



## BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 VOL.22. NO.1

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs:**  
 Bantry: 6.15pm: Catherine Coppinger – Scart Road & Ards  
 Christy & Chrissie O’Leary – Cappanavar  
 Joe Burke – Droumaduneen West – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.  
 Special Intention  
 Dromore: 8pm: Martha Collins – Colomane West – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
 Bill Wilcox - Dromore  
 Lowertown: 8pm:  
**Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:**  
 Bantry: 9am: Tommy Murray – Ballickey  
 Denis Burke (62<sup>nd</sup> anniv), his wife Eileen & Brother Donal - Whiddy  
 Ballydehob: 9.00am: Con & Minnie McDonald – Coragurteen,  
 Ballydehob & their son in law John Roycroft – Bawnknockane  
 Siobhan (5<sup>th</sup> anniv) & Pat Joe O’Sullivan - Gortnagrough  
 Durrus: 10am: Timothy & Nora O’Donovan - Kealties  
 Tim O’Regan - Knockeen - 40th Anniv  
 Kealkil: 10.30am: Ted Murnane – Maughnaclea  
 Daniel Murnane – Breenymore & London  
 Janie Kingston - Main Street, Drimoleague  
 Schull: 10.30am: Frank & Kay O’Driscoll – East End, Schull  
 Caheragh: 11.15am:  
 Chris, Maureen, Tony & Brian Dempsey - Bauravilla  
 Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Danny McCarthy - Kilcrohane  
 Peter O’Donovan – Lower Faramanagh – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv  
 Peggy & Tim O’Driscoll – Eskeraha  
 Michael Tuohy  
 Goleen: 12noon: Michael O’Hanlon  
 Bantry: 12noon: Sheila Fox – Moulivard & London  
 Sheila Murphy – Rossmakeown & UK (recent death)  
 Teddy O’Donovan & his father Pat O’Donovan – Rea, Caheragh

### O Sacred and Adorable Trinity

Hear our prayers on behalf of our Holy Father, the Pope, our Bishops, our Clergy and for all that are in authority over us.

Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat.

May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspiration and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

(Catholic on-line)

**Celebrating Altar Servers:** Altar servers are a really important ministry in each of our Parishes. Since Covid some Parishes have struggled to re-engage Altar Servers. The Office for Mission and Ministry and the Coordinator for Youth Ministry are looking at ways of supporting Parishes to develop or introduce Altar Servers.

A first step is to gather with all of our Altar Servers and those priests and adult volunteers who look after them to celebrate Altar Serving in a fun atmosphere and to look at how we can together develop this ministry. We are gathering on **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm to 4.00pm** (venue to be confirmed).

### Bantry Family of Parishes & Friends Spiritual Director: Fr. Noel O’Leary SMA 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Cost includes: Charter flight from Cork to Lourdes return (Tarbes or Pau airport). All meals in Lourdes. Accommodation sharing twin or triple bedded rooms with facilities. Transfers to and from Lourdes Airport to hotel. Government taxes. For further enquiries please contact: Barter’s Travelnet Cork: 92 Patrick Street, Cork Tel: 021-4851700 or John Minehane: tel. 087-8347318 or email: [john.minehane@gmail.com](mailto:john.minehane@gmail.com)

**Bantry Family of Parishes - Thank you:** The Priests of the Family of Parishes wish to thank all who helped out during Christmas. The Sacristans, the Eucharistic Ministers & Readers, the Collectors & Counters, the Choirs & Cantors, the Altar Servers, the Altar Societies and those who put up the Cribs & Christmas Trees.

### Schedule 2025

**Feast of the Epiphany – Holy Day on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil Masses on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Bantry at 6.15pm Lowertown at 8.00pm.

**Holyday Masses:** Schull at 10.30am Kilcrohane at 11.30am  
 Bantry at 12noon Caheragh at 7.00pm

**Spring Station Masses:** Weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Autumn Station Masses:** Weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Baptisms are alternated in Kealkil & Coomhola and take place on the First Saturday of the Month at 4pm.**

**Coomhola: January, March, May, July, September, November**

**Kealkil: February, April, June, August, October, December**

#### Mass Dates in Coomhola 2025

<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>

#### Mass Dates in Kealkil 2025

<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> June 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>

#### BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR 2025

11th /12th January: DIOCESAN NEEDS 1	8th /9th February: LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
8th /9th March: IRISH BISHOPS’ COMMISSIONS	22nd /23 rd March: SPRING STATIONS
29th /30 <sup>TH</sup> March: DIOCESAN NEEDS 2	18th April HOLY PLACES: GOOD FRIDAY
10th /11th May: MISSION AND MINISTRY	21st /22nd June: PETERS PENCE
19th /20th July: DIOCESAN NEEDS 3	20 <sup>th</sup> /21st Sept: PRIESTHOOD EDUCATION
27th /28th September: AUTUMN STATIONS	11th /12th October: DIOCESAN NEEDS 4
18th /19th October : PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH	8th/9th Nov: DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Parish Maintenance Collection on the First Sunday of the month

January 4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup>	February 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	March 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>
April 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	June 7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup>
July 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup>	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup>	September 6 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup>
October 4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup>	November 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>	December 6 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup>

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec: 6<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of Christmas:

Bantry: 10am: Eithne O’Mahony – High Street  
 Schull: 10am: No booking

### Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 7<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of Christmas:

Bantry: 10am: Paul Joseph O’Mahony - Ardnathrush  
 Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

### Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan: Mary, The Holy Mother of God:

Durrus: 11am: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME IN DURRUS ON NEW YEARS DAY: People of the Family of Parishes  
 Ballydehob: 10am: Timothy Duggan – Foilnamuck, Ballydehob  
 Patrick Duggan – Gortnagrough, Ballydehob  
 Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

### Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Before Epiphany:

Bantry: 10am: The Deceased Sisters of Mercy - Bantry  
 Goleen: 10am: No booking

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Before Epiphany:

Bantry : 10am: First Friday Shared Mass  
 Schull: 10am: No booking  
**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan: Before Epiphany:**  
 Bantry Hospital: 10am: Myrna de la Peña

**Come and Discover Alpha:** Would your Parish or Family of Parishes like to find out more about Alpha? We are hosting a ‘Come and Discover Alpha’ day from 10am to 4pm in the Visitor Centre of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on Saturday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. In the morning, you will have the opportunity to experience a full Alpha session. Registration is essential: <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry>