

	BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER BANTRY PARISH, CAHERAGH PARISH, GOLEEN PARISH, MUINTIR BHAIRE PARISH, SCHULL PARISH Fr. Myles McSweeney: 086-1623031 (Bantry) Fr. Chris O'Donovan: 083 4374304 (Schull) Fr. Ben Hodnett: 089-4308735 (Bantry) Fr. Jilson Kokkandathil 089-2729066(Bantry) Fr. John C. O'Donovan: 028-52985 (Dromore) To contact Priest on duty (Bantry): 087-7999886 Parish office: Tel: 027-56398 email: bantryparishoffice@gmail.com Website: www.bantryfamilyofparishes.ie Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th September 2026 Vol. 36.	
Thank You: We the Priests of Bantry Parish would like to thank most sincerely all those who attended our Graveyard Masses and those who gave of their time in organising these Masses at Our Lady's Well Kilmacamogue, Our Lady's Well Beach, the Cilleanach and the Abbey Cemetery. We are most grateful to the Sacristans, the Readers, the Eucharistic Ministers, the cantors & choirs, those who erected the altars, those who provided flowers for the altars and the public address systems. We pray that Our Lady will always bless them with her faith and love. Fr. Myles, Fr. Ben & Fr. Jilson	<u>Died Recently:</u> We extend prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of: Marie Crowley (née O'Connell) Cussovinnna, Ballydehob Connie McCarthy – Lisheens, Kealkil Sean Tooher – Gort na Leasa, Gearhies, Bantry Pauline Angliss – Calnan Park, formerly of Canawee, Goleen & Southhampton, UK Colette O'Shea – Old Barrack Road, Bantry Michael Murphy – Kilcrohane Bridget O'Neill (née O'Sullivan) - Rerahanagh, Drimoleague Phil Nevin – London & Donore, Moynalty, Meath / Bantry Martin Malone – Ardmanagh Drive, Schull Dermot (Jeremiah) Lucey – Marino Heights & formerly of Church Road, Bantry Elizabeth Ann Farrell (née Holland) –Dromdubh, Ballylickey, Bantry Margaret (Rita) Sweeney- Mouladinna, Dunbeacon & Cussovinnna, Ballydehob Helen Fitzgerald (née O'Driscoll) –Shanavagh, Ballydehob Donal Mattias O'Sullivan – Boise, Idaho and Bantry	
World Youth Day 2027 Launch: The Diocese of Cork and Ross is planning a pilgrimage for young adults (18-30) to World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea, from late July to early August 2027. This will be a journey of faith and prayer, giving young adults the opportunity to deepen their relationship with Christ, join Pope Leo, and journey with hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world. An Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, 16 September at 7pm in Mardyke House, Cork (T12 W8RP). We encourage all interested young adults to attend to learn more about the pilgrimage, the programme, costs, fundraising opportunities, and the registration process. To register, email youthministry@corkandross.org.	<u>Recent Parish Baptisms:</u> <u>We welcome into our Christian Community</u> Andy Dara Desmond – Coorycommame, Coomhola Hannah Croia Lynch – Gurteen, Bantry Aodhla Gemma Healy – Ardnacrusha, Co. Clare Maximilian Patrick Nathan – Ballintemple, Cork Finley Walter Houlihan – North Vancouver, Canada Rory Dan Murphy – Rooska, Bantry Siún Mary McNulty – Brahalish, Durrus Ria Antonia Rose Peters –Newbridge, Co. Kildare Éabha Lynch – The Stags, Caheragh Lucy Maria O'Riordan – Cluain Ard, Blarney, Co.Cork Lorna Mary O'Regan – Tooreen, Skibbereen, Co. Cork Jess Claire Murphy – Deaseys Cross, Kealkill, Bantry Louise John Cronin – Summerstown Road, Glasheen Eve Marie Flynn- Reenrour East, Bantry Caoimhe Theresa Hurley – Dreenacknow, Colomane Aoibh Mary Murphy – Cahirmounteen, Kealkil Ronan Kevin McCarthy – Carriganima, Macroom	Dear Lord, As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts & talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience & understanding & help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide & guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace & protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand & bring them safely home at day's end. Amen. <i>(Diocese of St. Petersburg dosp.org)</i>
That time of year again when all activities are coming back for the winter, should anyone like to join a group for fun socials, days out, overnight trips, feel free to contact Anne on 086 726 1086, there are three groups running at present if anyone near or appropriate to you. New members always welcome. 4 VALLEYS SOCIAL CLUB: 4 VALLEYS MENS GROUP: GLENGARRIFF ACTIVE RETIRED GROUP		
Mealagh Valley Community Hall: BINGO Thurs 10th September at 8pm. PROGRESSIVE 45 CARDS are on a week early this month on September 19th at 8.30pm		
<u>Bantry flower and garden club</u> returns for the new season on Monday night the 7th of September at 8pm in the Westlodge Hotel. Speaker is Mary Mooney from Skibbereen with a talk on compost making and natural soil additives. All welcome.		
 Recent Parish Weddings 		
<u>We congratulate & wish every happiness to the following couples who were married recently in our Family of Parishes.</u> Aoife O'Donovan & Mike Allen who were married in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Kilcrohane on Friday 17th July, 2026 Katie Healy & Seán Lucey who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Friday 17th July, 2026 Molly Copas & Graeme O'Leary who were married in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Saturday, 1st August, 2026 Sarah O'Driscoll & Nathan Rice who were married in the Sacred Heart Church, Durrus on Saturday, 1st August, 2026 Karen O'Flynn & Jordan O'Flaherty who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Saturday, 8th August, 2026 Jennifer Coppinger & Dylan roche who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Friday 14th August, 2026 Emma Murnane & Jason Lyne who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Friday 21st August 2026 Tracey Whooley & James Flynn who were married in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Saturday, 22nd August, 2026		
<u>Gougane Barra</u> <u>Sunday</u> 27th September 2026 Confessions: 1.30pm Rosary: 2.30pm Mass: 3pm Celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin <u>St. Finbarr</u> <u>Pray for Us.</u>		
Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :- Sat 5th Sept: 22nd Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry: 6.15pm: Eileen O'Driscoll (née Kelly) – Scart Road, Bantry – 30th anniv. Dromore:8pm: Timothy O'Sullivan - Glandart Lowertown: 8pm: No Booking Sunday 6th Sept: Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Bantry:9am: Mass of Thanksgiving Ballydehob:9am: Kay O'Sullivan – Main Street, Ballydehob – Birthday Remembrance Durrus: 10am: No Booking Schull:10.30am: No Booking Kealkil:10.30am: Donal Murphy & his parents Jimmy & Chrissie Murphy – Kealkil Maria O'Mahony – London & Breenybeg, Kealkil Caheragh:11.15am: Thomas & Bridie Connolly and their son Paddy – Cloghydaniel and Gurranes Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes Kilcrohane:11.30am: Eileen McCarthy – Kilcrohane – 2nd anniv. Micheál Barry – Roskerig – 10th anniv. Patrick Kelleher (Cappabui) & his grandson Liam Noel Daly – Kilcrohane Goleen:12noon: No booking Bantry : 12noon: Colette O'Shea – Old Barrack Road, Bantry – Months Mind John O'Shea – Droumaloughlin Sheila Cronin – Gortroe, Bantry Sheila McCarthy & her daughter Carmel McCarthy – Glengarriff Road, Bantry Mon 7th Sept: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry:10am: Deirdre Ryan Schull: 10am: No Booking Tuesday 8th Sept: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Bantry: 10am: Deirdre & Liam Clark - Dromkeal Wed. 9th Sept: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time: Ballydehob:10am: Mark & Margaret Harrington – Orchard Hill, Bantry Bantry:10am: Mary McCarthy – Parade Field, Bantry & San Diego, California –Birthday Remembrance Thursday 10th Sept: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry:10am: Special Intention Goleen: 10am: Donal Collins – Bantry & Kealfadda Friday 11th Sept: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry:10am: Kathleen Murphy – Glandore & Dublin Schull: 10am: No Booking Saturday 12th Sept: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time: Bantry Hospital: 10am: Pat, Nora, Ellen & Michael Cadogan – Church Road Offertory Collection 30th August: Bantry: €2300 Schull:€1265 Muintir Bhaire:€820 Goleen: €750 Caheragh: €611 There will be a Special collection for the Church Repair Fund taken up in all churches in our Family of Parishes this weekend.		