



# BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 VOL.21. NO 4

## LOURDES Bantry Family of Parishes & Friends Pilgrimage

15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 \*Ex Cork\*

Spiritual Director: Fr. Noel O'Leary SMA

Group Leaders: John & Marian Minehane

Accommodation: Agena Hotel

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## Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in Lowertown Church on Sunday the 28th of January, 2024 from 4 - 5pm.

### Prayer to Saint Brigid - Feastday 1<sup>st</sup> February

This year we mark the 1,500 anniversary of St. Brigid's passing.

You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the Mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen

### February Feast Days

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Feast of St. Brigid: St. Brigid Crosses will be blessed at 10am Mass in Bantry Church

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Feast of the Presentation: Candles will be blessed at 10am Mass in Bantry Church. Gifts of Candles for our Churches would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Feast of St. Blaise: Blessing of Throats will take place after 10am Mass in Bantry Church.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: World Day of the Sick: There will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick in St Finbarr's Church, Bantry that afternoon at 3.00pm.

These are Family of Parishes Events & all are welcome.

SVP Thank you: The Bantry Conference of St Vincent de Paul has expressed its thanks to all who contributed so generously to their Christmas Appeal and to the Priests of the parish for their support. St Vincent de Paul assists families with education, fuel and living expenses. These donations will help to improve the situations that those facing financial hardship are experiencing. The sum raised was €5,524 including €955 raised by McGee's Christmas Lights. Thankyou.

## Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

### Sat.27<sup>th</sup> Jan: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Joe & Kathleen Coughlan – Scart

Carrie Moore – Ardnagaoithe – 10<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Michael & Eileen O'Sullivan – Rooska & Leicestershire

Paddy O'Shea – Chapel Street

Catherine Coppinger – Scart Road & Ards – Months Mind

Dromore: 8pm: Connie O'Regan - Kealanine - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.

Lowertown: 8pm: Mary Hegarty – Newcastle & Castlepoint

### Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am: Bill Bennet – Slip Park – 5<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Mary Griffin – Reenrour East

Breda & Florence O'Sullivan – Gouremore

Damien Buckley – Knockgorm, Drimoleague – 14<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Ballydehob: 9.00am: Michael & Nora O'Regan – East End

Denis O'Sullivan - Scarteenakilleen

Durrus: 10m: Flor & Dan McCarthy – Blairs Cove, Ardogenea

Kealkil:10.30am: Brigid O'Sullivan – Skehana – 4<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Lucy Cronin Cupps (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.), her husband John Cronin Cupps, her sister Marie Bowen & her Parents Peter & Bridie Cussen.

Mary Kelleher – Moulavanig – Months Mind

Pat & Nora O'Sullivan - Breenybeg

Patrick Kelleher – Ahil, Kealkil

Schull: 10.30am: No booking

Caheragh: 11.15am: Eileen O'Sullivan – Coolbui

Susie O'Donovan – Clohane

Ellen O'Mahny – Inchabegga

Pat Joe O'Connor - Inchabegga

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: John Bowen – Ahakista

Denis O'Sullan – Eskeraha & Switzerland.

Goleen: 12noon: Dermot & Tess Cullinane - Corelacka

Bantry: 12noon:Nancy O'Sullivan – Newtown East

Kathleen Corridan (nee Kelly) – Church Road – 8<sup>th</sup> anniv.

John & Michael Lynch – Dromdaniel

Mary O'Rordan – Kilnamatryra

Joe Burke – Droumaduneeen – Months Mind

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: Con Manning & his son Danny - Dromacousane

Schull: 10am: No booking

### Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan: 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: John & Jane Kelly - Scart

Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

### Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan : 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes

Ballydehob:10am: No booking

Bantry: 10am: John Thornton - Derrinkealig

### Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland:

Bantry: 10am: Mary & Denis McCarthy – Parade Field, Bantry & San Diego, California

Goleen: 10am: No booking

### Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: The Presentation of the Lord:

Bantry: 10am: First Friday Shared Mass

Schull: 10am: No booking

### Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

### Died Recently:

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

**Mamie Keohane - Clouncuggar, Caheragh**

**Cornelius (Con) O'Sullivan – Lowertown, Schull and  
Trafask, Adrigole.**

Rest in Peace

Communion Calls: Fr. Martin will visit his Communion calls this week.

Sycamore Series for Young Adults- Exploring Catholic Faith: Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us as we deepen our understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Start date Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, 6pm-8pm at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP. The course runs for 10 consecutive weeks. The course is free, but places are limited. Please email [chaplaincy@ucc.ie](mailto:chaplaincy@ucc.ie) or ring 0214902459 to let us know you are interested.

Offertory Collection Amounts for w/e 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Bantry: €2010

Schull:€605 Goleen:€445 Muintir Bhaire: €535

Special Collection will take place next weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> February in all Churches for the Church Repair Fund

Gaelscoil Bheanntaí will be hold an Open Day on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. (1-3pm). Beidh fáilte roimh chách. Páistí who are interested in starting school there next Sept. are encouraged to come along with parents/guardians on the day. This is an invite to see the school, facilities, classes & múinteoirí.

2024 Rotas (Jan-June) for Ministers of the Word & the Eucharist, Cantors & Collectors in Bantry Church are available now. Please call to the Sacristy/Parish Office to collect your rota. Thank you. We ask that all Ministers arrange a sub if you cannot attend on your scheduled day.

Are you a Family Carer: Come along for a morning of fun & relaxation at a Creative Carers Art morning in Arran Street East, Schull on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January @ 11am-1pm. Booking is essential – please contact Lorna Harte on 087-4001763. No experience necessary

Computer skills course / technology in Colaiste Pobail , Bantry for the Active Retired working with the transition year students to commence on 19<sup>th</sup> February, from 2.30 to 3.30, if interested please they can ring 086 726 1086 to book a place.

Bantry Flower & Garden Club presents Garden Talk "Spring Planting & Garden Maintenance" by Future Forests on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of February @ 8pm in the Westlodge Hotel

Bantry Historical Society: On Wednesday next the 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8pm in the Christian Fellowship Colum Hourihane will deliver an illustrated talk based on his latest book "Life and Work in Bantry" All are welcome. Free entry for members, non members €5