



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 2nd May: 4th week of Easter:

Bantry: 6.15pm:
 Johnny Crowley – Dromloc House – Months Mind
 Keith Hayes – Nenagh – 4th anniv.
 Ita McCarthy – Barrack Street
 Mick & Tess O'Leary – Kilmore, Whiddy Island
 Mike O'Sullivan – Gearhies – Birthday Remembrance
 Dan Collins – Lahadane
 Teresa Grace – Glengarriff Road
 Mary Moloney - Ards
 Dromore: 8pm: Peig McAuliffe – Kanturk – 2nd anniv.
 Paddy O'Hea - Aughaville
 Lowertown: 8pm: No booking

Sunday 3rd May: Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am: Paul O'Shea – Ardnagaoithe
 Gary Sheehan & his parents Joseph & Phyllis Sheehan
 Denis O'Sullivan – Glencreagh – Months Mind
 Kitty Cronin - Loughadeven

Ballydehob: 9am: Eily Coughlan – Main Street, Ballydehob & deceased family members
 Baby Sophie Morris – Lisheenacreagh, Ballydehob – 3rd anniv.
 James & Annie Downey – Ballylickey, Bantry

Durrus: 10am: Kathleen & John Wright
 Ann Ryan Kealties, 10 Anniv.
 Intentions of the people of Bantry Family of Parishes.

Schull: 10.30am: Noreen Attridge – Meenvane, Schull
 Kathleen Gill - Gubbeen & Dublin – 2nd anniv.
 Peter Boylan – Gubbeen & Dublin
 Noel O'Donovan – Whitecastle, Schull

Kealkil: 10.30am: John O'Sullivan – Breenybeg
 Margaret O'Sullivan – Carriganass House – 2nd anniv.
 Barry Murphy & his son Seán Murphy – Breenybeg
 Kevin O'Sullivan – Gortloughera
 Michael & Ann Murphy – Borlin
 Johnny & Sheila Desmond - Coomhola

Caheragh: 11.15am: Paddy Crowley – Bauravilla
 Donal McCarthy – Corliss – 3rd anniv.
 Ann McCarthy - Rearhanagh

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Margaret O'Sullivan (Balleragh) her husband Patrick, son Stephen, parents & relatives and daughter Peggy (recently deceased).
 Paul O'Shea – Bantry
 Teresa & Paddy Barry - Droumnea

Goleen: 12noon: Mass for Peace

Bantry : 12noon: John Harrington – Slip Lawn
 Michael Buckley – Gortnascreena – Birthday Remembrance
 Ann Marie Murphy – Barrack Street – 35th anniv.
 Special Intention
 Micheál Holland (Rochestown & Coomhola) & his daughter Maureen

Mon 4th May: 5th Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Noreen O'Leary – Whiddy Island
 Schull: 12NOON: Emma Sands – Dublin – 37th anniv.
 Deceased members of the Sands Family – Bandon
 Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family - Bandon

Tuesday 5th May: 5th Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Neily Johnson (20th anniv) & his son Harry Johnson – Gilhooley Terrace
 Goleen: 10am: Private Intention

Volunteers Needed at The Sacred Heart Church, Durrus.

Muintir Bhaire Parish is seeking additional volunteers to assist with the day-to-day running of the church. At present, there is a small team of dedicated parishioners, but we would greatly benefit from more helping hands. We are looking for volunteers to open and close the church. Assist in the sacristy for Sunday Mass. Provide support in the sacristy for funerals when needed.

These roles are vital in ensuring that our liturgies and parish life run smoothly and respectfully. Full guidance will be provided, and duties can be shared on a rota basis. If you are able to give some of your time in service to the parish community, we would be very grateful. Please contact the parish office on 027 56398 or speak to a member of the clergy for more information. A meeting of new volunteers will take place in the Sacristy of Durrus Church on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

Rosary during the Month of May

Rosary at the Grotto, St. Brigid's Church, Ballydehob will take place every Monday evening at 8pm during May.

Rosary at Our Lady's Grotto in Bantry Church Grounds will take place each day in May at 8pm. All welcome.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community
 Éada Kate Harrington – Brahalish, Durrus

Mia Meabh Alaia McCarthy Fabregas – Colomane West, Bantry

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to the pupils of Schull N.S. and Goleen N.S who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Monday, 27th April. Bishop Fintan Gavin administered the Sacrament to the young people. They were blessed with beautiful weather on the day.
 Many thanks to all who helped prepare for the day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – MAY 2026

Saturday 9th May: Coomhola N.S. and Derrycreha N.S.
 Dromore N.S.

Carrigboy N.S., Kilcrohane N.S. & Rusnacahera N.S.

Sunday 10th May: Caheragh N.S. & Dreeny N.S.

Saturday 16th May: Ballydehob N.S.

Saturday 16th May:

Scoil Mhuire & Bharra N.S. and Dromclough N.S

Saturday 23rd May: Gaelscoil Bheanntrai

Sunday 31st May: Goleen N.S.

41st All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock:

On Saturday 6th of June there is a bus going from West Cork to Knock. A Spirit filled day as we pray for our country and the World. If you would like to be there Please contact Karen on 087 6598933 as soon as possible

Trocaire Boxes: We ask people to please return your Trocaire Boxes to your local Church as soon as possible.

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

Denis (Bawnee) McCarthy – Slip Lawn, Bantry

Frances O'Sullivan (née Roycroft)

– Bishops Court Drive, Wilton, Cork & Schull

John (JP) Sweeney – Beaumont, Cork / Goleen

The Jesters Bakehouse Bantry: Tea, Coffee, Scones & homemade Cakes! A donation based Café supporting RT CoAction Bantry. Open Thursdays (10am-2pm) on 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th May. (Old Bakehouse Bantry).

Creative Art Morning for Family Carers: Are you a Family Carer? Are you caring for family member or friend? Come along for a morning of fun & relaxation at our Creative Carers Art Morning No previous art experience is necessary, all levels welcome. Ballydehob Community Hall. Wed 6th & 13th May. (11am-1pm). The session is free but **booking is essential.** To book, or futher info. please contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763.

Sheeps Head Sea Scouts are holding a cake sale after Mass in Durrus and Kilcrohane this Sunday May 3rd in aid of the new Community Centre building in Ahakista. Please support. Thank you

The Mass to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio at **Enniskeane Parish Church** will be celebrated on Friday May 22nd at 7.30pm. Blessings with the relic of Saint Padre Pio will take place from 6pm to 7pm and after Mass. A collection will be taken up at Mass and shared between the Capuchin Day Centre and the Parish Building Fund.

The Lord said: 'Come to me all who labour and are overburdened' Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Bantry Church, each Friday after 10am Mass until 5pm. (From 1pm in the event of a funeral Mass). You are invited to come and spend some time in quiet prayer / meditation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Bantry & Surrounding Areas Cardiac Support Group: The next meeting of the Bantry and Surrounding Areas Cardiac Support Group will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building), P75 T611. There will be a Speaker on a cardiac care related topic.

Music and song in Ballydehob for Bealtaine! Party Piece is a relaxed participatory music session for everyone. Light refreshments will also be served. Date: Friday 8th May (3pm-5pm) in Ballydehob Community Hall. To book, Please contact Noel Coakley 087 6367121 or Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763

Offertory Collection 26th April : Bantry: €2320 Caheragh: €645 MuintirBhaire: €825 Schull: €906 Goleen: €700

There will be a special collection this weekend, for the Church Maintenance Fund in all Churches in our Family of Parishes .

A special collection for Mission & Ministry will be taken up throughout the Diocese next weekend, 9th & 10th May.