

	BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER BANTRY PARISH, CAHERAGH PARISH, GOLEEN PARISH, MUINTIR BHAIRE PARISH, SCHULL PARISH Fr. Myles McSweeney: 086-1623031 (Bantry) Fr. Chris O'Donovan: 083 4374304 (Schull) Fr. Ben Hodnett: 089-4308735 (Bantry) Fr. Jilson Kokkandathil 089-2729066(Bantry) Fr. John C. O'Donovan: 028-52985 (Dromore) To contact Priest on duty (Bantry): 087-7999886 Parish office: Tel: 027-56398 email: bantryparishoffice@gmail.com Website: www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September 2026 Vol. 39.		 Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.
Gougane Barra Sunday - 27th September 2026 Confessions: 1.30pm Rosary: 2.30pm Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin Prayer to St. Finbarr O Glorious St. Finbarr, patron of Cork and beacon of faith, we humbly seek your intercession. As you once sought solitude and peace by the waters of Gougane Barra, calm the turbulent waters of our hearts. Grant us the guidance to seek truth, the strength to act with charity, and the faith to overcome challenges, mirroring your own devoted life. Amen.	The Gospel today reminds us that <u>our actions speak louder than our words</u>. Jesus tells the story of two sons asked by their father to work in the vineyard. One initially refuses but later changes his mind and goes; the other says yes but does not go. This challenges us to look honestly at our own response to God. It is easy to say “Yes, Lord” in prayer, but discipleship is shown in how we live that yes—in our kindness, forgiveness, generosity, patience and willingness to serve. The first son gives us hope. His initial refusal was not the end of his story. He changed his mind and acted. In the same way, God does not define us by our past mistakes or failures. <u>Conversion means allowing God's grace to change our direction</u>.		Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :- Sat 28th Sept: 25th Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry: 6.15pm: Dermot Lucey – Bantry – Months Mind Tom Smith – Ballylickey & Tullamore – 2nd anniv. Noel Horgan – Reenrour East – 2nd anniv. Hannah O'Connor – Old Barrack Road – 11th anniv. Maura Collins – Scart Special Intention Dromore:8pm: No Booking Lowertown: 8pm: Jeremiah O' Callaghan (1st anniv) Colla, his wife Joan O' Callaghan (28th anniv) & her mother Maura O'Callaghan – Letter, Goleen
Recent Parish Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community Ciarán Fionn Kingston – An Cnocán, Milleencoona, Bantry	Today, we might ask ourselves: <i>Where is God inviting me to say “yes” through my actions? Is there someone I need to forgive, help, encourage or reconcile with?</i> God's vineyard is all around us—in our families, workplaces, communities and relationships. Every day gives us another opportunity to respond to God's invitation, not merely with words, but with love put into action.		Sunday 27th Sept: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Bantry:9am: Jeremiah O’Sullivan Batt – Snavé – 2nd anniv. Ballydehob:9am: Denis & Kitty Keane - Bredagh Cross Sean & Mary O’Keeffe (Newmarket) and their infant children Anna & Niall whose birthdays occur at this time. Rita Sweeney – Mouladinna, Dunbeacon & Cussovinnia, Ballydehob – Months Mind Gerald & Mary Ellen Barry – Ballybawn East Durrus: 10am: Bridie Hayes - Dunbeacon
Diocese of Cork & Ross Mass Animated by Young Adults Ss. Peter and Paul’s Church, Cork City. Second Sunday of Every Month at 7pm. Animated by young adults with music, reading, serving, welcome & hospitality – All are Welcome! youthministry@corkandross.org	Prayer: <i>Lord Jesus, help me to move beyond words and follow you through my actions. When I have said “no” to you, give me the grace to begin again. Make my life a faithful “yes” to your love, especially in the way I treat those around me. Amen.</i>		Schull:10.30am: Tim & Eileen Sheehan – Kilbronogue Patrick O’Regan – Seaview Terrace, Schull Coomhola:10.30am: Megan Welsh – New York Elizabeth Keohane, her husband Michael & their sons John, Michael & Denis - Inchinagown
Creative Art Mornings for Family Carers Are you a Family Carer? Are you caring for family member or 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: Ballydehob Community Hall Dates: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th October (Wednesdays) Time: 11am - 1pm. The session is free, but <u>booking is essential</u>. 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	<u>Died Recently:</u>We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of: Maureen O’Connell (née Goulding) – Dunmanus, Goleen Bridie Kennedy (née McCarthy) – Lissacaha North, Schull John Keohane – Inchinagown, Coomhola Patrick (Pat) Morrissey – Newtown, Bantry / Thurles, Tipperary		Caheragh:11.15am: John, Bridget & Ann Burke – Lacka Tommy Burke - Glounaphooka Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes Kilcrohane:11.30am: Frances Tobin – Inchinalought – 2nd anniv. Jack Daly – Cahir – 3rd anniv. Pat Joe O’Donovan & his son Peter - Faramanagh Goleen:12noon: No Booking Bantry:12noon: Julia O’Connor – Kealkil Denis Hurley – Slip, Bantry
Farmers' March: A commemoration to mark the 60th anniversary of the farmers' march to Dublin in 1966 will take place in Bantry Square on Saturday next, October 3rd, at 2.30pm. It will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.	Offertory Collection 20th Sept: Bantry: €2270 Schull:€1105 Muintir Bhaire:€655 Goleen: €485 Caheragh: €676 Special Collection for Priesthood Education: Bantry: €2005 Schull:€717 Muintir Bhaire:€540 Goleen: €361 Caheragh: €678 The Church Maintenance Fund collection will be take up in all churches next weekend, 4th Oct.	Fri 2nd Oct: 26th Week in Ordinary Time: The Guardian Angels: Bantry:10am: 1st Friday Shared Mass Schull:10am: Donor’s Intention Saturday 3rd Oct: 26th Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry Hospital: 10am: No Booking	Mon 28th Sept: 26th Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry:10am: Jack & Mary McCarthy – Drimoleague Con & Joan O’Sullivan - Enniskeane Schull: 10am: Donor’s Intentions Tuesday 29th Sept: SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels: Bantry: 10am: Jeremiah Griffin – Marino Street Wed. 30th Sept: 26th Week in Ordinary Time: Ballydehob:10am: Private Intention Bantry: 10am: No Booking Thursday 1st Oct: 26th Week in Ordinary Time: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church Bantry:10am: Mass for a Wedding Anniversary Goleen: 10am: No Booking