

# BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Youth 2000 prayer meeting: A prayer meeting for young people aged 16 - 35 takes place on the first Saturday of the month (Sept - May incl.) in All Saints' Church, Drimoleague at 8pm. The next meeting takes place on Saturday 3rd May. The prayer meeting takes place in the prayer room to the side of the altar/sanctuary area and includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, gospel reading, songs and quiet prayer, followed by tea and a chat. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is most welcome. Enquiries: munster@youth2000.ie

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

# 40<sup>th</sup> All Ireland Rosary Rally

The Rosary Rally is being held at Knock Shrine on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June with Talks, Stations of the Cross, Rosarv and Holv Mass. A bus is being organised if anyone is interested in travelling from West Cork please call Karen on 087 6598933

#### **Community Notices**

Bantry & South West Cardiac Support Group: The April 2025 meeting of the Bantry and South West Cardiac Support Group will be held on Tuesday, April 29th at 8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building) P75 T611. Following on from last month's discussions on dealing with the shock of requiring surgery, this month will centre on the post op recovery, the dos and don'ts, and the gradual return to normal. Blood pressure will be taken from 7.30.

The free event entitled 'Managing and keeping your money safe' is on Tuesday 29 April 2025 (10am - 12pm) West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen. There will be more than 15 exhibitors on the day who will be available to support and advise attendees on matters such as Keeping your money safe from fraud. Budgeting. Preparing for financial emergencies. Supports that are available locally. How do you register to attend? Text or call Maeve on 086 771 3066. Register on the day at event.

On Monday 28th April at 8pm in the Christian Fellowship, Bantry Historical and archaeological Society will host a talk " Whiddy Island it's social, military and economic history " by Tim O Leary. Members free entry, non-members 5€. All are welcome

Recent Parish Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community

Maggie Anne Lannin – Gubeen, Schull

Liam Benjamin O'Sullivan - Cork City (Fr. Ben's Nephew)

Pope Francis: With great sadness, we join the universal Church in continuing to mourn the passing of Pope Francis, a shepherd who called us to walk with tenderness, mercy, and truth.

Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for all who grieve this significant loss. We give thanks for his witness, and we entrust him to the arms of our Heavenly Father.

#### **PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 2024**

The accounts for each of our five parishes in Bantry Family of Parishes are published this weekend in a supplement with the newsletter. It is a very detailed analysis of the incoming and outgoing resources. Repairs and maintenance continue to take their toll on income. You will see from Bantry Parish that the Church repair fund brought in over €27,000 while repairs cost more than double that at €69,000. As the years go on, the income will decrease while the maintenance will increase. At present, our family of parishes has 11 church buildings open for worship and 2 church buildings that are no longer in use. The church in Dunbeacon has been closed for many years and is in a process so that it can be sold once the paperwork is in order. Rushnacahara church didn't reopen after Covid restrictions and is used daily by the adjoining school. Parishes have halls, houses and other buildings with each requiring maintenance.

Each parish is required to pay two diocesan levies. 10% of the offertory collection goes towards the running of the Diocese while 8% of the offertory collection goes towards a benevolent fund for retired clergy. The financial landscape continues to change with the use of cards and each parish will need to adjust to this and other ways of financing the parish. New means will be explored in the coming months, and we will keep you updated. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.

Fr Myles who administers Bantry, Caheragh and Munitir Bháire and Fr Chris who administers Schull and Goleen.

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

Bruce Walter MacDonald - Great Falls, Virginia, USA & Durrow, Laois / Glengarriff, Co. Cork

Rebecca (Beckie) Anne O'Brien (née Kingston) – Ballybane, Ballydehob / Moynys, Drimoleague



Recent Parish Weddings

We congratulate the following couple who were married recently in our Family of Parishes..

Kathleen Donegan (Derrycluvane, Kilcrohane) & Darragh Dempsey (Skibbereen) who were married in Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church, Kilcrohane on Thursday 24th April, 2025

We wish Kathleen & Darragh every happiness in the years ahead



Divine Mercy Sunday: The annual Divine Mercy Novena in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on Sun. 27 April 2025. Confessions 2.30pm & Novena prayers at 3pm. All welcome.

> Offertory 18th April – Good Friday: Bantry: €770 Caheragh:€340 Muintir Bhaire:€245 Goleen € 215

#### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions:-

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Saturday:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Conor Morrissey – Newtown

John Downey – Dromdubh, Ballylickey

Mary T. O'Sullivan -Adrigole - Birthday Remembrance

Jerry Cronin – Skanhana Beg – Months Mind **Úna Crowley – Droumloughlin – Months Mind** 

**Dromore: 8pm: No booking** 

Lowertown: 8pm: Billy Roycroft - Derryleary.

Colman Coughlan - Durrus.

### Sun. 27th April: Second Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am: Ann O'Sullivan – Newtown

**Special Intention** 

Ballydehob: 9am: Mary McSweeney – Knockroe – 7th anniv Ita Harrington (19th anniv) & her husband Mark – Bantry

John Joe & Joan Leahy – Ballybawn, Ballydehob Mary O'Sullivan - South Schull & England- 2nd anniv

Durrus: 10am: Fr. Dan O'Donovan,

John Coughlan, Glenruin. Kathleen Wright.

Coomhola: 10.30am:

Mary Cronin & her parents Dan & Maggie Cronin

Schull:10.30am:Intentions of the People of the Family of Parishes Sheila Murphy – Seaview Terrace, Schull

Caheragh: 11.15am: Mary Kate O'Sullivan – Gortnascreeena

Nicholas Junior McCarthy - Colomane East

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Eileen Kelleher – Ahakista Fr. Jeremiah Donovan – Faramanagh

Jason Hegarty – Ahakista – Birthday Remembrance

Goleen: 12noon: Fr. Michael O'Driscoll - Dunmanus & USA

**Bantry: 12noon: Special Intention** Margot Murphy - Rathpeacon, Cork Jackie McCarthy - Ardnagaoithe

Phil Hurley - Slip

#### Monday 28th April: 2nd week of Easter:

Bantry:10am: Thomas O'Sullivan – Gearnies, Bantry – 4th anniv.

Schull: 10am: No booking

Tuesday 29th April: 2nd week of Easter:

**Bantry:10am: Special Intention** Goleen: 10am: Donor's Intentions

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter:

Ballydehob:10am: No booking

Bantry: 10am: Michael Maguire - Coomhola

Thursday 1st May: 2nd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Pádraig O'Donovan - Clonakilty

Goleen: 10am: Helen Notter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter:

**Bantry:10am: First Friday Shared Mass** 

Schull: 10am: Josie O'Driscoll - Orchard House, Schull

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: SS Philip & James, Apostles:

**Bantry HOSPITAL: 10am:** 

Mick & Tess O'Leary - Kilmore, Whiddy Island