



26th July 2026 Vol. 47.

CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte to Fr Jilson Kokkandathil

This weekend we welcome Fr Jilson Kokkandathil to Bantry Family of Parishes. Fr Jilson is no stranger to Bantry Church as he has been Chaplain to the Syro Malabar Church over the past few years. The community gather for Mass six times a year in St Finbarr's Church, Bantry. Syro-Malabar Catholics, also called "St Thomas Christians", trace their origins and faith to the missionary efforts of St. Thomas the Apostle, who landed at Kodungallur in Kerala, India, in 52 AD. The Syro-Malabar Church follows the East-Syrian liturgy which dates back to 3rd century.

Fr. Jilson comes from Kerela, India and was ordained for the Diocese of Mananthavady in 1994. He received a Licentiate in Liturgy from the Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome in 2000. He was rector of Mount Mary College (Minor Seminary) from 2003 to 2008 and has served many other appointments in his home Diocese.

We welcome into our Christian Community
Andy Dara Desmond – Coorycommane, Coomhola

The event itself, a rural tradition, is one of which our local community and the many visitors of West Cork love to attend annually. Bringing together families, neighbours, and friends it is a fun filled day to which there is something for everyone. The day is organised around one center point, a family fun day out, thus showcasing the very best of West Corks rural life.

Water Safety Ireland: The Summer week in Bantry is scheduled for week beginning August Monday 3rd 2026. Contact Hannah on 086-3958849 for more details.

Carers Coffee Morning: DATE: THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2026. TIME: 11am – 12.30pm. LOCATION: THE MARITIME HOTEL – (BAR \SNUG AREA), BANTRY. 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. Contact: Gemma Casey 087-910 3036 for further information

KARAOKE NIGHT: in the Quays Bar, Bantry on 8th August (9pm till late). All Proceeds go to Irish Cancer Society, Cancer Connect & Cork ARC. Contact Pádraig Moloney (087-217 3215). To Donate please go to: idonate (Fundraising by Eventmaster - *Padraig's Karaoke Fundraiser*).

Offertory Collection 12th July: Bantry: €2260 Schull:€1382
Muintir Bhaire:€1010 Goleen: €845 Caheragh: €615

Special collection for Diocesan Needs last w/e:
Bantry: €1895 Schull: €871 Muintir Bhaire: €635
Goleen: €524 Caheragh: €515

Since his arrival in Ireland in 2021, Fr Jilson has ministered in the Cathedral Family of Parishes, while residing in the South Parish. He will reside in the Presbytery, Bantry and will minister in all five parishes of our Family of Parishes. This weekend he will celebrate Sunday Masses in Kealkill at 10.30am and Bantry at 12noon.

We wish him every happiness in our Family of Parishes. Fr. Myles.

Dates for the Diary: Mass Schedule for 15th August:
Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 14th August – Vigil Mass:

Bantry Church: 6.15pm **Lowertown: 8pm** **Dromore: 8pm**

Saturday 15th August – Holy Day

Bantry Hospital Chapel: 10am	Schull:	10.30am
Kilcrohane: 11.30am	Bantry:	12noon
Kilmacomogue: 3pm : (Mass in Kealkil Church in bad weather)		

Vigil Mass for Sunday: Bantry: 6.15pm Lowertown: 8pm Dromore: 8pm

Dates for the Diary: Autumn Station Masses 2026: Autumn Station Masses will take place on the weekend of 23rd /24th August. Station Offering Envelopes will be available in the Church Porches. These offerings make up the income of the Priests.

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

Bridgette Coppinger – New York & Lisheens, Kealkil
Danny Coppinger – Lisheens, Kealkil
Timothy Cotter – Lissigriffin, Goleen

Saturday 1st August:

**17th Week in
Ordinary Time:
Bantry Hospital: 10am:
No Booking**

Call out for Volunteers to help with a Clean Up of Kilmaccommogue Graveyard which will take place next Tues 28th July at 7pm. All help very much appreciated. Thank You.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 25th July: St. James, Apostle:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Jeremiah Bob Griffin – Glenlough
John Coleman – San Francisco
Helen Andrews & Niamh Andrews – Slip Lawn
Eileen Bennett – Slip Park
Seamus O'Reilly - Ballylickey
Dromore:8pm: Mary Ward - Dromourneen
Tim Keohane – Devon, England – recently deceased
Lowertown: 8pm: Elizabeth & Philomena O'Donovan - Gunpoint

Sunday 26th July: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:9am: Nora & Noel Quill - Dromleigh

**Ballydehob: 9am: Anne Wallace (née Coughlan) – Dreenlomane,
Ballydehob & Schull – 7th anniv.
John Hickey – Skehanore, Ballydehob – 14th anniv.
Charles (anniv) & Josephine O'Regan – Ballydehob**

Durrus: 10am: Donal Burke
The Healy Family
Special Intention

Schull:10.30am:Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes

Kealkil:10.30am: Alan Manning & his grandparetns Dan & Margaret Manning – Carriganass
Rachel Cronin – Cahirmuckee
Dan O’Rourke – Incharoe
Nora O’Sullivan & Patrick O’Sullivan – Breenybeg
Chrissie O’Mahony – Lisheens
Joan Dunlea – Cahirmuckee – Months Mind
Mary Noonan – Cork – Months Mind

**Caheragh:11.15am: Finbarr O'Driscoll – Coolnaclehy
Tim Hegarty – Carrig
Kathy Armstrong - Bishopsland**

**Kilcrohane:11.30am: Curley O'Brien - Rusnacahera
Richard Tobin – Ballyruin – Birthday Remembrance**

**Goleen:12noon: Denis O’Sullivan – Balteen – 16th anniv.
Owen & Anna O’Sullivan – Realt na Mara, Colleras
Denis Twomey – Cork & Crookhaven (4th anniv) & his daughter
Jane Twomey (29th anniv)
Agnes Gilligan – 1st anniv.
Shay Casey – Cork & Crookhaven – 12th anniv.**

Bantry : 12noon: Mary Connolly (Blackrock Road), her parents Bruddy & Helena and brother Denis.

Mon 27th July: 17th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
Schull: 10am: No Booking

Tuesday 28th July: 17th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Sheila Goggin – Reenrour East
Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Wed. 29th July: 17th Week in Ordinary Time:

**Ballydehob:10am: Kathy O'Regan – Raheenroe, Ballydehob –
Birthday Remembrance**

Bantry:10am: Susan McSwiney and Teddy & Mary Murphy

Thursday 30th July: 17th Week in Ordinary Time:

**Bantry: 10am: Kathy O'Regan – Ballydehob & California -
Birthday Remembrance**
Goleen: 10am: Donor's Intentions

Friday 31st July: 17th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: Donal & Nora Minehane - Donemark
Schull: 10am: Donor's Intentions