



## BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent:**  
**Bantry:** 6.15pm: Patrick Falvey – Ballylickey  
 Sean & Eileen Holland – Keanlanine, Coomhola  
 Marian Reilly – Snav, Ballylickey  
 John & Margaret Wilcox – Goleen  
 Gerardine Young – Ardnagaoithe  
 Declan Cronin – High Street, Bantry  
 Nora Walsh – Reenrou East – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance  
**Dromore:** 8pm: Mary O'Sullivan – Clouncuggar – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.  
 John Barry – Gornascreena – 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.  
 Alice Hegarty - Carrig  
**Lowertown:** 8pm: Thomas & Ellen McCarthy - Ardravinna.  
**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> March: Third Sunday of Lent:**  
**Bantry:** 9am: Gerard O'Donoghue – Hartlepool  
 Mary Duffy (née O'Sullivan-Taylor) – Rossmacowen & England  
 Paddy & Bella Barry (Raheen) & deceased members of their family – Pa, Eileen & Claire Barry  
 Social Intention  
**Ballydehob:** 9am:  
 Robert, Nora & Nellie Cleary – Main Street, Ballydehob  
**Durrus:** 10am: Paddy Moynihan & deceased members of the Moynihan Family – Coomkeen  
 Richard Levis – 4<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
 Richard Cashman – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
 Ron Kelly – Brahalish – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
**Schull:** 10.30am: Pat Leahy – Dreenatra, Schull  
 Charles & Ellen McCarthy & deceased family members – South Schull  
 Martin, Clarissa, Betty & John Christopher McCarthy – Foilnamuck  
 Cornie McCarthy – Cappaglass  
 Jimmy Leahy – Kilbronogue – Months Mind  
 Patricia O'Reilly – Ardmanagh – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance  
**Kealkil:** 10.30am: Eileen McSweeney – Kealkil - 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
 Vyron Owen – Breenybeg, Kealkil & Wales – 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
 Mary Murray Walsh – Bantry & Cork – 6<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
 Sheila Murphy (Months Mind), her husband Timmy & son Tim Joe Murphy – Maughnaclea  
**Caheragh:** 11.15am: John Barry - Gornascreena  
 Con Clancy – Coolbawn who died recently in New Jersey, USA  
**Kilcrohane:** 11.30am:  
 Agnes Hegarty – Ahakista – Months Mind  
 Ann McCarthy – Kilcrohane – Months Mind  
**Goleen:** 12noon: Intentions of people of Bantry Family of Parishes  
 Kevin Hodnett – Lackavawn  
 Jimmy O'Driscoll – Crookhaven  
 Jhenn Ouano – Cork – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.  
**Bantry:** 12noon: John & Ella McCarthy – Cork  
 Brendan & Eileen Minehane - Dromleigh South  
 Annie Kingston – Donemark  
 Phil O'Connor – Baltinglass, Cahermore, Eyeries.  
 Eddie Bracken - Gouremore  
**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent:**  
**Bantry:** 8.30am: Special Intention (Please note time change)  
 Schull: 10am: Eileen Moynihan – East End, Schull  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent:**  
 Bantry: 10am: Sheila Keane - Cork  
 Goleen: 10am: Rea Kennedy – Tivoli, Cork & Crookhaven

**A Prayer for Peace**  
**Loving God,**  
**Source of all light and love,**  
**We come before You with heavy hearts**  
**as conflict and division trouble our world.**  
**Where there is war, bring peace.**  
**Where there is hatred, sow compassion.**  
**Where there is fear, plant courage.**  
**Soften hardened hearts and remind us that every life is precious.**  
**May Your peace flow across borders, cultures, and differences,**  
**Uniting us as one human family.**  
**And may that peace begin within each of us.**

Spring Station Offering Envelopes are available in the porches of all churches in our family of Parishes. These offerings make up the income for the priests. The Spring station Masses will take place at the Masses over the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Dues envelopes will be collected at those Masses.

### Mass Times for St. Patrick's Day

#### Vigil Masses on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Dromore: 8pm:**  
**Lowertown: 8pm:**

#### St. Patrick's Day: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

**Bantry: 9am & 12noon**  
**Ballydehob: 9am: Durrus: 10am:**  
**Coomhola: 10.30am: Schull: 10.30am:**  
**Caheragh: 11.15am: Kilcrohane: 11.30am:**  
**Goleen: 12noon:**

Request for the Return of Funeral Reading Books: At the time of a bereavement, families are given a book that contains readings and prayers for the funeral Mass. Those books can be re used again by another bereaved family once they are in good condition. If you have a copy or copies of those books in a drawer at home, we would be grateful if you could return them to the sacristy of your local church or to the parish office in Bantry so they can be used again.

Padre Pio Mass & Prayer Meeting – Sacred Heart Church, Rath, Baltimore on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 7pm. Adoration & Rosary followed by Mass at 7.30pm. Blessings with First Class Relic of St. Pio. Petition box with Mass offered for those Intentions.

Please note morning Mass times in Bantry Church will change as follows due to Confirmations taking place in our Family of Parishes

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Mass will be at 8.30am**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Mass will be at 8.30am**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Mass will be at 9am**

KNOCK: CALLED TO CARE is a powerful new live webinar series from Knock Shrine and the Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 8pm. Live online – join via zoom. Find out more at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) or email [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie)

Derrycreeha National School, Glengarriff is now enrolling for 26/27 . We will be having a Play Day/Open Day on 26th March 2026 1pm to 2.30pm. All welcome.

#### Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community  
**Kaiden Lea Cronin – Whiddy Island, Bantry**

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a demonstration with Sheila Gilbert, Clonakilty on Wednesday 11th March at 8.15pm in Abbeystrewery Hall. All very welcome. Come along and enjoy.

Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March. Please visit [purpleday.org](http://purpleday.org).

<b>Offertory Collection 1<sup>st</sup> March:</b> Bantry: €2430 MuintirBhaire:€620 Schull:€930	Caheragh:€507 Goleen: €445
Church Repair Fund last w/e: Bantry: €2255 MuintirBhaire:€555 Schull:€744	Caheragh: €585 Goleen: €345

**There will be a special collection this weekend, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March, for the Irish Bishops' Commissions.**

A Memory Tree will be planted in the grounds of Kealkill Church after 10:30am Mass on 22nd March to commemorate the life of Anne O'Sullivan, Carriganass, who played a huge role in the community as teacher and principal of Kealkill NS. The planting is a fitting tribute to Anne who was so dedicated to Kealkill Church and contributed to parish life in many ways, including through the weekly flower arrangements she created for the altar. Anne was also a valued member of Kealkill Tidy Towns, and its committee will host a coffee morning in her honour at Kealkill Community Hall which will follow the tree-planting ceremony. All are welcome to both events.

Bantry Blues Ladies Annual Easter Peil Camp will run from Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th April 2026. €30 per child. Suitable for boys and girls aged 4+. Please register online through link on Facebook. Any enquiries contact Mike on 087 9537805

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent:

**Ballydehob:10am: No booking**  
**Bantry:10am:**  
 Nora Edgeworth – Birthday Remembrance

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent:

**Bantry:10am:**  
 Margaret, Jerh. & John O'Mahony  
**Goleen: 10am: Nellie Hallihan**

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent:

**Bantry:10am: John & Kitty Keohane – Slip Lawn**  
**Schull: 10am: No booking**

#### Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent:

**Bantry Hospital: 10am: Denis Cronin – Coomanore South & Dublin**