
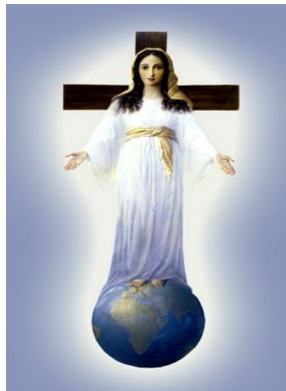


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<div><b><u>Autumn Station Masses 2025</u></b> Station Mass Offering Envelopes are available at all the Church Porches from this weekend. The offerings make up the income of the Priests in the Family of Parishes. Station Masses will take place on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your continuing generous support.</div>		<div><b><u>BENE MERENTI MEDAL AWARDED</u></b> There was great joy in St Mary's Church, Schull last Sunday morning as Mary Logan, Sacristan since 1988 was awarded the Bene Merenti Medal. The BENE MERENTI award is a papal honour, a medal presented by the Pope, recognizing exceptional service to the Catholic Church. The award has a history dating back to 1832, originally intended for soldiers in the Papal army. It's now a prestigious honour bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated long and dedicated service to the church. The medal, featuring Christ on one side and the inscription Bene Merenti (well-deserving) on the other, is a symbol of distinction and gratitude for their contribution to the Church. Fr Chris O'Donovan celebrated the Mass along with Fr Myles McSweeney and Fr Daithí Foley. The clergy spoke of Mary's faithfulness, daily dedication, and service to the priest's and people of Schull Parish. Through meticulous preparations every week, Mary has helped create the space where parishioners encounter the living God. Mary has served on numerous Committee's in the parish including the Parish Pastoral Council, the Hall Committee, the Procession Committee and is a member of the current Parish Finance Committee. Parishioners gathered in the Parish Hall after Mass to celebrate with Mary and her family. Wishing Mary many more years of dedicated service to Church.</div>	
<div><b><u>Gougane Barra Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025</u></b> Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope Receive a special plenary indulgence during this Jubilee Year: 1.30pm: Confessions      2.30pm: Rosary 3.00pm: Mass Celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin For more information see <a href="http://corkandross.org">corkandross.org</a></div>		<div><b><u>Diocese of Cork and Ross:</u></b> <b><u>Is God calling you to be an Diocesan Priest?</u></b> Discernment Group for young men aged 18-40. Monthly Meetings September 2025 to May 2026. Mardyke House, Cork City. Contact <a href="mailto:vocations@corkandross.org">vocations@corkandross.org</a> for more information</div>	
<div><b><u>Recent Parish Baptisms:</u></b> We welcome into our Christian Community <b>Teddy Dealan Hindle – Gurteen, Bantry</b></div>		<div><b><u>Died Recently:</u></b> We extend prayers &amp; sympathy to the families, relatives &amp; friends of: <b>Breeda O'Mahony – Rose Cottage, Blackrock Road, Bantry</b> <b>Derry O'Sullivan – Paris &amp; formerly of Bantry</b> <i>Memorial Mass for Derry O'Sullivan will take place in Bantry Church on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon.</i></div>	
<div><b><u>The Lady of All Nations</u></b> Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, Send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in all the hearts of all nations, That they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, The Blessed Virgin Mary be our Advocate. Amen</div>	<div></div>	<div><b><u>Community Notices</u></b> <b><u>THE 4 Valleys Social Group, and the 4 Valleys Men's Group</u></b> are re-commencing their activities for the Winter, including lunches, day trips, over night trips, classes and more. New members always welcome, contact Anne on 086-726 1086 if you would like more information on these groups.  <b><u>Stay strong and steady on your feet!:</u></b> Norma Mulcahy is a neuromuscular therapist and will be coming along to the <u>Gortalassa Old School House</u> to teach us how improve balance, strength and flexibility through physical activity. There will also be a cuppa tea and a chance to meet neighbours and friends. Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September. Time: 11am Venue: Gortalassa Old School House. For further information, please contact Lorna Harte from the Family Carer and Older Person Initiative on 087 400 1763</div>	
<div><b><u>Offertory 31<sup>st</sup> August:</u></b> Bantry: €2395      Caheragh: €712 Muintir Bhaire: €965      Goleen: €685      Schull: €1185  There will be a special collection for the Church Maintenance Fund this weekend in all churches in our Family of Parishes</div>		<div><b><u>The Folk Group in Bantry Church</u></b> will resume practicing after their summer break on WEDNESDAY THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER at 8pm in the Church. New members and instrumentalists are always welcome.</div>	
<div><b><u>Bantry Credit Union Annual Scholarship:</u></b> Bantry Credit Union is now taking applications for the Third-Level Education Scholarship 2025. The scholarship is worth up to €10,000 (€2,500 a year for up to a maximum of four years). The scholarship is open to members or children of members of Bantry Credit Union as at 1 January 2025 who are entering third-level education this year for the first time. The Closing Date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Following the Closing Date, all eligible applications will be assessed by an Independent Panel, none of whose members will have any connection with Bantry Credit Union. For further information and application forms go to <a href="http://bantrycu.ie/Scholarship-2025">bantrycu.ie/Scholarship-2025</a>.</div>		<div><b><u>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept:</u></b> <b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:</u></b> Bantry HOSPITAL: 10am: Pat, Nora &amp; Ellen Cadogan – Church Road .</div>	
		<div><b><u>Saturday 6th September: 22<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:</u></b> Bantry:6.15pm: Charles McCarthy – Raheen Special Intention Margaret Russell – Reenrour East – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv. John O'Shea – New Hampshire, U.S. Dromore: 8pm: Michael and Cathy May Cadogan - Dromourneen. Lowertown: 8pm: Nellie O'Sullivan – Lowertown</div> <div><b><u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:</u></b> <b>Bantry:</b> 9am: John, Tim &amp; Con (Curley) O'Sullivan – Coomleigh West <b>Ballydehob:</b>9am: Breeda O'Mahony – Rose Cottage, Blackrock Road, Bantry (recently deceased). <b>Durrus:</b> 10am: Annie McCarthy – Ardogeena, Durrus <b>Kealkil:</b>10.30am: Donal Murphy – Kealil Liam Maddock – Ahlmore – Months Mind Eugene &amp; Kate O'Neill &amp; Paul O'Neill – Kealkil Janie Kingston – Drimoleague Jeremiah, Nora &amp; Teddy O'Sullivan – Ballinamought Dickie O'Sullivan – Ahilmore – 3<sup>rd</sup> aniv. Christy &amp; Nora O'Sullivan – Lahernashermeen Aisling O'Mahony (Birthday Remembrance) &amp; her dad Jim O'Mahony - Carriganass <b>Schull:</b>10.30am:Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes Anna &amp; Frank Goggin – Gloun, Schull <b>Caheragh:</b>11.15am: Pete Crowley – Ballyourane Thomas &amp; Bridie Connolly &amp; their son Paddy – Clougheydaniel Michael Whooley – Bristol – Months Mind <b>Kilcrohane:</b>11.30am: Eileen McCarthy – Kilcrohane – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv. Richard Tobin - Ballyruin <b>Goleen:</b>12noon: Frank Coughlan (30<sup>th</sup> anniv) &amp; his wife Mary - Lissigriffin <b>Bantry:</b> 12noon: Paddy Kelleher (Cappabue, Kealkil) (35<sup>th</sup> anniv) &amp; his grandson Liam Kelleher – Kent, UK (recently deceased). John O'Shea – Droumaloughlin Christy O'Sullivan – Glencreagh Ann Hodnett – Orchard Hill, Bantry</div> <div><b><u>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:</u></b> Bantry:10am: Eileen &amp; Bobby Spencer – Rossmacowen, Castletownbere Schull: 10am: No booking</div> <div><b><u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: 23<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:</u></b> Bantry:10am: Mary McCarthy – Parade Field &amp; San Diego – Birthday Remembrance Goleen: 10am: John O'Driscoll – Church Cross</div> <div><b><u>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.: 23<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:</u></b> <b>Ballydehob:</b>10am: Mark &amp; Magaret Harrington – Orchard Hill, Bantry Bantry: 10m: Noreen Teresa O'Sullivan – Kildare &amp; Marian Tce</div> <div><b><u>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: 23<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:</u></b> Bantry:10am: Eileen O'Grady &amp; her son Pádraig - Derryginagh Goleen: 10am: Donal Collins – Bantry &amp; Kealfadda</div> <div><b><u>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept: 23<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:</u></b> Bantry: 10am: Kathleen Murphy – Glandore &amp; Dublin Schull:10am: No booking</div>	