



# BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in Lowertown Church on Sunday the 30th of March, 2025 from 4 - 5pm.**

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September. These, along with the Easter & Christmas Offerings, make up the income of the Priests. We thank you for your continued support.

Parish Finance Committees are meeting in each of our Parishes at the moment to sign off the Parish Accounts and they will be made available in due course.

### Community Notices

#### Dementia Inclusive Community Bantry / Dementia Alliance Meeting March 31<sup>st</sup>

Bantry Dementia Alliance would like to invite you to our next meeting on Monday 31st March 2025 in the Maritime Hotel from 7pm-9pm. Over the past three years, the group, initiated by Age Friendly Bantry, have been working to make Bantry a community that fully includes people living with dementia and their families. Some of the achievements have been two public information evenings, dementia awareness training for staff in local businesses and a Memory Café. At the meeting on March 31st, we hope to share what's in the plan, give you a chance to make sure you're still open to being involved, particularly in any actions relevant to your sector and to change or sign off on the plan. Anyone who is involved in any part of the Bantry community, Business, voluntary, faith groups, sports clubs or individuals who would like to see Bantry as an inclusive community for people living with dementia are very welcome. For further details or to confirm attendance please contact; Gemma Casey [gemma@localinckcork.ie](mailto:gemma@localinckcork.ie)

**CHAIR YOGA:** Wed. 2nd April from 11 am to 1 pm as part of the weekly Wednesday gathering in Gortalassa Old School House (GOSH) P75 C589 there will be a chair yoga session. This is a free event organised by Lorna Harte and everyone is welcome to attend. Donations in lieu of a cover charge would be appreciated as this will ensure that the group can continue to provide a social outlet to the local community. For further info. contact Lorna on 087 4001763

**Bantry Historical Society:** On Monday 31st March at 8 pm March Bantry Historical and Archaeological Society, will host a talk by Finola Finlay "Saints and Soupers: Making a Difference During the Famine" in the Christian Fellowship Exploring the intertwined threads of poverty, hunger, and religious tensions along the Mizen Peninsula during the Great Famine. Non-members 5€. All are welcome

**Water Safety Ireland summer week in Bantry is scheduled for week beginning August Monday 4th 2025. Contact Hannah on 086-3958849 for more details.**

**Bantry Memory Café:** next Café takes place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 11am-1pm in the Maritime Hotel (Mizen Room). Community Garda Brigid Hartnett will give a talk on security & crime prevention. See posters in Church porches. Tel: Gemma on 087 9103036 The free café provides a warm welcoming place for people to meet others living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their family & friends and health care professionals.

**RAWR NEEDS SOME EXTRA HELP:** Rural Animal Welfare Resources (RAWR) are looking for volunteers to join their Trap Neuter Return (TNR) programme. Our mission is to help in the control of the thousands of unwanted kittens born each year. Neutering allows the cats & kittens to live a more healthy life. If you have some spare time, your own transport to help in this important area of animal welfare please contact us on Facebook or our web page [www.rawr.ie](http://www.rawr.ie) You could also call into our shop on Bridge Street Bantry and leave your details Full training given.

**Confirmation 2025:** Congratulations to the children of Gaelscoil Bheanntaí who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Monsignor Aidan O'Driscoll, Vicar General and Co PP in Carrigaline Parish, last Thursday in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry.

### YEAR OF PRAYER, LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT

The first meeting of representatives from our five parishes took place at the Westlodge Hotel last Tuesday night. Participants reflected on the Sacrament of Baptism and it's meaning in their lives. They also shared ways in which the sacrament could be celebrated more effectively in our parishes. Each section of the meeting invoked the guidance of the Holy Spirit and all present were encouraged to listen to what the Holy Spirit was saying to them and to every person in the group. Written responses were collected and will be incorporated into an overall diocesan discussion. Session 2 will take place in the Westlodge Hotel next Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. If anyone from our five parishes wishes to take part, just come along on Tuesday evening. Tea and coffee will be served from 7pm.

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

**Nora Cremin – Keyes Terrace & formerly of Seskin, Bantry**  
**Jerry Cronin – Skahanagh Beg, Bantry**  
**Margaret (Rita) Cotter (née Collins) – Barna, Caheragh**  
**Matt O'Connor – Rooska, Bantry**

### REST IN PEACE

**Offertory 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Bantry: €2195 Caheragh: €671  
Schull: €674 Muintir Bhaire: €770 Goleen €810

A special collection will be taken up for Diocesan Needs this weekend the 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March in all churches.

**Youth 2000 prayer meeting:** A prayer meeting for young people aged 16 - 35 takes place on the first Saturday of the month (Sept - May incl.) in All Saints' Church, Drimoleague at 8pm. The next meeting takes place on Saturday 5th April in the prayer room to the side of the altar/sanctuary area and includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, gospel reading, songs and quiet prayer, followed by tea and a chat. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is most welcome. Enquiries: [munster@youth2000.ie](mailto:munster@youth2000.ie)

**Walk the Camino:** Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino. Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the Camino Frances walking from Saria to Santiago in Spain. We will then visit Fatima for a short pilgrimage. We are being led on this spiritual journey by Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Valerie at 021 454 3988 or email [valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie](mailto:valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie)

### Recent Parish Baptisms:

**We welcome into our Christian Community**  
**Alexander James Coakley – Cnoc Suain, 2 Slip, Bantry**

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent:**

Bantry: 6.15pm: John Harrington – Skahana & London  
Mary Milner – Newtown – 10<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
Maeve O'Donoghue – Dromleigh  
Christy O'Shea – Kealkil & Bantry

Dromore: 8pm: No booking

Lowertown: 8pm: No booking

**Sun.30<sup>th</sup> March: Fourth Sunday of Lent:**

Bantry: 9am: Patrick & Ellen McGrath – Newtown  
Eoin McSweeney – Drimoleague – 4<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
Con McGrath – Birthday Remembrance

Ballydehob: 9am:

Catherine McSweeney – Knockroe, Ballydehob

Durrus: 10am: Dan & Florence McCarthy - Ardogenna.

Coomhola: 10.30am: Finbar Cronin, his sister Máirín & all the Cronin Family - (Coarloum East)  
The Harrington Family - Milbeg

Schull: 10.30am: Paddy Hayes (anniv.) & his wife Bridie (recently deceased) – Cork & Libeen, Dunbeacon

Caheragh: 11.15am: Con Twohig – Skibbereen

Teddy O'Brien – Cork & Caheragh

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Con Lehane – Fawnmore & his daughter Emily Coppinger – Bantry  
Joan & Patrick Kelleher – Cappabui  
Michael Cronin & Hannah Bohane

Goleen: 12noon: Joan Barry – Clogher – 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.

Bantry: 12noon: Betty Hunt – Slip Park, Bantry  
Helen & Jeremiah Wholey & their grandsons Dermot Wholey (Derrinkealig) & Damien O'Sullivan – Beach & London  
Denis & Mary Levis - Dunbeacon

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:**

Bantry : 10am: Joseph & Catherine Lynch – Marian Terrace  
Schull: 10am: No booking

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:**

Bantry: 10am:

Teresa McCarthy Metcalfe – Bantry & London (recently deceased)  
Goleen: 10am: Tadhg & Delia Wilcox - Ballyvogue

**Wednesday 2nd April: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:**

Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes  
Ballydehob: 10am: No booking  
Bantry: 10am: Special Intention  
Donnacha O'Donoghue – Caherdaniel West – 15<sup>th</sup> anniv.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:**

Bantry: 10am: Johnny O'Leary & John O'Reilly - Caherdaniel  
Goleen: 10am: No booking

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:**

Bantry: 10am: First Friday Shared Mass  
Schull: 10am: Pat Maguire – recently deceased

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:**

Bantry HOSPITAL: 10am: John F. O'Sullivan – Slip Lawn  
John Keohane - Slip Lawn & Drinagh  
Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family - Cahermore