



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 21st March: 5th week of Lent:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Elizabeth Lily Griffin – Glenlough

Mary Milner – Newtown

Joseph & Catherine Lynch – Marian Terrace

Johanna Keane – Cahir

Sr. Sheila Minehane – Bantry, Schull & Cork – 1st anniv

Dromore: 8pm: No Booking

Lowertown: 8pm: Junior Moynihan - Lowertown

Jim Shanahan - Union Hall.

Sun. 29th March: Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion:

Bantry: 9am: Eileen O'Sullivan – Georges Row – 5th anniv.

Kathleen Burke – 1 Marino Terrace – 3rd anniv.

Mass for Healing

Ballydehob: 9am:

Catherine McSweeney – Knockroe, Ballydehob

Durrus: 10am:

Philip, William, Mary Anne & Hannie Spillane - Moulivard

Schull: 10.30am: Eileen Scully – Dunkelly, Goleen – 37th anniv

Coomhola: 10.30am:

John Patrick Harrington – Derrynakilla, Coomhola – 6th anniv.

Harry & Mary O'Leary – Inchinagown

Michael & Elizabeth Keohane & their son Denis - Inchinagown

Caheragh: 11.15am: Denis & Rita Collins (Dreenavirihy) & their

son-in-law Lloyd Dalton – Greenmount & Ballincollig – 1st anniv.

Paddy & Philomena Hegarty - Caheragh

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Joan Kelleher & her son Patrick – Cappabui

Joe & Sheila Nicholas (Roskerrig), their parents, their son

Michael and their grandson Stephen

Con Lehane (Fawnmore) & his daughter Emily Coppinger

(Bantry)

Goleen: 12noon: Laura O'Meara (2nd anniv) & her father

Denny O'Meara (Birthday Remembrance) - Goleen

Helen Notter – Goleen & Crookhaven (1st anniv) & her

father Tom Notter

Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes

Bantry : 12noon: Betty Hunt – Slip Park

John Sweeney – Newtown – 20th anniv.

Pat McCarthy – Seskin

Jody & Jim McGlinchey – Reenrour East

Denis & Mary Levis - Dunbeacon

Mon 30th March: Monday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am: No booking

Schull: 10am: Private Intention

Tuesday 31st March: Tuesday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am: Mass of Thanksgiving

Goleen: 10am: Ethel O'Sullivan

Wednesday 1st April: Wednesday in Holy Week:

Ballydehob: 10am: No booking

Bantry: 10am: Donal O'Leary – Lackareagh – 1st anniv.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday :

See overleaf

Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on the 12th of April beginning at 2.30pm. Blessing of Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction. Concluding @ 4pm (approx). All are welcome.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

Jessie Laura Harnedy – Caheragh, Drimoleague

Coomhola National School: We have now a Can/Bottle recycling bin at the top gate of the school if anyone would like to bring clean bottles and cans the funds from this will go to fundraising for Coomhola National School. Also we are having and School Quiz will take place in the Ouvane Falls on 24th April 7.30pm

It's Monday Movie time again for Seniors (over 55) from the Bantry area. Another old movie from the 50's, 60's & 70's will be shown at 11am in Cinemax Bantry on Monday next March 30th. We hope you enjoy it.

Monster Easter Bingo, Sunday 5th April, at Bantry Boy's Club at 3pm. Doors open at 2pm. Prizes worth €1,000. Fundraiser for the Bantry Bay Lion's Club.

Caheragh Threshing AGM takes place on Tuesday 31st March 08.30pm at the Travellers Rest, Caheragh. All members & new members are welcome to attend.

Bantry Memory Café: Next Café Wednesday 1st April (11am-1pm) in The Mizen Room, The Maritime Hotel. This month, Norma Mulcahy – Stay strong & steady on your feet!. The free café hopes to provide a warm welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their friends & family as well as health & social care professionals.. Contact Gemma on 087-9103036 for further details.

Offertory Collection 15th March: Bantry: €2440 Caheragh:€ 745 MuintirBhaire:€ Schull:€1063 Goleen: €440

There will be a special collection taken up in the Diocese for Diocesan Needs on this weekend, 28th/29th March

There will be no collection for the Church Maintenance Fund on next weekend, 5th April, as it is Easter Sunday

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to the pupils of Derrycreha, Coomhola, Dromclough & Kealkil National Schools in Bantry Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Monday, 23rd March. We also congratulate the children of Carrigboy, Kilcrohane and Rusnacahera National Schools in Muintir Bhaire Parish, who received their Confirmation on Thursday last 26th March.

Bishop Fintan Gavin, Bishop Noel O'Regan & Fr. Myles McSweeney administered the Sacrament to the young people. Many thanks to all who helped prepare for the day. The next Confirmation in our Family of parishes will be in Schull Church on Monday 27th April at 10.30am for pupils of Schull N.S. and Goleen N.S.

Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in Lowertown Church on Sunday the 29th of March, 2026 from 4 - 5pm.

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

John Dineen – England & late of Barna, Caheragh

Michael 'Mickey' Coppinger - Bantry

Station Offerings

The Clergy of the Bantry Family of Parishes wish to thank all those who returned their station offering envelopes at the Masses last weekend. Envelopes can still be returned to your local Church. These offerings make up the income of the Priests.

The Autumn Station Sunday will take place over the weekend of the 23rd & 24th August. These, along with the Easter & Christmas Offerings, make up the income of the Priests. The Easter Offerings Envelopes are now available in the porches of each of our Churches. We thank you for your continued support.

Caheragh Folk Group are hosting a **Reflective Prayer service around the Cross on Good Friday at 8pm in Caheragh Church. All welcome to gather in candlelight with song and contemplation remembering the Crucifixion and death of Jesus.**

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a demonstration with Breda Keohane, Ballinhassig on Wednesday 8th April at 8.15pm in Abbeystrewery Hall. All very welcome. Come along and enjoy.

Irish Cancer Society: On behalf of the organisers of **Daffodil Day**, we would like to thank all the volunteers and everyone who supported the day. **€10,989.70 was raised in total.**



A Palm Sunday Prayer: "Lord Jesus, we gather today to shout 'Hosanna!' and hail you as our King, just as the crowd did in Jerusalem. We honor you, not on a white stallion, but on a humble donkey—a servant King who came to turn our world upside down. As we enter this Holy Week, prepare our hearts to follow you from the parade to the cross, knowing that through your suffering and resurrection, you have defeated sin and death. We invite you to enter our lives, not just for a moment of praise, but to reign in our hearts forever. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen"