthna, Schull
John McGibbon - Stockport, England

Coomhola:10.30am: Sean Healy – Corran
Peggy Desmond – Borlin – 4th anniv.

Caheragh:11.15am:
The Leahy Family – Rath, Baltimore & London
Ralph Skinner and his sister Mary – Rath, Baltimore

Kilcrohane:11.30am: May Phfister
Emily & Con O'Sullivan – Fawnmore
Jerry & Eugene McCarthy – Fawnmore
Paddy & Kathleen Burke & their sons Lawrence & Kevin – Whiddy Island

Goleen:12noon: Mass for Peace

Bantry:12noon: Marian Hunt – Caher – Months Mind
Special Intention for someone who is ill.
Deceased relatives of the Hurley Family – Slip
Michael Cronin – High Street – Birthday Remembrance
Fr. Ray Browne

Monday 23rd Nov: 34th week in Ordinary time::
Bantry:10am: Katie Tobin – Scart Road
Schull: 10am: No booking

Tuesday 24th Nov: 34th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am:Canon O'Callaghan –former Parish Priest of Bantry

Wed. 25th Nov: 34th week in Ordinary Time:
Ballydehob:10am: No Booking
Bantry:10am:Maura Connolly – Hollyhill, Glengarriff

Thurs 26th Nov: 34th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: Special Intention
Goleen: 10am: NO MASS

Fri 27th Nov: 34th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: The O'Sullivan Children – Marian Terrace
Schull:10am: NO MASS

Sat 28th Nov: 34th Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry Hospital: 10am: James & Kathleen Cronin – Coomanore South