



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH – BALLYDEHOB: Ballydehob Church Choir is looking for new members. All are welcome. If interested please contact Carmel Tarmey at (087) 977 2940.

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage: The Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th August to 4th September. The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available. For more information call Damien on 087 20 49 048

Beginning from Monday February 9th, 2026, a **Saint Pio Mass and Prayer Meeting** will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, Rath, Baltimore on the second Monday of each month (except for July and August) Confession, Adoration, Rosary, Intercessory Prayers, begin at 7.00pm. Mass at 7.30pm. Blessing with First Class Relic of St, Pio of Pietrelcina. Petition Box with Mass offered for those intentions.

Family Carer Coffee Morning: This meeting offers Family Carers a chance to meet other Carers in a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment. It's about taking a break, making friends and sharing experiences. It is also an opportunity to meet local services and gain info about local supports, benefits and entitlements etc. Join us on Thursday 12th February 11am to 12pm in the Ballydehob Community Hall. For further information, please contact Lorna

PALS Course: will run in Glengarriff Community Hall from Wed 11 February from 10am-3pm. This free popular course is led by Age & Opportunity, Cork Sports Partnership, HSE Health Promotion and the Caha Centre. Potential PALS need to be independently mobile, active older people, people interested in working with older people or people who are interested in going on to lead physical activities with groups or communities of mobile older people such as Active Retirement Groups and ICA. To register contact Kathryn on 087-9144427 or online via www.corksports.ie

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a Talk on Grafting Apple trees and early Spring work in the garden with Paul McCormack in Abbeystrewery Hall Skibbereen on Wednesday February 11th at 8.15pm. Please come along and bring a friend.

Recent Parish Baptisms:
 We welcome into our Christian Community
Oisín Noel Casey – Coomanore, Bantry & Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

Open Day for Rusnacahara NS, Ahakista will be on Thursday 26th February. from 1-2pm. We invite families to come along & explore & meet the pupils and staff over a cup of tea & a friendly chat. Contact the school on 027-67286 or by email at rusnacaharans@gmail.com

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: World Day of the Sick: There will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick in St Finbarr's Church, Bantry on today, Sunday 8th February at 3.00pm. This is a Family of Parishes Event & all are welcome.

HEATING IN BANTRY CHURCH: There is a major leak in the heating system. It will take a while before it will be fixed as the leak is underground. As a result, the church will be cold. Please wrap up well when coming to the church

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY - A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE
 Mass times in our Family of Parishes are:

Ballydehob at 10.00am

Goleen at 10.00am

Bantry at 10.00am & 7.30pm

Kilcrohane at 6.30pm

Dromore at 7.30pm

Lowertown at 8.00pm

Ashes will be available in Schull Church after the the 10am Mass in Ballydehob. Ashes will be taken to Coomhola, Kealkil, Caheragh & Durrus, after the 10am Mass in Bantry.

Maranatha is a full-day faith-based, high energy music event for young people from parishes across the diocese attending post-primary schools. Students from over half of our post-primary schools have been preparing for Maranatha 2026. This cumulates in a concert in Cork City Hall on Thursday 26 th February with over 500 young people singing together. Maranatha was created to bring young people together to celebrate their faith through music and have fun at the same time. Please support our young people by coming to this event. Tickets are €15 (plus booking fee) and are available to book on eventbrite.ie, search Maranatha. Doors open 7pm, with concert beginning at 7.30pm.

Died Recently: We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:
Conor Lehane – Cousane, Kealkill

Nicholas (Nick) Daly – Aughaville, Bantry & Clonakilty

Ann McCarthy (née O'Donovan previously Daly) – Kilcrohane

Joan Keane (née O'Shea) – Cahir, Bantry

Elizabeth (Betty) O'Sullivan (née Hegarty) – Cappabeg, Ballydehob

Sheila Murphy (née Meaney) – Maughanaclea, Kealkill

Ellen (Nell) O'Mahony (née Collins) – Inchiclough, Bantry

Jimmie Leahy – Kielbronogue, Schull

Hilary Sullivan (née O'Shea) – Santa Rosa, California & Castletownbere

Offertory Collection 1st February: Bantry: €2345 Caheragh: €630 Muintir Bhaire: €780
 Schull: €839 Goleen: €585.

Church Maintenance Fund last w/e: Bantry: €2160

Caheragh: €474 Muintir Bhaire: €760 Schull: €1140 Goleen: €390

There will be a special Collection taken up this weekend throughout the Diocese for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

The Pope's Monthly Intention: For children with incurable disease: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases & their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength & hope.

Sat 7th Feb: 4th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Willie Joe Donaldson – Seskin – 3rd anniv.
 Leo, James & Mary O'Sullivan – Droumsullivan
 Bernadette Lynch (née O'Grady) – Co. Kildare & Breeenybeg, Kealkil – 2nd anniv.

Dromore: 8pm: Jerry Cadogan –Gortnascreena – 5th anniv.
 Ellen O'Mahony & Pat Joe O'Connor – Inchybegga
 Paddy O'Donovan – Colomane West – Months Mind
 Lowertown: 8pm: Declan & Patricia O'Mahony

Sun.8th Feb: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am: Noreen O'Connor – Gurteen
 Mary Mullins – donemark
 The Riordan & the Keating Families – living and deceased
 Don O'Connor – Caher – 1st anniv.

Ballydehob: 9am:Kitty O'Driscoll – Cappamore – Months Mind
 Mark Harrington – Bantry – Birthday Remembrance
 Bridie Pestella(née O'Mahony) – England & Chapel View, Ballydehob – Recently deceased
 Noreen Barry – Hillside, Ballydehob – 4th anniv.
 Durrus: 10am: Jimmy O'Mahony -Moulnaskeha.

Schull:10.30am: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes
 Dan & Rita McCarthy – South Schull

Kealkil:10.30am: Pat Joe & Mary O'Connor – Dromore

Pat & Lil O'Connor – Curramore

Mort Cronin – Berlin

Paddy Murphy – Cahirmounteen

Cornie McSweeney – Lisheens, Kealkil – Months Mind

Nell McSweeney, Con & Ellen McSweeney

John, Paddy, Jerome, Dympna & Bernie Maguire – Tullig, Leap
 Chrissie Murphy – Breenybeg, Kealkil – Months Mind
 John Cronin – Gortroe, Bantry – 40th Anniv.

Caheragh:11.15am:
 Tony O'Driscoll – Inchinagotagh – Months Mind

Kilcrohane: 11.30am:

Brian O'Donnell – Kilcrohane – 1st anniv.

Goleen:12noon: Mass for Peace

Bantry : 12noon: Catherine McGuirk – Reenrour East
 Kathleen Corridan – Church Road – 11th anniv.

Damien O'Sullivan – Beach, Bantry – 1st anniv.

Patrick Pettit – Bantry

Joan Murphy – Donemark & Mallow – Months Mind

Mon 9th Feb: 5th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Vincent Browne

Schull: 10am: Con McCárthaigh – Main Street, Schull

Tuesday 10th Feb: 5th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Sr. Maura Killeen – Avila, Ardnagaoithe

Goleen: 10am: Patricia O'Reilly

Wednesday 11th Feb: 5th Week in Ordinary Time:

Ballydehob:10am: Confirmation in Ballydehob Church

Bantry:10am: Helen Manning - Dromacousane

Thursday 12th Feb: 5th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Stephen Sullivan - Seskin

Goleen: 10am: Diarmuid Manning

Friday 13th Feb: 5th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: Julia, May & Vince O'Sullivan - Castletownbere

Schull: 10am: Scoil Mhuire N.S. First Confession

Sat 14th Feb: SS Cyril, & Methodius, Patrons of Europe

Bantry Hospital: 10am: Special Intention