



# BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov; 33<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 6.15pm: Joe McGrath – Newtown East – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.  
Sean Manning & deceased members of the Manning Family – Lahern  
Albie & Mary McCarthy – Gurteenroe  
Eileen McSweeney – Cois Riasc  
Dromore: 8pm: Carmel Cadogan – Colomane West – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.  
Sheila O'Donovan – Colomane West  
Lowertown: 8pm: No booking

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:**

Bantry: 9am: Canon Donal O'Callaghan former P. P. of Bantry  
John O'Brien – Reenrou East  
Michael & Josephine Daly – New Street  
Kirsty Miller - Scotland  
Ballydehob: 9.00am: Jeremiah & Bridget McCarthy & their son  
Connie – Ballycumisk & Horse Isalnd  
Timothy Nyhan – The Terrace, Ballydehob  
Dan Joe & Kathleen Coughlan – Schull Road, Ballydehob  
Durrus: 10am: John O'Sullivan – Gearhameen  
Cornelius & Peg O'Brien - Doonore

Coomhola: 10.30am: Jeremiah Lucey – Coorloun Nth- Months Mind  
Sean Healy – Corran, Coomhola – 30<sup>th</sup> anniv  
Peggy & Connie Desmond - Borlin

Schull: 10.30am: Peggy, Josie & all deceased members of the  
O'Driscoll Family – East End, Schull

Caheragh: 11.15am: Florence O'Driscoll – Coolbawn – 10<sup>th</sup> anniv  
Fr. Michael O'Donovan & Deceased Parents & Staff of Caheragh,  
Killeenleagh & Gurrans National Schools..

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Jason Hegarty – Ahakista – Months Mind  
Con & Emily O'Sullivan – Fawnmore  
Mary Gill – Liverpool

Peg O'Sullivan (1<sup>st</sup> anniv) & her husband Michael - Ballyruin  
Goleen: 12noon: Jim Kelleher – Barleycove & Cork – Months Mind  
Donal O'Donovan – Ballyrisode (1<sup>st</sup> anniv) & his daughter Mary  
O'Donovan (40<sup>th</sup> anniv).

Bantry: 12noon: Jim & Kathleen Flynn – Old Barrack Road  
Fr. Ray Browne  
John Gilhooley - Donemark

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: 34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 10am: Des & Kathleen Tooher – Slip Lawn  
Schull: 10am: Special Intention

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: 34<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 10am: John & Nora Downey & Family – Tower Lane, Bantry  
Goleen: 10am: Sr. Lucy Sheehan

**Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: 34<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes  
Ballydehob: 10am: Peggy McGrath – Fermoy & Ballycumisk  
Bantry: 10am: Chinnie Nwandu Ryan – Lyre

**Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: 34<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 10am: Finbarr Ryan - Bantry  
Goleen: 10am: No booking

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: 34<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry : 10am: Diarmuid O'Mahony & his parents  
Margaret & Jeremiah O'Mahony  
Schull: 10am: No booking

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: St. Andrew, Apostle:**

Bantry Hospital: 10am: Con & Annie Keane - Kealkil

at this month's meeting will include Cardiac Care - What can we do to keep our hearts happy? Food and Diet - what to eat when to eat it and portion size?, Statistics - what does a blood pressure of 120/80 mean? Blood pressure will be taken from 7.30pm

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Year of Prayer, Listening, and Discernment, which was launched by Bishop Fintan on Gougane Barra Sunday, enters a new phase this week

Three key information meetings are planned for Priests, Parish Leadership Teams and chaplaincies on Saturday 23 November, Sunday 24 November and Sunday 1 December.

These meetings will set the context for the Year ahead and outline the next steps for Parishes and Families of Parishes. The process for prayer, listening, and discernment has been piloted in one Family of Parishes and is being fine-tuned based on the feedback to be rolled out across the Diocese in the new year.

The Holy Spirit is guiding us to be faithful and courageous in new ways so that we can carry on the mission of the Church. While our meeting in West Cork is taking place, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Finbarr's Church Bantry from after the 12noon Mass till Benediction at 6pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, the Feast of Christ the King. Let us pray for our diocese as it discerns the next steps to take in our Families of Parishes.

**Graveyard Prayers: Prayers for the faithful departed will continue as follows: This Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Schull at 3.00pm**

**Offertory Collection 10<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Bantry: €2110 Caheragh: €585  
Schull: €873 Muintir Bhaire: €915 Goleen: €470  
**Special Collection for the Church Repair /Maintenance Fund will take place in all churches next weekend 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

### St. Colum's GAA: Race Night & Upcoming Christmas Events

**Successful Race Night Fundraiser:** St. Colum's GAA Club recently hosted their annual Race Night fundraiser at Collins' Bar, Kealkill. The club extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the event, especially those who entered 'horses' into the races and the individuals and businesses who generously sponsored races. The funds raised will be crucial in supporting future projects and the ongoing development of the club's facilities for all members.

**Visit Santa Event & Christmas Market:** Mark your calendars! on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup> December at St. Colum's Hall & Grounds. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves are hard at work preparing to bring festive cheer to the community.

**\*Visit Santa Experience:** Families will need tickets, which can be booked via Eventbrite.

**\*Christmas Market:** Open to everyone free of charge, the market will run from 4pm-8pm daily, offering festive stalls and plenty of seasonal spirit. For full details on this magical event, follow St. Colum's GAA Club on social media. Don't miss out on the chance to make unforgettable Christmas memories while supporting the club!

*Died Recently:* We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of:

**Patricia Mullins (née Lehane) – Newtown, Bantry**  
**James Hickey – Skehanore North, Ballydehob**  
**Michael O'Sullivan – Mardyke Skibbereen & formerly of Cheragh**  
Rest in Peace

**Bantry General Hospital :** Annual Service of Remembrance for the deceased Patients of the past year will take place in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

### Community Notices

**Kilcrohane Bazaar:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Kilcrohane Community Hall at 3pm. Craft Stalls, Prizes, Wheel of Fortune, Tea & Cakes. Visit from Santa. Lighting of Village Christmas Tree & Carols afterwards

**Caheragh/Dromore Defibrillator Group:** will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m. at St. Mary's Hall, Caheragh. All are welcome to attend. Sincere thanks to our community for supporting the recent Coffee Morning. Your generous contribution is allocated to offset ongoing maintenance costs.

**Sola Boutique** would like to thank everyone that came out to support their recent event, for the 4 ASD classrooms in Scoil Mhuire & Bharra. It was a busy day in store and I am delighted to say that €2200 was raised. I would like to thank everyone that supported this event. The wonderful staff of Scoil Mhuire & Bharra are delighted with the money that was raised and the money will be spent to enhance the ASD classrooms.

**Bantry Flower & Garden Club Christmas Dinner & Demonstration by Margaret Ahern, Aherla.** Theme "Wonderful Time of the Year". On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm in Westlodge Hotel. Tickets (€30) must be booked before 29<sup>th</sup> November from Judith (027-61022) or Mary (027-50985)

**Mealagh Valley Community Hall : Progressive 45 Cards Sat 30th Nov at 8.30pm.**

**Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club** are holding a Christmas Demonstration in the West Cork Hotel, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 8.15pm. Our Demonstrator is Carolyn Miller, Cork. Come along and you won't be disappointed she is an excellent entertainer and Demonstrator.

**Ballydehob Christmas Craft and Food fair, 24th November, Ballydehob Community Hall, 11 to 4 pm.** Local crafts, art and food. Raffle, Children art competition and Christmas carols. Our Hall cafe will be open for soup & sandwiches, tea and coffee and cakes. **Free entry to the fair.** Also, visit Santas grotto, a fundraiser for Scoil Bhríde and St. Matthias NS, Ballydehob.

**GOSH GETS GOING FOR 2025** FRI NIGHT JAN 3RD 8PM: Mamo- Lisa Lambe performs in concert as she introduces the audience to songs her grandmother gave her. SAT JAN 4TH 2PM: Scoraiocht (free event) Come along for an afternoon of traditional music, storytelling, poetry, dancing and entertainment that will transport you back to the farmhouse gatherings of Ireland long ago. Bring your instruments and dancing shoes!! SAT NIGHT 8PM: Nightvisiting- Lisa Lambe gives another performance this time taking the audience on a journey through the past as she brings the treasured musical heritage of rural Ireland to the stage in GOSH. Tickets are 30 euro per concert or 50 e if you attend both nights. Text 0831078077 or email [devine.rooska@gmail.com](mailto:devine.rooska@gmail.com) Follow the GOSH FB page for info.

**The November meeting of the Bantry Cardiac Support will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at**

**8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building) P75 T611.** The topics for discussion at this month's meeting will include Cardiac Care - What can we do to keep our hearts happy? Food and Diet - what to eat when to eat it and portion size?, Statistics - what does a blood pressure of 120/80 mean? Blood pressure will be taken from 7.30pm