



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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A Prayer for the Feast of Epiphany

**Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this home and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ
That our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community
Milo Johan Kowalski– Los Angeles, California
Muireann Lucy O'Connor – Deelish, Drimoleague
Éabha Bridget Lindsay – Kealanine, Dromore
Isobel Catherine Lindsay – Kealanine Dromore

ALONE the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. 1hr a week can make all the difference! Call 0801 222 024 or see ALONE.ie/Volunteer.

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

*They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
The Gospel of St. Mathew 2:11*

Schedule for the Holy Day on Monday 5th January /Tuesday 6th January
Vigil Masses on Monday 5th Jan: Bantry at 6.15pm and Lowertown at 8pm
Masses on the Holyday- Tuesday 6th January will be:
Schull at 10.30am
Kilcrohane at 11.30am,
Bantry at 12noon
Caheragh at 8.00pm on the evening of the Feast Day.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Diocesan Notes from THE FOLD magazine Vol 11 No 6. December 1963. In 1958, the Holy See decided to reduce the number of Holydays of Obligation to be observed in Ireland, and the two days then eliminated were the Feast of the Epiphany and the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul. While Irish Catholics accepted without question the decision of the Holy See in this matter, at the same time there was a sense of keen disappointment that the Feast of the Epiphany should have been chosen as one of the days to be eliminated. And so it is with great joy that we now hear that the Epiphany is to be brought back as a Holyday of Obligation and will retain its full splendour as one of the greatest feasts of the Church.

Died Recently: We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:
Florence (Florrie) O'Mahony
– Dunmanus East, Goleen / Kilcrohane

MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL AGM takes place on Monday 19th of January @7pm. Everyone is invited to attend. If you or someone you know would like to join our committee, new members are always welcome. New committee members are vital for fresh ideas to the hall and help our little community hall get stronger and stronger.

Durrus Bingo: The next Bingo session in Durrus Hall will be at 3pm on Sunday, January 11th.

Offertory Collection 28th Dec: Bantry: €2440 Caheragh: €760
Muintir Bhaire: €710 Schull: €755 Goleen: €485
Special collection for the Church Maintenance Fund will take place in all churches in Bantry Family of Parishes this weekend, 3rd /4th January.



Recent Parish Weddings



We congratulate the following couples who were married recently in our Family of Parishes.

Joanne Hegarty & Anthony Barry who were married in The Holy Family Church, Caheragh on Friday 19th December, 2025
Shane Newman & Donna Herradurra who were married in the Church of St. Mary, Schull on Monday 22nd December, 2025

We wish both couples every happiness in the years ahead

Friday 9th Jan: After Epiphany:

Bantry: 10am: Maura & Ivan
Psaila – Marino Street
Schull: 10am: No booking

Sat 10th Jan: After Epiphany:

Bantry Hospital: 10am:
Nora, Pat, Ellen & Michael
Cadogan – Church Road

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 3rd Jan: Before Epiphany:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Florence O'Driscoll – Dromleigh – 1st anniv
Derry Spillane & Family – Carrignavar
Michael Sheehan & family – Fair Hill, Cork
John Hourihan – St. Cannaras Place – 1st anniv.
Hugh McCarthy – Barrack Street

Dromore: 8pm: No booking

Lowertown: 8pm: Mansie Roycroft & all deceased family members- Derryleary

Sun. 4th Jan: Second Sunday of Christmas:

Bantry: 9am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes
Con & John Cronin – Blackrock Road
Nora Edgeworth – Carrignacat – Months Mind
Markie Kearns and his son Jimmy Kearns – Caher
Pa Barry – Raheen House, Bantry

Ballydehob: 9am: Fr. Wiliam Coughlan – Main Street, Ballydehob
Mary (7th anniv) & Pat Barry – Rathravane, Ballydehob

Durrus: 10am: No booking

Schull: 10.30am: Mary Ann McCarthy – Coorydorrigan
Vera O'Sullivan (5th anniv) & her husband Den O'Sullivan
(3rd anniv) – Seaview Terrace, Schull

Coomhola: 10.30am: Mary & Peg Murphy - Dromdubh

Caheragh: 11.15am: Paddy Coughlan – Coolboy
Betty Cotter - Barna

Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Michael Tuohy - London
Betty Lehane – Fawnmore – Birthday Remembrance
Peggy & Tim O'Driscoll - Eskeraha

Goleen: 12noon: Kathleen & Paddy O'Leary – Corelacka

Bantry : 12noon: Florence O'Driscoll – Dromleigh – 1st anniv.
Robert Evans – The Square, Bantry – 70th anniv.
Kathleen Smyth – Summerhill – 2nd anniv.
Ella & John McCarthy – Cork
Margaret, May, Bridie, Bridget, Julie, Denis, Paddy, Jackie, Ann,
Con, John & Seán McGrath - Gurteenroe

Mon 5th Jan: Before Epiphany:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
Schull: 10am: No booking
Bantry: 6.15pm Vigil Mass: Fred & Eileen Coleman – Marino St.
Lowertown 8pm: no Booking

Tuesday 6th Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord:

Schull: 10.30am:
Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Mosie Donegan – Fawnmore
Paddy Arundel - Kilcrohane
Bantry: 12noon: Joan & Timmy McCarthy – St. Cannaras Place
Jimmy O'Sullivan – Chapel Street
Sinead Breen – Ballylickey
John & Eileen Wiseman – Harbour View
Fr. Denis Murphy – Glengarriff Road
Caheragh: 8pm: No booking

Wednesday 7th Jan: After Epiphany

Ballydehob: 10am: No booking
Bantry: 10m: Noreen O'Sullivan - Ardnacloughy

Thursday 8th Jan: After Epiphany:

Bantry: 10am: Adelaide & Harvey Finnegan – Marino St.
Goleen: 10am: Brigid Ann Hemond