



## BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Youth 2000 retreat:** The spring Munster Youth 2000 retreat will take place at Knockadoon Camp, Co. Cork from Friday evening 7th - Sunday 9th March. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. Donation only, suggested donation €75 pp (includes accommodation and meals). Please see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

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

**Marion Bowen Madden – London & late of Rathura, Schull**

**Kathleen Harrington – Skeaghanore, Ballydehob**

**Sr. Mary (Maura) Cullinane D.C. – Dublin & late of Gearagh, Kealkil**

**Brigid (Breda) Lonergan (née Barnett) – England & formerly of Goleen**

**REST IN PEACE**

### Community Notices

**National Learning Network, West Cork.** Are you looking for a job and need to retrain or up-skill? National Learning Network provides personalised training and support to people who are looking for direction. We have a wide range of FREE practical and certified training opportunities are on offer in West Cork. Social Welfare entitlements unaffected and maybe increased for under 26. Life skills like driving lessons are also supported. We have a new Office Administration QQI L5 course now available & you can join at any time. For info. & transport details contact: Mary Deane (027 51027) or [westcork@nlm.ie](mailto:westcork@nlm.ie)

**Nutrition talk in Schull:** Join us on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 11am in the Old Boys School, Schull for a talk on nutrition with *Gwen Bastian-Enright, MSc, dipNT nutritional therapist*. Learn about how foods and nutrients can support both physical and mental health without being complicated or requiring daily visits to an organic market! Gwen will expand on key nutrients such as vitamin D, focus on supporting digestion and absorption of nutrients from the food you eat and provide simple options for nutrient dense meals and snacks. For further information Contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763. *This morning is hosted by Schull Community Care and the Family Carers and Older Person's Initiative*

**Bantry Flower & Garden Club** will meet on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm in the Westlodge Hotel. Malcom Kitt will give a Flower Demo." Spring is Here"

**Lets Celebrate : Party time with Music:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 11.30 am– 1.30pm. To Celebrate The Jesters Over All Winners of the Cork County Mayor's Community Awards 2025. Celebration Party at Jesters Club House, Durrus.

**Bantry Historical and Archaeological Society** will host a talk by Dan Sullivan on the History of Carriganass Castle on Monday next March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm, in the Christian Fellowship. All are welcome, non-members 5€.

**BANTRY MEMORY CAFÉ:** You are invited to the the Bantry Memory Café on the First Wednesday of every month for 2025. Next Café: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 11am to 1pm in the Maritime Hotel (Mizen Room), Bantry. Contact Gemma on 087-9103036 for further details. The free Café hopes to provide a warm welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia / cognitive impairment, their friends and families as well as health & social care professionals. A warm welcome awaits you!

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport with Spiritual Director:** Our pilgrimage departs from Cork with Aer Lingus on 4th June 2025. Everyone is welcome! Full daily programme and optional tours. 4-star hotel conveniently located close to the village centre and the St James Church. Half board: breakfast; dinner each day. Coach transfer. Check-in assistance at airports. 20kg check-in bag and 1 small cabin bag. For further information and full details please contact Jim Keogh 087 2678793 /021 4885371

### ASH WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Mass times in our Family of Parishes are:

Ballydehob at 10.00am

Goleen at 10.00am

Bantry at 10.00am & 7.30pm

Kilcrohane at 6.30pm

Dromore at 7.30pm

Lowertown at 8.00pm

Ashes will be available in Schull Church after the the 10am Mass in Ballydehob. Ashes will be taken to Coomhola, Kealkil, Caheragh & Durrus, after the 10am Mass in Bantry.

**Recent Parish Baptisms:** We welcome into our Christian Community

**Heidi Gracie Murphy – Seskin, Bantry**

**Ruby Alice O'Driscoll – Pairc, Goodman, Skibbereen**

**Finn Neil Thornton – Maws, Maynooth, Co. Kildare**

**Molly Delia Murphy – Cahirkeem, Eyeries, Beara**

**Killian George Whitley – Toormore, Goleen**

**Coomhola Church:** New Rotas for Ministers of the Word are now available to collect from the Sacristy.

**Rusnacahara NS. Ahakista:** Enrollment Day on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 1-2pm. You are very welcome to come along on the day to have a look at what the school has to offer & meet the staff and pupils. For further information please fell free to contact on 027 – 67286 or email [rusnacaharans@gmail.com](mailto:rusnacaharans@gmail.com)

**Offertory 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Bantry: €2185 Caheragh: €510  
Schull: €764 Muintir Bhaire: €685 Goleen €405  
Special Collection will be taken up this weekend for the Church Maintenance Fund. Special Collection takes place next weekend in all churches for the Irish Bishops Commissions.

### Mass Intentions Continued:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March: After Ash Wednesday:**

Bantry: 10am: Sr. Maura Killeen – Ardnagaoithe, Bantry

Goleen: 10am: No booking

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March: After Ash Wednesday:**

Bantry: 10am: First Friday Shared Mass

Schull: 10am: Denis & Joe O'Leary – Glaun, Schull

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March: After Ash Wednesday:**

Bantry HOSPITAL: 10am: Norah Clarkin (Gurteen) - 1<sup>st</sup> anniv. & her daughter Olivia Clarkin Machata (London & Gurteen) - 7<sup>th</sup> anniv.

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

**Saturday: 1<sup>st</sup> March: 7<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 6.15pm: The O'Mahony Family – Ards More

Sean & Eileen Holland – Kealanine

Mary Regan – Adrigole

Joe O'Mahony – Dunmanway

Gerardine Young - Ardnagaoithe

Dromore: 8pm: Alice Hegarty - Carrig

Lowertown: 8pm: Thomas and Ellen McCarthy - Ardnavinna

**Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 9am: Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Rogers of Reendonegan House, Bantry

Margaret Harrington – Capwell, Cork

John O'Donoghue – Cape Clear & Bantry

Special Intention

Mary Murray (née Walsh) – Cork City – 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Ballydehob: 9am:

Fr. Jerome Hurley – Parish Priest of Schull – 26<sup>th</sup> anniv

Connie Tobin, Newtown, Rosscarbery - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Durrus: 10am: Ann O'Sullivan – Glenlough West

Carmel O'Sullivan Ballycommane.

Richard Cashman First Anniversary.

Paddy Moynihan,

John O'Sullivan - Shountullig, Durrus - 1st Anniv.

Coomhola: 10.30am: Eddie Bracken – Goureemore

Denis Keohane & his parents Michael & Elizabeth – Inchinagown

Schull: 10.30am: Julia O'Regan – Coorydorrigan, Schull

Fr. Jerome Hurley – Former Parish Priest of Schull

Joseph & Donal Newman – The Sextant, Schull

Tommy Newman – Corner House, Schull

Mary Newman – The Haven, Schull

Caheragh: 11.15am: Sheila Roberts (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv) & her husband

Sandy Roberts - Lissangle

John & Mary Collins – Caheragh North

Chrissie Kingston – Dreeny

May Hourihan – Caheragh North

Bridie Murnane - Coorydowney

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Jerry Shinnick – Ballydehob

Patrick & Mary Barry & their son Micheál – Reenmore

Johnny Kelleher – Cappabuí – 5<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Goleen: 12noon: Francis & Virginia Buckley

Bantry: 12noon: Marie Mulvey – Reenrour East – 10<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Anita Lynch – Market Street – Birthday Remembrance

Con Cronin – Glenbanoo Upper

Eddie Bracken - Goureemore

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 8<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Schull: 10am: Eileen Moynihan – East End, Schull

Bantry: 10am: Ann Brennan – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: 8<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Goleen: 10am: Mary & Tadhg Whooley

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Ash Wednesday:**

Ballydehob: 10am: Goleen: 10am

Bantry: 10am & 7.30pm Kilcrohane: 6.30pm

Dromore: 7.30pm Lowertown: 8pm