

BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **8th November 2026 Vol. 41. No.46**

Died Recently:**We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:**

John O'Brien – Cappaghlass, Ballydehob
Dan McCarthy – Glounthnaw, Bantry

New Film on Saint Margaret Mary: **On October 16th, 2026, Sancteo released "Amour pour amour", a vivid 12-minute documentary on Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque and the revelations of the Sacred Heart at Paray-le-Monial. Available to view on Youtube.**

Christmas Concert will be held in The Holy Family Church, Caheragh on Friday 4th December at 7.30pm. Doors opening at 7pm Featuring Caheragh Folk Group, Muintir Bhaire Men's Choir, Sheep Head Womens Chorus and soloists Áine O Sullivan and Victor Palazhchenko. Tickets can be purchased from Wild Ways Dillions Corner Skibbereen. Anne 086 8471660. Bernadette 086 8384815. Kay 087 2611492 It promises to be a magical evening.

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November:
Join hundreds of women at the **Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal**, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference! Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

Mealagh Valley Community Hall Bingo
Thurs 12th at 8pm. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration Christmas Cards: €10/pack 10. A5 laminated card with envs. Mix of 5cards/pack of 10. All proceeds go to support the spread of Eucharistic Adoration. Orders taken up to Friday 21st November. Tel/Text Catherine Manning on 083-8928299

Christmas Craft Fair: Gortalassa Old School House (P75C589) Sunday 8th November (12 to 5pm). Range of local Art & Craft (Great for a unique Christmas gift). Home baking & Produce. Tea/Coffee. Raffle. All funds raised go to the renovations of G.O.S.H. All welcome. Free entry.

Offertory Collection 25th Oct: Bantry: €2250 Caheragh:€612
Schull:€909 Muintir Bhaire: €915 Goleen: € 725
Church Maintenance Fund last w/e: Bantry: €2120 Schull:€887
Caheragh: €523 Muintir Bhaire:€780 Goleen: €

Special Collection for Diocesan Youth Ministry will be taken up in all churches of the Diocese next weekend, 14th/15th Nov.

Masses for those who have died during the past year.

The final Masses for those who died during the past year take place tomorrow Monday 9th November: Goleen (at 8pm) and Coomhola (at 7.30pm)

Graveyard Prayers for the faithful departed will continue as follows:

Graveyard Prayers: Sunday 8th November
Caheragh Old Cemetery: after 11.15am Mass: Bawnakeane: 3pm

Graveyard Prayers: Sunday 15th November:
Dunbeacon: 3pm & Kielhangel at 4.00pm

Graveyard Prayers: Sunday 22nd November: Stouke at 3.00pm

Graveyard Prayers : Sunday 29th November: Schull at 3.00pm



Raising Hope – Caring for our Common Home Together

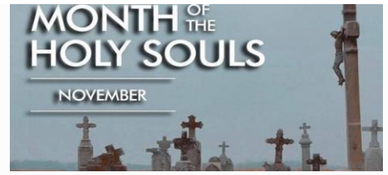
A Laudato Si' Conference for the diocese of Cloyne, Cork & Ross, Waterford & Lismore. In the midst of environmental crises, how can parish communities care more deeply for God's creation? Join us for a day to equip yourself & your Parish communities to walk more gently on the earth, with dynamic speakers & practical workshops. On Saturday 21st Nov (10am-4pm) in Clayton Hotel Silver Spring, Tivoli, Cork. To register please email: maria.murphy@trocaire.org. Suggested donation of €10 on the day.

AID To the Church in Need: ACN Ireland : Red Wednesday 18th November 2026. More Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than the previous 1,900 years of Christian history. Types of Persecution faced include government repression, extremist Violence & cultural / Social Pressure. Thousands of churches have been attacled or destroyed. Many Christians face martyrdom, arbitrary arrest and detention. Join us in standing with them in prayerful solidarity. This Red Wednesday, we invite you to wear something red, light a red candle inyour window and pray for their welfare. You can find out more on www.acnireland.org or call 01-8377516.

Kilcrohane NS will be holding a used clothing recycling collection on Monday, 9th November 2026 at 8:30am. Used clothing to be placed in black bags & dropped off and left inside the school wall from Sunday the 8th of Nov. Many thanks for your ongoing support for our small school with a big heart"- It is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Magic in Kilcrohane: Santa and Mrs Claus are making their annual visit to the Blackgate Centre in Kilcrohane on Saturday, 5th December and Sunday, 6th December. Pre-booking is essential. Call our head Elf at 087 854 4194 to make a reservation. In addition to meeting Santa and Mrs Claus, there will also be a chance to visit Elf School and the live Crib and then come back for a steaming mug of hot chocolate and a glass of mulled wine for the adults. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available.
There is also a welcome for adults who would like to have a warm Christmas experience and get back in touch with their childhood memories. The event is organised by Muintir Bhaire Community Council and all funds raised are for local community activities.

Mizen Head Winter Market: Come join us on Sunday 8th November at the Mizen Head Visitor Centre (P81NY52. 11am to 4pm. Get your handcrafted Gifts for Christmas & Baked Goods etc.



Prayer for the Holy Souls
Lord Jesus, during this holy month of November,
We remember all the Holy Souls who await the joy of heaven.
May our prayers, sacrifices and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass help them on their journey towards You.
May those who have gone before us be reunited with You in everlasting happiness.
And may we one day meet again in Your heavenly kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 7th Nov: 31st Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 6.15pm: Holy Souls
Dromore:8pm: Holy Souls
Lowertown:8pm: Holy Souls

Sunday 8th Nov.:Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:9am: Holy Souls
Ballydehob:9am: Holy Souls
Durrus: 10am: Holy Souls
Schull:10.30am: Holy Souls
Coomhola:10.30am: Holy Souls
Caheragh:11.15am: Holy Souls
Kilcrohane:11.30am: Holy Souls
Goleen:12noon: Holy Souls
Bantry:12noon: Holy Souls

Monday 9th Nov: The dedication of the Lateran Basilica:
Bantry:10am: Holy Souls Schull: 10am: Holy Souls
Lowertown: 8pm: Holy Souls
Coomhola: 7.30pm: Mass for the deceased of the past year
Goleen: 8pm: Mass for the deceased of the past year

Tuesday 10th Nov: 32nd Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: Holy souls
Lowertown: 8pm: Holy Souls

Wed. 11th Nov: 32nd week in Ordinary Time:
Ballydehob:10am: No Booking
Bantry:10am: Sr. Augustin O'Connor –Convent of Mercy, Mallow

Thurs 12th Nov: 32nd Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: Special Intention
Goleen: 10am: Dr Richard Callaghan .

Friday 13th Nov: 32nd Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: Eileen & Tom Ingram.
Joe & Eileen O'Riordan
Schull:10am: No Booking

Sat 14th Nov: 32nd Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry Hospital: 10am: Special Intention