



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Pentecost Sunday

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 23rd May: 7th week of Easter:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Johnny O'Connor - Newtown
Denis (Bawnee) McCarthy - Slip Lawn - Months Mind
Agnes Goggin & her husband Michael Goggin - Barrack Street
Carmel Dooley (née Hunt) - Kinsale & Bandon
Dromore: 8pm: No booking
Lowertown: 8pm: No booking

Sunday 24th May: Pentecost Sunday:

Bantry: 9am: Special Intention
Patrick Hourihane - Baurgorm & London
Michael Ward - Durrus
Mary O'Shea Power - West End, Castletownbere (Recently deceased)

Ballydehob: 9am:

Helen Coughlan - Dreenaclough, Ballydehob - 1st anniv
Mary Johnson - Dunbeacon
John Sweeney - Cobh & Goleen (recently deceased)

Durrus: 10am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes.

Schull: 10.30am: John Logan - Airhill, Schull - 5th anniv.

Coomhola: 10.30am: Mary & James Cronin & deceased family members - Traenamaddree

Niall Healy - Corran, Coomhola

Caheragh: 11.15am: No booking

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Nora, Tom & Jerry McCarthy - Fawnmore
Martin Donegan - Fawnmore

Goleen: 12noon: Mary & Dan Sexton

Peggy & Dan Sheehan - Ballyvogue

Kitty Sheehan - Cloughanekilleen & England - 1st anniv.

Bantry: 12noon: Paddy Hanrahan - Birthday Remembrance

John & Bridget McSweeney - Cahernacrin

John Murphy - Barrack Street - 1st anniv.

Paul O'Neill - Kealkil - Birthday Remembrance

Carmel Hurley - Colomane West - 1st anniv.

Mon 25th May: 8th Week of Ordinary Time:

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Schull: 10am: Finbarr Butler - Inglenook, Schull - 4th anniv.

Tuesday 26th May: 8th Week of Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Wed. 27th May: 8th Week of Ordinary Time:

Ballydehob: 10am:

Fr. Bernard Jones who helped out in Schull Parish - 5th anniv.

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Thursday 28th May: 8th Week of Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Goleen: 10am: Mass for the Holy Souls

Friday 29th May: 8th Week of Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am:

Michael Bowen - Ahakista - Birthday Remembrance

Schull: 10am: Special Intention

Sat 30th May: 8th Week of Ordinary Time:

Bantry Hospital: 10am: Noreen Coakley - Inchigeela (Months Mind) & her brother Daniel (40th anniv.)

Corpus Christi Novena Invitation

People throughout the diocese are warmly invited to pray the Corpus Christi Novena during the nine days leading up to the Feast of Corpus Christi. Copies of the prayer to St. Carlo Acutis have already been distributed to parishes. Short daily video reflections, led by different people, will be available online on the Diocesan website each day at 12 noon beginning Friday, May 29th. Please join us in prayer.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community
Aoibhín Catherine O'Sullivan
- Lissane, Drimoleague

Age Friendly Bantry: Following last year's successful event Age Friendly Bantry are looking forward to having another "Party on the Square" on Tuesday May 26th. This is a celebration of life and older age as part of Bealtaine Festival featuring music, dancing, stories and craic from 11am to 12.30pm. Teas, coffees & treats will be served. The West Cork Jesters will demonstrate the art of floor curling. Cork County Age Friendly Ambassador Charlie McAllister will be guest of honour. Party on the Square is supported by Cork County Council Community Fund.

Whiddy Island Summer Fundraising Event:

On Sunday 31st of May there will be a Community Fundraising event on Whiddy Island, Feile Iar an tSamraig. Bar-B-Q and Music by Mark Daly. Ferry leaves Bantry at 2pm and 3pm and returns at 6pm and 8pm so come along and enjoy the day and support Whiddy Island Community Development Association.

Free part-time courses at St. Goban's - September 2026

A range of free part-time courses will be held from September 2026 to include: Introduction to Computers, Planting and Potting, Outdoor Vegetable Production, Woodwork, Woodwork for the farming community, Art, Sewing, Upholstery, Local Habitats and Biodiversity, English classes etc. Please contact Deirdre on 086 823 9089 for further information.

Offertory Collection 17th May: Bantry: €2405 Schull: €888
MuintirBhaire: €665 Goleen: €470 Caheragh: €765
Special Collection for Mission & Ministry on w/e 10th May:
Caheragh: €495

Congratulations to New Funeral Ministers in Bantry Parish.

We congratulate Ann Harrington (Coomhola) & Helen Murnane O'Donovan (Kealkil) who were commissioned as Funeral Ministers in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kealkil, last weekend. They will join our Parish Funeral Ministry Team and lead the Vigil Prayers at the time of funerals in the Parish.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

In St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry the Procession will take place after the 6.15pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 6th June. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Finbarr's Church will take place after the 12noon Mass until benediction at 6.00pm on Sunday 7th June.

There will be a public meeting to organise the Procession in The Sacristy of Bantry Church at 8pm on Thursday 28th May. All welcome.

The Procession will take place in Coomhola after the 10.30am Mass on the 7th of June.

The Procession in Caheragh will also take place on Sunday June 7th after the 11.15am Mass.

On the following Sunday, the 14th June, the Procession will take place in Kealkil after the 10.30am Mass.

Saint Carlo Acutis: There will be Veneration of the Relics of St. Carlos Acutis in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Friday 29th May. Welcome Mass at 7pm. Veneration of Relics and Prayer from 8pm to Midnight.

Diocesan Prayer to Saint Carlo Acutis

You remind us that holiness is possible when we place Jesus at the centre of our lives, especially in the Eucharist, which you called your "highway to heaven." Be with us as we prepare for the 100th anniversary of the Eucharistic Procession in Cork. As we accompany Jesus in the Procession, teach us to walk with Him each day, and to see Him in each person, especially those who are most in need. We pray for our Diocese of Cork and Ross, that, nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist, we may grow in faith, hope, and love. May we be true disciples of Jesus, sent on mission, bringing His love, mercy, and peace to everyone we meet. Amen.

Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

Property Marking: Muintir Na Tir will provide a property marking service in Kilcrohane Community Field on Saturday 30th May, 11am to 4pm. All welcome.

Gardening equipment, farm machinery, power tools, trailers, bicycles etc. can be security engraved. All welcome and donations contribute towards CRITICAL medical response charity and Community Alert. Attendees need to bring their drivers licence.

On this blessed Feast of Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit fill you with peace, courage, wisdom, and joy.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Feast of Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, & they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

