



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26TH JANUARY 2025 VOL.23. NO.5

Died Recently:

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

John Pat Keohane – Gordromagh, Caheragh
Patrick Hodnett - Ballydehob
REST IN PEACE

Kealkil Church: We invite new people to volunteer to be Ministers of the Eucharist in Kealkil Church. You would be very welcome. Please contact Sheila (087 9585270) or the Parish office (027-56398). Thank You.

Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in Lowertown Church on Sunday the 26th of January, 2025 from 4 - 5pm.

SNA Vacancy in Cappabue NS:

Cappabue NS is seeking to appoint an SNA for 0.5 of a standard SNA post on a permanent basis. Application via email only to jobapplications@cappabue.ie by Wednesday, 29th January.
Info www.educationposts.ie/post/view/229143.

Meeting of Funeral Ministers: There will be a meeting for all Funeral Ministers in our Family of Parishes on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Upper Sacristy of St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry.

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment Family of Parish Gatherings – Next Steps:

The meetings for Bantry Family of Parishes (Bantry, Caheragh, Goleen, Muintir Bhaire and Schull) will take place in The West Lodge Hotel, Bantry on Tuesday 25th March, Tuesday 1st April and Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm each evening. Those from our Family of Parishes who attended the Sunday afternoon in Fernhill House before Christmas are requested to attend the meetings in The West Lodge Hotel

Feast day of Saint Brigid – Patron of Ireland - Saturday 1st February –

St. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c. 454. The St. Brigid Cross, in legend, used by Brigid to explain the Christian Faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.
To mark St. Brigid's Feastday there will be blessing & distribution of St. Brigid Crosses at 10am Mass in the Hospital Chapel in Bantry on Saturday 1st February. Please note 10am Mass on Saturdays will return to the Hospital Chapel from 1st February.

Tidy Towns AGM: Bantry Tidy Towns will be holding their AGM on next Wednesday January 29th in the Maritime Hotel at 8pm. All welcome.

Offertory 19th Jan: Bantry: €2585 Caheragh:€617
Schull: €735 Muintir Bhaire:€720 Goleen €410
The Special Collection for Parish maintenance will be taken up next weekend, Feb. 1st & 2nd in all Churches of the family of Parishes.

Community Notices

Family Carer Group Meeting: This meeting offers Family Carers a chance to meet other Carers in a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment. It's about taking a break, making friends and sharing experiences. It is also an opportunity to meet local services and gain information about local supports, benefits and entitlements etc. Join us on **Thursday 30th January 11am to 12pm in the Ballydehob Community Hall.**

Creative Art Morning for Family Carers: Are you a Family Carer? Are you caring for a loved one or family 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 and When?** Ballydehob Community Hall: **Wednesday 29th January 2025 from 11am to 1pm.** The session is free but **booking is essential.** To book your place or for further information, please contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763. This workshop is facilitated by Arts for Health artist Sharon Dipity. It is hosted by the Creative Carers Programme as part of Arts for Health at Uillinn West Cork Arts Centre and the Family Carer and Older Persons Initiative

CALLING ALL MEN TO THE GOSH GUYS GROUP: On Wed 29th Jan at 8pm there will be a meeting held in Gortalassa Old School House (GOSH) P75 C589 with a view to setting up a weekly gathering of men from the locality to explore and share common interests for the benefit of the community. All men are welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat. Just coming together as a group will be of huge benefit to everyone on a personal level & for the wider community. The women's Wednesday morning gathering has really taken off so now it is the mens time to shine. Just come along for the first evening and see what you think. Contact 083-0635644 for more info.

The January 2025 meeting of the **Bantry and Surrounding Areas Cardiac Support Group** will be held on Tuesday, January 28th at 8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building) P75 T611. The topic for discussion at this month's meeting will be Diabetes and Cardio Vascular Disease. Marion O'Donovan from the HSE will deliver the talk and be available to the group to answer questions afterward. Blood pressure will be taken from 7.30.

New gymnastics club in Goleen Community Centre on Wednesdays for children as young as 1 up to age 13. Suitable for boys and girls and no experience needed. For more information or to book call/text 086 733 7561.

Bantry Flower & Garden Club presents Michael Burke, Skibbereen, who will give a "Garden Talk, Soil & Plant Nutrition" on Monday 3rd of February @ 8pm in the Westlodge Hotel ten euros per night. Refreshments served. All our welcome.

Friday 31st Jan: 3rd week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry : 10am: John Thornton
Schull: 10am: No booking

Saturday 1st Feb: St. Brigid, Abbess & Patron of Ireland
Bantry HOSPITAL: 10am: Maureen, Chris & Brian Dempsey – Bauravilla, Skibbereen

Saturday 25th Jan: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle:
Bantry: 6.15pm: Jeremiah & Jane McCarthy – Newtown
Debbie Downey – Reendonagan – 27th anniv.
Joseph & Kathleen Coughlan – Scart
Sonny, Nora, James & Frank O'Mahony – Ards
Carrie Moore – Ardnagaoithe
Baby Billy Cronin - Borlin

Dromore: 8pm: Connie O'Regan – Kealanine – 3rd anniv.
Ethel Keohane – U.K – 30th anniv.
Margaret Barry - Gortnascreena
Lowertown: 8pm: Joseph Goggin Cloughanekilleen
Mary Hegarty Newcastle and Castlepoint.

Sun.26th Jan: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 9am: Mary Griffin – Reenrour East & Ballylickey
Breda & Florence O'Sullivan – Goureemore
Mary O'Sullivan – Durrus & Dublin – 1st anniv.
Josie O'Leary – Newcastle, UK – recent death.

Ballydehob: 9.00am: John O'Donovan – Leap – 10th anniv.
Durrus: 10am: Anthony Whooley, Ahakista.
Mary McGarrell, Durrus & Dublin.
Kealkil: 10.30am: Lucy Cronin Cupps, her husband John, parents Peter & Bridie & sister Marie Bower – Ardnaclohy
Sean O'Mahony – Maughnaclea
Cian McCarthy – Illane – Months Mind
Brigid O'Sullivan – Skahana
Mary, John & Dan O'Sullivan - Curraglass
Schull:10.30am: Paddy O'Regan – Gortnamona & his son in law Bruce Kelliher – Galway & Tralee
Jim Campion – Coorydorrigan, Schull – 1st anniv.

Caheragh:11.15am: Eileen O'Sullivan - Coolbui
Seamus Glanville – Gurrane – Moths Mind
Kilcrohane:11.30am: John Bowen - Ahakista
Goleen: 12noon: Dermot & Teresa Cullinae – Corelacka
Brendan Sheehan & deceased members of the Sheehan Family
Bantry: 12noon: Nancy O'Sullivan – Newtown East
Michael Buckley – Gurtnascreena
Mary Kate O'Driscoll – Donemark – 30th aniv.
Úna Pettit – The Sidings, Bantry – 1st anniv.
Bernie O'Sullivan - Droumsullivan

Monday 27th Jan: 3rd week in Ordinary Time:
Schull: 10am: Special Intention
Bantry:10am:
Marcus Lynch –Caherdaniel –Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday 28th Jan: 3rd week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: James & Mary Ellen Wiseman - Dromleigh
Goleen: 10am: NO MASS

Wednesday 29nd Jan: 3rd week in Ordinary Time:
Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes
Ballydehob:10am: Christy, Jimmy & Nora O'Sullivan
Ballyvinitier, Mallow & Gloun.

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
Thursday 30th Jan: 3rd week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: Cornelius O'Farrell – Slip Lawn – 6th anniv.
Goleen: 10am: No booking