BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Bantry Family of Parishes - Thank you:

As we look forward to the New Year ahead we remember and thank all of you who have contributed to and participated in the life of our Parishes over the past year. We thank you for your prayers, your participation in ministry, and the many different tasks and roles, however small, you take up in the parish.

We particularly thank the following people: The Parish Assemblies, the Sacristans, the Finance Committees, the Scripture Groups, the Family of Parishes Secretary, the Eucharistic Ministers & Readers, the collectors & counters, the choirs & cantors, the Funeral Ministers, the altar servers, the altar societies, the parish safeguarding officers, the Procession committees & stewards, The Eucharistic Adoration Group, those who put up the cribs, the flags and bunting, those who look after the Grottos, the altar linen, & the Holy Water in the Churches, those who cater for meetings/events, those who look after church grounds, the teachers of local primary & secondary schools, those who prepare young people & adults for the Sacraments outside of school times, the Parish Undertakers, Hospitals & Nursing Home staff & the Gardai.

Fr. Myles, Fr. Martin, Fr. Ben, Fr. John & Fr. Anthony

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

Mary Theresa Caverly – Whitecastle, Schull
Catherine Coppinger – Scart Road & late of Ards, Bantry
Patricia Duncan – Coorycommade, Coomhola
Joe Burke – Droumaduneen, Bantry

Rest in Peace

MASS DATES IN KEALKILL 2024

Jan - 6th , 14th and 28th
Feb - 11th and 25th
March - 10th and 24th
April - 7th and 21st
May 5th and 19th
June 2nd , 16th and 30th

MASS DATES IN COOMHOLA 2024

Jan - 7th and 21st
Feb- 4th and 18th
March – 3rd, 17th and 31st
April – 14th and 28th
May – 12th and 26th
June – 9th and 23rd

Offertory Collection Amounts for 23rd / 24th Dec: Bantry: €1830 Goleen: €430 Caheragh: €820 Muintir Bhaire: €685

Second Collection in each church of the Family of Parishes for church maintenance on Weekend of 6th /7th January 2024

The Pope's Monthly Intention: January: For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community & to discover the richness of different traditions & rituals in the Catholic Church

Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in Lowertown Church on Sunday the 31st of December, 2023 from 4 - 5pm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR 2024

Jan 14th - Diocesan Needs
Feb 11th - Lourdes Pilgrimage
March 10th - Bishops Commissions
March 29th - Holy Places
March 31st - Priests Easter Collection
April 21st - Diocesan Needs
May 12th- Mission & Ministry
June 23rd - Peters Pence
July 21st - Diocesan Needs
Sept 22nd - Priesthood Education
Oct 13th - Diocesan Needs
Oct 20th - Mission Sunday
Nov 10th - Diocesan Youth Ministry
Dec 25th - Priests Christmas Collection

Collection on the first Sunday of each month for the repair/maintenance fund in each of the five parishes.

Thank you from the Priests of the Family of Parishes

We the Priests of the Bantry Family of Parishes would like to sincerely thank you for your financial support in the Christmas collection & offerings this year. We very much appreciate your generosity, help and support.

We would like to wish all the people of Bantry, Caheragh, Goleen, Muintir Bhaire & Schull Parishes, at home & abroad and especially the sick, a very happy, holy & peaceful New Year.

Fr. Myles, Fr. Martin, Fr. Ben, Fr. John & Fr. Anthony

A prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, please give me…
A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;
A work to do which has real value,
without which the world would be the poorer;
A mind unafraid to travel,
even though the trail be not blazed;
An understanding heart; A sense of humor;
Time for quiet, silent meditation;
A feeling of the presence of God;
The patience to wait for the coming of these things.
With the wisdom to recognise them when they come.

Author unknown.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat.30th Dec: 6th day in the Octave of Christmas:
Bantry: 6.15pm: Tommy Murray – Ballylickey
Pa Barry – Raheen House, Bantry
James & Margaret O'Mahony – Reenrour Road & London
Agnes O'Leary – Blackrock Road – Months Mind
Willie Wiseman – Reenrour East & Cahir
Dromore: 8pm: Martha Collins - Colomane West - 1st Anniv:
Lowertown: 8pm: Rita McCarthy - Knockeens

Sun 31st Dec: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:
Bantry: 9am: Fred Coleman – Marino Street
Michael Buckley – Gortnascreena
Ballydehob: 9.00am: Con & Minnie McDonald - Cooragurteen
Durrus: 10m: No booking
Kealkil: 10.30am: No booking
Schull: 10.30am: Cathy & Denis Collins
Bruce Kelliher
Caheragh: 11.15am: No Booking
Kilcrohane: 11.30am:
Peter O'Donovan – Lower Faramanagh – 1`st anniv.
Tim & Peggy O'Driscoll – Eskeraha
Michael Touhy
Goleen: 12noon: Kathleen & Paddy O'Leary- Corelacka.
Bantry: 12noon: No booking

Monday 1st Jan: Mary, The Holy Mother of God:
Bantry: 10am:Tommy Sullivan, his wife Salsey & his son T.J. Sullivan –New Jersey, USA – recent deaths
Denis Gilley - Caher
Schull: 12 Noon: Special Birthday Intention

Tues. 2nd Jan: Before Epiphany:
Bantry:10am: Maisie & John O'Connor – Hospital Cross
Mary & Jim O'Driscoll - Gearhies
Goleen: 10am: Joe Goggin, R.I.P. – Wales, formerly of Crookhaven.

Wed. 3rd Jan :Before Epiphany:
Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Paishes
Ballydehob:10am: James Collins - Dunmanway
Bantry: 10am: Michael O'Sulllivan – Marian Terrace

Thurs. 4th Jan: Before Epiphany:
Bantry: 10am: Joan & Timmy McCarthy – St. Canneras Place
Goleen: 10am: No booking

Fri. 5th Jan: Before Epiphany:
Bantry: 10am: First Friday Shared Mass
Schull: 10am: Lochlainn Egan – Cork & Schull

Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord - 6th of January

Friday 5th January: Bantry: 6.15pm:
Lowertown: 8pm:
Dromore: 8pm:

Sat 6th Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord:
Ballydehob: 9am: Stephen & Kate O'Brien – Ballycummisk
Durrus: 10am:
Schull: 10.30am: Mary Ann McCarthy & Paddy Logan – Coorydorigan
Kealkil: 10.30am:
Caheragh: 11.15am: Kilcrohane: 11.30am:
Goleen: 12noon: Bantry 12noon:

Please note there will be no 9am or 10am Mass on Sat. 6th in Bantry Church. Morning Mass will be at 12noon due to the Holy Day.