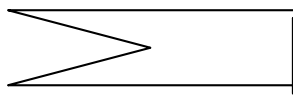
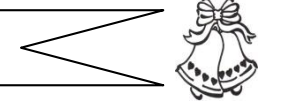


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<u>The final Graveyard Prayers for this November will take place in Schull Graveyard today, Sunday 30th Nov. at 3.00pm</u> <u>Changes to Postures during Mass:</u> During the year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment, people shared a desire for a deeper and more unified experience of worship during Sunday Mass. In responding to this desire, the Diocese of Cork and Ross is introducing the use of common postures in Mass as outlined in the Roman Missal. The congregation will stand for three additional moments at Mass:- - From the Start of Mass until we sit for readings. - When the Priest says “<i>Pray Brothers and Sisters that my Sacrifice and yours...</i>” until the end of the Holy Holy. - For the prayer after Communion until the end of Mass. An explanation card will be available at all Churches from this weekend on. There is also a short explanatory video on the Cork and Ross website.	<u>Died Recently:</u> We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of: Brian Jackson–Levis – ‘The Sandboat’, Main Street, Ballydehob / Dublin <u>SVP APPEAL:</u> The local conference of St Vincent De Paul, St Finbarr’s Conference will hold its Annual Appeal for the month of December. Our conference’s geographical area is extensive taking in Bantry and the Muintir Bhaire Parishes. The conference endeavours to help and support people and families within this area whom for many and varied reasons find themselves struggling to cope with their situation. It could be financial, living conditions, food, health, education to name some of those reasons. We look at every request on its merits and our voluntary committee makes a decision based on the information provided by the applicant. Our aim as a Conference for 2026 is to continue with improvements to our social housing and to make life comfortable for our tenants. In tandem with that we continue with our visitations, providing food and fuel vouchers to those in need in this time of increasing cost of living and giving educational supports to those who require it. You the people of Bantry and Muintir Bhaire make that possible by your generosity. St Finbarr’s Conference thank you very much for any donation you can make at this time. All our funds are raised locally and spent locally. Donations can be made at local SVP office: 5 Main Street or drop it into the Parish Office/Sacristy at the back of the church or any of the Muintir Bhaire Churches. SVP envelopes available at all Church Porches. Thank you for your support, continuing support and generosity. Should you wish to donate directly, our Bank A/C Details are: AIB Bank Wolfe Tone Square Bantry Co Cork. Account: St Vincent de Paul / BIC: AIBKIE2D / IBAN: IE91 AIBK 9360 1436 2520 53.	
<u>Recent Parish Baptisms:</u> We welcome into our Christian Community Orla Grace McCarthy – Pearsons Bridge, Bantry The November / December meeting of the <u>Bantry and Surrounding Areas Cardiac Support Group</u> will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building), P75 T611. At this meeting, our monthly speaker, Noreen Comey will share/update the group on a cardiac-related issue through presentations and/or group workshops.	<u>Kilcrohane Christmas Bazaar:</u> Sunday 30th Nov in the Kilcrohane Community Hall. Door Opens at 3pm. Stalls/teas/raffles & Santa will be there. Lighting the village Christmas tree on church green at sundown. Join us for carols around the tree. Hot chocolate & mulled wine will be served. All welcome <u>Christmas Magic in Kilcrohane:</u> Santa and Mrs Claus are making their annual visit to the Blackgate Centre in Kilcrohane on Saturday, 6th December and Sunday, 7th December. Limited spaces are available. calling 0863206046. In addition to meeting Santa and Mrs Claus, there will also be a chance to visit Elf School and the live Crib and then come back for a steaming mug of hot chocolate and a glass of mulled wine for the adults. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available. There is also a welcome for adults who would like to have a warm Christmas experience and get back in touch with their childhood memories. Live music on Sunday from 3pm-5pm. The event is organised by Muintir Bhaire Community Council and all funds raised are for local community activities. <u>Ballydehob Christmas Craft and Food fair,</u> 30th Nov, Ballydehob Community Hall, 11 to 4 pm. Local crafts, art and food . Raffle, Children art competition & Carols. Our Hall cafe will be open for soup/sandwiches/tea/coffee & cakes. Free entry to the fair. Also, visit Santas grotto, a fundraiser for Scoil Bhride, Ballydehob. <u>Caheragh/Dromore Defibrillator Group</u> wish to sincerely thank all who contributed to our recent Coffee Morning at Caheragh Community Hall. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. Recently the group were in a position to replace one of the Defibrillator Boxes. <u>SPRING PART-TIME FREE COURSES - ST. GOBAN'S, BANTRY:</u> Art and Design, Touch Typing, Computers for Beginners, Local Habitats & Biodiversity, Understand Music, Planting&Potting, Gardening Vegetable Production, Word Processing, Watercolour Painting. Info. Contact Deirdre Fitzgerald - deirdre.fitzgerald@corketb.ie	
 Recent Parish Weddings  <u>We congratulate the following couples who were married recently in our Family of Parishes.</u> Laura Cato & Tadhg McCarthy who were married in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kealkil on Friday 21st November, 2025 Karen Buckley & Michael O’Brien & who were married in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Dromore on Friday 21st November, 2025 We wish both couples every happiness in the years ahead	<u>SHARE THE CARE: Coláiste Pobail Bheantraí:</u> Non-perishable Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul – helping those close to home. How to help: 1. Bring Items from Home. Students can bring non-perishable items. 2. Drop–Off Points: Collections boxes will be placed on the steps in front of the main office. Collection deadline is December 12th. Suggested items are: canned food/fruit, rice, pata, lentils, beans, soup pasta sauce,cereal, oats, tuna, biscuits, chocolates & sweets. For further info. Contact jacinta.oconnor@corketb.ie.	
<u>Saturday 29th November: 34th week in Ordinary Time</u> Bantry: 6.15pm: Nora & Jerome Walsh – Reenrour East Agnes O’Leary – Bantry – 2nd anniv. Special Intention Donal Lehane – Ballingeary (recently deceased) Anna Falvey – Ballylickey (recently deceased) Dromore: 8pm: Lowertown: 8pm: <u>Sun. 30th Nov: First Sunday of Advent:</u> <u>Bantry:</u> 9am: John O’Brien – Reenrour East Michael & Josephine Daly – New Street, Bantry William Donegan (Kilcrohane) & his grandson Paul O’Shea (Ardnagaoithe) <u>Ballydehob:</u> 9am: <u>Durrus:</u> 10am: Cornelius & Peg O’Brien – Dún Óir Peter & Ellie Farrelly - Monaghan <u>Schull:</u>10.30am: <u>Kealkil:</u>10.30am: Peggy Desmond – Derinculig, Borlin – 3rd anniv John Cronin Cupps, his wife Lucy, sister Nora, brother Paddy & his parents James and Kate - Ardnacloyhgy <u>Caheragh:</u>11.15am: <u>Kilcrohane:</u>11.30am: Jimmy & Maureen Murray - Dunmanway <u>Goleen:</u>12noon: <u>Bantry :</u> 12noon: Philip Spillane – Derrygrenagh Timothy & Mary O’Sullivan – Reenrour East James & Margaret O’Mahony – Reenrour Road & England Frederick O’Donovan – Newtown House <u>Monday1st Dec: 1st week of Advent:</u> <u>Bantry</u>10am: Special Intention <u>Schull:</u> 10am: <u>Tuesday 2nd Dec: 1st week of Advent:</u> <u>Bantry:</u>10am: Denis O’Mahony - Glandore <u>Goleen:</u> 10am: <u>Wednesday 3rd Dec: 1st week of Advent: St.Francis Xavier:</u> <u>Ballydehob:</u>10am: <u>Bantry:</u> 10m: Michael & Margaret O’Sullivan – Marian Tce <u>Thursday 4th Dec: 1st Week of Advent:</u> <u>Bantry:</u>10am: Special Intention <u>Goleen:</u> 10am: <u>Friday 5th Dec: 1st week of Advent:</u> <u>Bantry:</u>10am: First Friday Share Mass <u>Schull:</u> 10am: <u>Sat 6th Dec: 1st week of Advent: St.Nicholas, Bishop:</u> <u>Bantry Hospital:</u> 10am: Liam Coakley – Blackrock Road <u>Bantry:</u> 11.30am: Mass for our Indian Community <u>Offertory Collection 23rd Nov:</u> Bantry: €, Caheragh: € Muintir Bhaire: €565 Goleen: € Schull: € The monthly collection for Church Maintenance will be taken up next weekend, the first Sunday of December		