

BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: St.John, Apostle & evangelist

Bantry: 6.15pm: Denis Gilley – Caher – 30<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Hannie Harrington – George’s Row

Catherine Coppinger – Scart Road & Ards, Bantry – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.

Christy & Chrissie O’Leary - Cappanavar

Dromore: 8pm: Bill Wilcox - Dromore.

Martha Collins - Colomane West - 3rd Anniv.

Lowertown: 8pm:

Patricia O’Mahony and deceased members of her family.

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

Bantry: 9am: Tommy Murray – Ballylickey

Special Intention

Ballydehob: 9am: Con & Minnie McDonald (Cooragurteen) & their son-in-law John Roycroft (Bawnknockane, Ballydehob)

Phlomena & John Hegarty – Cappamore, Ballydehob

Joe Salter – Letter & Cooragurteen, Ballydehob

Mansie Roycroft, his wife Marie & son Billy - Derryleary

Durrus: 10am:

Bill Cottor(10 Anniv), his wife Mary & daughter Ann.

Schull:10.30am: Cathy & Denis Collins – Caherlaska

Neil Cotter – Colla, Schull

Kealkil:10.30am: Mary O’Reilly – Kealkil

Val Manning (1<sup>st</sup> anniv) & his parents Tim & Joe Manning – Ballylickey

Cian McCarthy – Illane, Kealkil – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.

Daniel Murnane – UK and Breenymore

Ted Murnane - Maughnaclea

Caheragh:11.15am: Seamus Glanville (1<sup>st</sup> anniv) – Gurranes & his parents Billy & Joan Glanville and his aunt Sheila Shanahan – Lowertown.

Kilcrohane:11.30am: Danny McCarthy - Kilcrohane

Goleen:12noon: Noel O’Donovan – Milleen

Brendan Sheehan & all deceased members of the Sheehan Family

Bantry : 12noon: Joe Burke – Droumaduneen – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.

Cian McCarthy – Illane, Kealkil – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.

Special Intention

Tom Smyth - Ballylickey

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: 5<sup>th</sup> Day of the Octave of Christmas:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Schull: 10am: No booking

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec: 6<sup>th</sup> Day of the Octave of Christmas:

Bantry:10am: Eithne O’Mahony – High Street, Bantry

Goleen: 10am:

Tom Sheehan & his parents William & Elizabeth Sheehan

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 7<sup>th</sup> Day of the Octave of Christmas:

Ballydehob:10am: No booking

Bantry: 10m: Special Intention

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January: Mary, The Holy Mother of God:

Bantry: 10am: Colm Forde - Shannon

Goleen: 10am: No booking

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Before Epiphany:

Bantry:10am: First Friday Shared Mass

Schull: 10am: Dominic Hodnett (followed by Burial of Ashes)

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Before Epiphany:

Bantry Hospital: 10am: Special Intention

The Year Ahead

May God make our new year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making our path easy,

But by making us sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from us,

But by taking fear from our heart;

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making our life always pleasant,

But by showing us when people

and their causes need us most

And by making us anxious to be there to help.

God’s love, peace, hope and

joy to us for the year ahead.

Author unknown, adapted by Debra Mooney

Recent Parish Baptisms:



We welcome into our Christian Community

Charley John Barry – Rushmount, Aughaville



Ruairi Kevin Casey – Maroubra, NSW, Australia

& Cappanalohana, Bantry

ALONE the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. 1hr a week can make all the difference! Call 0801 222 024 or see ALONE.ie/Volunteer.



Bantry Hospice Christmas Memory Ribbons.



Remember a loved one and hang a Ribbon on the Bantry Hospice Memory Tree this Christmas, help us light up Wolfe Tone Square.

Each ribbon will shine brightly throughout the festive season, illuminating cherished memories of loved ones and offering comfort to families and friends. Ribbons (Donation based) are available from The Gift Shop and at the Bantry Tourist Office, Our Thanks to both. By donating, you are not only honouring someone special in your life but also helping us continue our vital support in West Cork.Thank you for your kindness and generosity as always, Together, we can make this season brighter for everyone.

BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR 2026

10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> January - DIOCESAN NEEDS 1

7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> February - LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> March - IRISH BISHOPS’ COMMISSIONS

21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> March - SPRING STATIONS

28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> March - DIOCESAN NEEDS 2

3<sup>rd</sup> April - HOLY PLACES GOOD FRIDAY

9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> May - MISSION AND MINISTRY

27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> June - PETERS PENCE

18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> July - DIOCESAN NEEDS 3

23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> August - AUTUMN STATIONS

19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> September- PRIESTHOOD EDUCATION

10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> October - DIOCESAN NEEDS 4

17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> October - PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> November - DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Maintenance Collection on the First Sunday of the month

January 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>

February Jan 31<sup>st</sup> / Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

March Feb 28<sup>th</sup> / March 1<sup>st</sup>

April Easter Sunday

May 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup>

June 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup>

July 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup>

August 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>

September 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>

October Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>

November 31<sup>st</sup>/ Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

December 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Kay Burke (née Buckley) - Cashelane, Dunbeacon, Durrus & Grenagh, Cork

Eileen Carroll (née Barr) – Reenrour East, Bantry

Thought for the New Year:

Our God moves in the quiet, everyday moments. He pierces our heart, inviting us to him, and quietly waits for our response. This New Year’s, let us rest at the manger of the Divine Infant. Bring your feelings of weariness and despair to Him. Be with the Lord and let Him love you only like he can love you. Your heart may still be restless, but the Lord is with you and is drawing you ever closer to His Heart. In drawing nearer to Him, may we surrender our expectations for this new year and trust in His plan.

Offerstory Collection 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: Bantry: €2375 Caheragh: €695

Muintir Bhaire: €785 Schull: €790 Goleen: €465

Special collection for the Church Maintennce Fund will tke place in all churches in Bantry Family of Parishes next weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> January.