



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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The Most Holy Trinity

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 30th May: 8th week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 6.15pm:
Dermot Whooley – Naas & Derrinkealig – 20th anniv.
Eileen O'Shea – Kealkil & Bantry – 30th anniv.
Jimmy & Maggie O'Shea (Goureebeg) & their daughter Catherine O'Mahony (Innishannon)
Jenny Mullins – Dromacoppill – 11th anniv.
Bernadette Kelly – Reenrou East – 8th anniv.
Dromore: 8pm: Nora and Joey Cronin - Dromourneen
Lowertown: 8pm: Lowertown

Sunday 31st May: The Most Holy Trinity:
Bantry: 9am: Diarmuid O'Callaghan (Keimaneigh, Ballingearry) & his sister Sr. M. Claude (Mercy Hospital).
Mary, John & Teddy O'Sullivan – Maughnaclea, Kealkil
Humphrey & Bridie Lynch – Old Barrack Road, Bantry
Ballydehob: 9am: Birdie O'Donovan – Greenmount Road & late of Rathravane, Ballydehob – 25th anniv.
Connie (4th anniv), Eileen and Bernadette McCarthy – East End, Ballydehob & Rossbrin.
Mary Swanton – Rathravane, Ballydehob
Denis Coughlan – Shanavagh, Ballydehob – 12th anniv.
Maud Keohane – Foilnamuck, Ballydehob

Durrus: 10am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes.
Ciaran O'Sullivan - Durrus – 21st Anniv.
Sheila Hurley - Ballycommane - 18th Anniv.

Schull: 10.30am: Fr. Bernard Jones OSM
Andrew Caverly – Whitecastle, Schull – 4th anniv.
Martin Murphy – MacLeans Terrace, Schull – 21st anniv.

Kealkil: 10.30am: Kate O'Sullivan – Breenybeg – 1st anniv.
Richard & Mary Walsh & their daughters Mary Murray & Breda Walsh & their son Seán Walsh – Cork
John & Kit O'Leary – Crossogue & late of Cousane
Mary O'Mahony – Breenybeg
Willie Kearney – Ballinamought – 10th anniv.

Caheragh: 11.15am: Nell Kirby – Glounaphooka & Skibbereen
Jerome Keohane – Gortdromagh – 8th anniv.
Michael & Margaret Keohane – Gortdromagh
Bernie Harrington - Caheragh

Kilcrohane: 11.30am:
Aaron Michael Daly – Kilcrohane & Cobh – 1st anniv.

Goleen: 12noon: First Holy Communion Mass
Marie Barry – Clogher - 21st anniv.
Malachy McAuliffe – Cork & Barlecome
Maud Roche – Cork
Seán Jordan – Cork & Barlecome – 43rd anniv.

Bantry: 12noon: Special Intention
The Dudley Family & Orla Quill – Cahermore
Michael Keohane – Durrus Cross, Bantry
Annie O'Sullivan – Moulamill & Ballylickey – Birthday Remembrance

Mon 1st June: 9th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Mary Hurley - Gortdromagh
Schull: 12noon: James & Mary Sheehan – Cooldorrigan, Schull

Tuesday 2nd June: 9th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Mary Harrington – Marian Terrace
Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart 4th -12th June 2026

A Novena prepares us over nine days to receive the graces of God special to a feast. In this Sacred Heart novena, the grace we ask is to know personally the love of God in the heart of Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your heart was moved with love for those who came to You for help;
You healed the sick, You fed the hungry, You forgave sinners, You cried over Jerusalem.

Above all, You showed to those who were prepared to listen, the way to true life, for You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

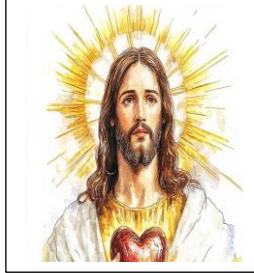
Lord, Your heart is still moved today by your people and their many needs. Open my heart to hear Your Word, to accept Your love and to respond to Your call. In particular, I beg you to grant me the favour I ask during the novena (make your request silently), provided that it will contribute to my own eternal good and to the building up of Your Kingdom of love, peace, and justice here on earth. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

Gaelscoil Bheantraí, together with their teachers and parents have a fundraising coffee morning called Cupán Tae le Rang 6. Our 6th class are delighted to invite you all to come to our school on Friday 5th June from 10.30am to 12.30pm for a cuppa and some cake. Everyone is welcome on the day

The next meeting of the **Bantry and Surrounding Areas Cardiac Support Group** will be held on Tuesday 2nd June at 8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building), P75 T611.
As usual there will be a Speaker on a cardiac care related topic. Refreshments and discussion after.

Whiddy Island Summer Fundraising Event:
On Sunday 31st of May there will be a Community Fundraising event on Whiddy Island, Feile Iar an tSamraig. Bar-B-Q and Music by Mark Daly. Ferry leaves Bantry at 2pm and 3pm and returns at 6pm and 8pm so come along and enjoy the day and support Whiddy Island Community Development Association.

Offertory Collection 24th May: Bantry: €2330 Schull: € 975
MuintirBhaire: €675 Goleen: €630 Caheragh: €613
A second collection will be taken up in Bantry Family of Parishes next w/e, 6th & 7th June, for Church Maintenance



Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in Lowertown Church on Sunday the 31st of May, 2026 from 4 - 5pm.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

In St Finbarr's Church, Bantry the Procession will take place after the 6.15pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 6th June. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Finbarr's Church will take place after the 12noon Mass until benediction at 6.00pm on Sunday 7th June.

The Bantry Procession will follow the same route as last year. Procession will exit the Church and turn left towards the grotto, then around the church, passing the graveyard where we will remember our loved ones, then exiting on to the road where we will turn left, proceed down the footpath and turn left again ascending the steps where benediction will be imparted. **ON THAT EVENING, ONLY THE DESIGNATED CAR SPACES WILL BE USED FOR PARKING. NO PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ELSEWHERE ON THE GROUNDS AS THE SPACE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PEOPLE TO WALK THE ROUTE.** The Blessed Sacrament will lead the procession and the congregation will follow. By following Jesus along the route, it is a time of personal reflection as we ponder on the real presence and walk in His footsteps.

The Procession will take place in Coomhola after the 10.30am Mass on the 7th of June.
The Procession in Caheragh will also take place on Sunday June 7th after the 11.15am Mass.
On the following Sunday, the 14th June, the Procession will take place in Kealkil after the 10.30am Mass.

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

Christy Keohane – Lacka, Caheragh
Mary McCarthy (Dawley) – St. Cainir's Place Bantry
Derry (Jeremiah) Scully – Ardnageehy Mor, Bantry

National Carers Week Celebration! To celebrate the wonderful work our Family Carers do in our community, we will be holding an event in the Maritime Hotel Bantry on Thursday 11th June. Date: Thursday 11th June. Time: 11am-2.30 pm. Venue: The Maritime Hotel, Bantry. Join us for a coffee morning in the Maritime Hotel followed by a delicious 2 course meal. Booking is essential. To book or for further information, please contact Gemma Casey on 087 910 3036

Prayer for Exam Students

Dear God,
Be with all those taking exams at this time.
Give them calm minds, steady focus, and confidence in the work they have done. Help them to remember clearly, think wisely, and not be overwhelmed by fear or pressure.
Grant them peace before, during, and after each exam, and remind them that their worth is greater than any result.
Amen.

Wed. 3rd June: 9th Week in Ordinary Time:
Ballydehob: 10am: Peggie O'Driscoll – Passage West (10th anniv) & her sister Carmel O'Donoghue (Bishopstown) – recently deceased.
Mary Harrington – Bantry – 12th anniv.
Bantry: 10am: Con & Eileen O'Callaghan – Bantry Bay Hotel
Thursday 4th June: 9th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Paud & Mary O'Grady – Ardnagaoithe
Special Intention
Goleen: 10am: Nellie White

Friday 5th June: 9th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: First Friday Shared Mass
Schull: 10am: Donors Intentions

Saturday 6th June: 9th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry Hospital: 10am: Michael Cronin - Coomanore Sth