



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2ND FEBRUARY 2025 VOL.23. NO.6

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Saturday: 1st Feb: St. Brigid, Abbess & Patron of Ireland
 Bantry: 6.15pm: Florrie Abbott – Gurtycloona
 Paddy O'Shea – Chapel Street
 Mary & Denis McCarthy – Parade Field, Bantry & San Diego
 Bill Bennett - Slip Park – 6th anniv.
 Joe Keane – Glengarriff Road
 Donal Keohane – Scart Road & New York – recent death
 Dromore: 8pm: No booking
 Lowertown: 8pm: Seamus & Patricia Collins – Lowertown
 Molly Collins - Ardnavinna
Sun. 2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord:
 Bantry: 9am: Fr. Joe Spillane – 7th anniv.
 Mary Sugrue – Market Street
 The Sugrue Family – Blackrock Road
 Ballydehob: 9.00am: Bill Bennett – Cooragurteen – 4th anniv.
 Fr. Joe Spillane – Ballydehob – 7th anniv.
 Durrus: 10am: Michael & Mary O'Driscoll – Coolculaghta
 Timothy O'Donovan - Tooreen
 Coomhola: 10.30am: Michael Coppinger – Lisheens
 Teddy O'Driscoll – Snave
 Donie & Mary O'Sullivan – Blackwater
 Patrick O'Shea – Kenmare – 1st anniv
 Baby Billy Cronin – Borlin
 Bernadette Lynch – Breenybeg, Kealkill – 1st anniv.
 Schull: 10.30am: Nan & Joe Sheehan - Rossbrin
 Nora Egan – Colla Road, Schull & Crosshaven – Months Mind
 Dan & Rita McCarthy – South Schull
 Caheragh: 11.15am: No booking
 Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Ann Coughlan & her brother Timmy Coughlan (30th anniv) & all deceased - Kilcrohane
 Goleen: 12noon: Special Intention
 Bantry: 12noon: John & Michael Lynch – Dromdaniel
 Mary O'Riordan – Kilnamartra
 Mary Jane O'Sullivan – Goreemore
 Con & Kathleen Whooley – Dromclough
 Special Intention
Monday 3rd Feb: 4th week in Ordinary Time:
 Schull: 12noon: Special Intention
 Bantry: 10am: Eileen Regan (3rd anniv) & her husband Patrick Regan – Months Mind.
Tuesday 4th Feb: 4th week in Ordinary Time:
 Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
 Goleen: 10am: Reserved
Wednesday 5th Feb: 4th week in Ordinary Time:
 Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes
 Ballydehob: 10am: No booking
 Bantry: 10am: All those buried in unmarked graves in our graveyards & those who have nobody to remember them.
Thursday 6th Feb: 4th week in Ordinary Time:
 Bantry: 10am: Dom Breslin
 Goleen: 10am: No booking
Friday 7th Feb: 4th week in Ordinary Time:
 Bantry : 10am: Karen Keogh – Birthday Remembrance

Saint Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.
 Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
 Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
 Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.
 Bless every foot that walks portals through
 May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.
 Amen

Died Recently:

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

John Oliver Regan – Upper Seskin, Bantry
Paul O'Neill – Breenybeg, Kealkill
REST IN PEACE

Kealkill Church: We invite new people to volunteer to be Ministers of the Eucharist in Kealkill Church. You would be very welcome. Please contact Sheila (087 9585270) or the Parish office (027-56398). Thank You.

February Feast Days

Monday 3rd February: Feast of St. Blaise: Blessing of Throats will take place after 10am Mass in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry and after 12 noon Mass in St. Mary's Church, Schull.

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 on Sunday 9th February at 3.00pm. This is a Family of Parishes Event & all are welcome.

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment Family of Parish Gatherings – Next Steps:

The meetings for Bantry Family of Parishes (Bantry, Caheragh, Goleen, Muintir Bhaire and Schull) will take place in The Westlodge Hotel, Bantry on Tuesday 25th March, Tuesday 1st April and Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm each evening. Those from our Family of Parishes who attended the Sunday afternoon in Fernhill House before Christmas are requested to attend the meetings in The Westlodge Hotel

Meeting of Funeral Ministers: There will be a meeting for all Funeral Ministers in our Family of Parishes on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Upper Sacristy of St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry.

Gaelscoil Bheanntraí

Gaelscoil Bheanntraí will be holding their open evening on Wednesday, 5th February from 6-8. Beidh fáilte roimh chách. Páistí who are interested in starting school there next September are encouraged to come along with parents/guardians on the evening.

Offertory 26th Jan: Bantry: €1955 Caheragh: €778
 Schull: €713 Muintir Bhaire: €515 Goleen €405
 The Special Collection for Parish maintenance will be taken up this weekend, Feb. 1st & 2nd in all Churches of the family of Parishes.
 There will be a special collection in all Churches of the Diocese to support the Lourdes Pilgrimage on the weekend of the 8th / 9th February.

Community Notices

Bantry Memory Café Bantry Memory Café's coffee morning takes place on Wednesday 5th February from 11am to 1pm in the Mizen Room of the Maritime Hotel, Bantry This month Anne O'Donovan from Bantry Citizens Information Centre will give a talk on Financial Advice & Management. Bantry Memory café provides a warm and welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia/ cognitive impairment, their friends & family as well as health & social care professionals. Contact: 087-910 3036 for further details. Memory Café is run in partnership by the Family Carers & Older Persons Initiative at Local Link, the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, the HSE (Bantry Primary Care Team, Bantry General Hospital & Cork South Community Work Department), Bantry Age Friendly Dementia Sub-group & other volunteers.

Thank you from the Gaffney Family to all those who supported their Christmas Lights in Kilcrohane last year. A total of €971 was raised for the Jack & Jill Foundation.

New gymnastics club in Goleen Community Centre on Wednesdays for children as young as 1 up to age 13. Suitable for boys and girls and no experience needed. For more information or to book call/text 086 733 7561.

Bantry Flower & Garden Club presents Michael Burke, Skibbereen, who will give a "Garden Talk, Soil & Plant Nutrition" on Monday 3rd of February @ 8pm in the Westlodge Hotel ten euros per night. Refreshments served. All are welcome.

Saturday 8th Feb: 4th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry HOSPITAL: 10am: Hannah O'Sullivan – Ardkillen, Cork