

	BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER BANTRY PARISH, CAHERAGH PARISH, GOLEEN PARISH, MUINTIR BHAIRE PARISH, SCHULL PARISH Fr. Myles McSweeney: 086-1623031 (Bantry) Fr. Chris O'Donovan: 083 4374304 (Schull) Fr. Anthony Buckley:087-2744617 (Goleen) Fr. Ben Hodnett: 089-4308735 (Bantry) Fr. John C. O'Donovan: 028-52985 (Dromore) To contact Priest on duty (Bantry): 087-7999886 Parish office: Tel: 027-56398 email: bantryparishoffice@gmail.com Website: www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 23rd NOVEMBER 2025 Vol. 40. No.48		
Changes to Postures during Mass During the year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment, people shared a desire for a deeper and more unified experience of worship during Sunday Mass. In responding to this desire, the Diocese of Cork and Ross is introducing the use of common postures in Mass as outlined in the Roman Missal. The congregation will stand for three additional moments at Mass:- 1. From the Start of Mass until we sit for readings. 2. When the Priest says “<i>Pray Brothers and Sisters that my Sacrifice and yours...</i>” until the end of the Holy Holy. 3. For the prayer after Communion until the end of Mass. An explanation card will be available at all Churches from next weekend on. There is also a short explanatory video on the Cork and Ross website.	Graveyard Prayers for the faithful departed continue as follows: Graveyard Prayers: Sunday 23rd Nov: Stouke at 3.00pm Graveyard Prayers : Sunday 30th Nov: Schull at 3.00pm		Schull: Please note there will be no Mass in Schull tomorrow Mondav 24th Nov.
	<u>Died Recently:</u> We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of: Bob (Jeremiah) O’Regan – Cappaglass, Ballydehob Anna Falvey (née Smith) – Ballylickey, Bantry & Cootehill, Cavan Brian Jackson–Levis – ‘The Sandboat’, Main Street, Ballydehob / Dublin		
	SVP APPEAL: The local conference of St Vincent De Paul, St Finbarr’s Conference will hold its Annual Appeal for the month of December. Our conference’s geographical area is extensive taking in Bantry and the Muintir Bhaire Parishes. The conference endeavours to help and support people and families within this area whom for many and varied reasons find themselves struggling to cope with their situation. It could be financial, living conditions, food, health, education to name some of those reasons. We look at every request on its merits and our voluntary committee makes a decision based on the information provided by the applicant. Our aim as a Conference for 2026 is to continue with improvements to our social housing and to make life comfortable for our tenants. In tandem with that we continue with our visitations, providing food and fuel vouchers to those in need in this time of increasing cost of living and giving educational supports to those who require it. You the people of Bantry and Muintir Bhaire make that possible by your generosity. St Finbarr’s Conference thank you very much for any donation you can make at this time. All our funds are raised locally and spent locally. Donations can be made at local SVP office: 5 Main Street or drop it into the Parish Office/Sacristy at the back of the church or any of the Muintir Bhaire Churches. SVP envelopes available at all Church Porches. Thank you for your support, continuing support and generosity. Should you wish to donate directly, our Bank A/C Details are: AIB Bank Wolfe Tone Square Bantry Co Cork. Account: St Vincent de Paul / BIC: AIBKIE2D / IBAN: IE91 AIBK 9360 1436 2520 53.		
Kilcrohane Christmas Bazaar: Sunday 30th November in the Kilcrohane Community Hall. Door Open at 3:00 p.m. Stalls, teas, raffles and Santa will be there. Followed by the lighting of the village Christmas tree on the church green at sundown. Join us for carols around the tree and Santa will make an appearance. Hot chocolate & mulled wine will be served. All welcome Bantry Flower & Garden Dinner & Demonstration by Sheila Gilbert, Clonakilty in the Westlodge Hotel Bantry on Monday the 1st of December at 6.30pm sharp. Tickets €35 to be booked before the 28th of November from Judith Payne 027 61022 or Mary Dillon 027 50985. Durrus Bingo: In a change to what was previously announced, there will be no bingo in Durrus on Sunday, November 30th. The next bingo session will take place at 3pm on Sunday, January 11th, 2026. Bingo in aid of RT CoAction centre, Bantry Sunday 23rd Nov. @ 3pm. Bantry Boys Club. Big Raffle - Great prizes. Teas/Coffees and Snacks. All Welcome Caheragh Threshing Presentation Night is on Saturday 29th of November at the Travellers Rest, Caheragh. Starting at 8.30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Sincere thanks to all who helped, donated, sponsored, visited on the day, and throughout the year. Big Thanks to All, Bantry Hospice AGM takes place on Tuesday December 16th at 6.30pm in the Maritime Hotel. All welcome to attend. Bantry Historical Society: On Monday next 24th November at 8pm in the Christian Fellowship, Bantry Historical and Archaeological Society, in collaboration with Bantry Bookstore will host a presentation by Anthony Barrett, author of 'West Cork at War - The Forgotten Guerrilla Campaign, 1922'. The speaker will discuss the dramatic events that took place in Bantry during the Civil War. There will also be an opportunity to acquire signed copies of the book on the night. All are welcome.			
For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending please email womendiscern@corkandross.org	Christmas Magic in Kilcrohane: Santa and Mrs Claus are making their annual visit to the Blackgate Centre in Kilcrohane on 6th & 7th Dec. Limited spaces available. call 0863206046. Live music on Sunday from 3pm-5pm. The event is organised by Muintir Bhaire Community Council and all funds raised are for local community activities.	A Magical Evening of Carols by Candle light In The Holy Family Church Caheragh on Friday 12th December @ 7.30pm. Featuring: Caheragh Folk Group, Local National Schools, Muintir Bhaire Men’s Choir, Sheep Head Women’s Chorus Tickets from Ber Murnane on 086 8384815. Proceeds to Palliative Care, Local Schools and new church sound system. Your support is appreciated.	
Saturday 22nd November: 33rd week in Ordinary Time Bantry: 6.15pm: Donal McCarthy – Dromleigh North Joe & Ena McGrath – Newtown East Catherine Hurley – 7 Reenrou East Anna Lynch – Dromleigh North Special Intention Humphrey Lynch - Reendesert Dromore: 8pm: No booking Lowertown: 8pm: No booking Sun. 23rd Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Bantry: 9am: Jamie & Seán Lehané Patrick Cadogan – Market Street & Dromore Special Intention Myra Swan - Durrus Ballydehob: 9am: Jack & Teresa O’Brien – Ballycumisk, Ballydehob Bernard Newman - Skibbereen Durrus: 10am: John O'Sullivan – Gearhameen, Durrus. Schull:10.30am: Mary Dudney (née Herlihy) – Staffordshire, England & Ardmanagh, Schull Coomhola:10.30am: Seán Healy – Corran Catherine O’Mahony - Ballylickey Caheragh:11.15am: Intentions of People of Bantry Family Parishes Daniel Hegarty – Bauravilla – Months Mind Florence O’Driscoll – Cúl Bán Kilcrohane:11.30am: Emily & Con O’Sullivan - Fawnmore Goleen:12noon: Robbie Lawlor - Ballysillagh - 2nd anniv Bantry:12noon: Katie Tobin – Scart Road Pádraig O’Grady & his mother Eileen O’Grady – Derryginagh Frank Rath (Dreenacreenigh) & deceased members of the Rath & Hurley Families Canon O’Callaghan – Former Parish Priest of Bantry Monday 24th Nov: 34th week in Ordinary Time: Bantry10am: Des & Kathleen Tooher – Slip Lawn (both 20th annivs) SCHULL: NO MASS IN SCHULL TODAY Tuesday 25th Nov: 34th Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry:10am: James, Kathleen & Michael Cronin – Coomanore Sth Goleen: 10am: NO MASS Wednesday 26th Nov: 34th week in Ordinary Time: Ballydehob:10am: Peggy McGrath (née O’Brien) – Fermoy & Ballycumisk, Ballydehob – 1st anniv. Bantry: 10m: Fr. Ray Browne Thursday 27th Nov: 34th week in Ordinary Time: Bantry:10am: John McCarthy – Slip Lawn – 30th anniv. Goleen: 10am: Willie Glackin Friday 28th Nov: 34th Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry:10am: Michael, Eileen, Noreen & Brendan O’Sullivan – London & Bantry Schull: 10am: Special Intention Sat 29th November:34th week in Ordinary Time: Bantry Hospital: 10am: Con & Annie Keane - Kealkil			
Offertory Collection 16nd Nov: Bantry: €2400, Caheragh: €645 Muintir Bhaire: €800 Goleen: €595 Schull: €770			
West Cork Warriors Special Olympics Club is a sports club that caters for 4-12 years with an intellectual disability. Training on Saturdays in Skibbereen Sports Centre 11-11:45am. New athletes welcome, please contact: westcorkwarriors@sosportsclub.ie.			