



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9TH MARCH 2025 VOL.23. NO.11

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Saturday: 8th March : After Ash Wednesday:
 Bantry: 6.15pm: Mary & Dave Warner – Caher
 Declan Cronin – High Street, Bantry
 Paddy Falvey – Ballylickey
 John & Ella McCarthy – Cork
 Pat Buttimer – Bantry Inn – 2nd anniv.
 Dromore: 8pm: John Barry - Gortnascreena - 2nd Anniv.
 Lowertown: 8pm: Jack & Mary Roycroft – Lowertown

Sun. 9th March First Sunday of Lent:
 Bantry: 9am: Special Intention
 Gerard O'Donoghue – High Street, Bantry & Hartlepool, UK
 Jesai Anthony George – Brisbane, Australia & Dromore
 John, Mary, Jim & Maureen O'Connor - Wexford
 Don O'Connor – Caher – Months Mind
 Deceased members of the O'Shea Family - Caher
 Ballydehob: 9am: Tim Coughlan – Dreenaclough, Ballydehob
 Robert, Nora & Nellie Cleary – Main Street, Ballydehob
 Durrus: 10am: Richard Levis – Kealties – 3rd anniv.
 Ron Kelly – Brahalish – 1st anniv.
 Kevin Ward
 Phillip, William, Hannie & Mary Ann Spillane
 Kealkil: 10.30am: Vyron Owen – Breenybeg, UK & Wales
 Mary Murray – Cork & Bantry – 6th anniv.
 Sean Walsh – Rooska
 Eileen McSweeney & her mother Betty McCarthy – Kealkil
 Joan O'Callaghan – Ahilmore
 Seán Casey – Kealkil – 2nd anniv.
 Timothy & Mary O'Shea – Kealkil
 Sheila Keohane – Dromlickacrae – Months Mind
 Schull: 10.30am: Sheila Norris (née Coughlan) – South Schull & England – Recently deceased
 Martin & Clarissa McCarthy – Foilnamuck
 Eileen O'Regan – Pier Road, Schull
 Caheragh: 11.15am: John Barry – Gortnascreena
 John Pat Keohane – Gortdromagh – Birthday Remembrance
 Kilcrohane: 11.30am: Tim & Molly Daly - Cahir
 Goleen: 12noon: Kevin Hodnett - Lackavawn
 Bantry: 12noon: Brendan (2nd anniv) & Eileen Minehan (20th anniv) – Dromleigh South
 Mary O'Driscoll (née Keane) – Douglas & Glenlough – 1st anniv.
 Paddy & Bella Barry. Pa, Eileen & Clare Barry & deceased members of the Barry Family.
 Damien O'Sullivan – London & Beach, Bantry – Months Mind

Monday 10th March: 1st week of Lent:
 Schull: 10am: Special Intention
 Bantry: 10am: Sheila Keane - Cork

Tuesday 11th March: 1st week of Lent:
 Bantry: 10am: Kathleen & Robert Evans – The Square, Bantry
 Goleen: 10am: John O'Connor – Ballyvogue – Months Mind

Wednesday 12th March: 1st week of Lent:
 Durrus: 9am: People of the Family of Parishes
 Ballydehob: 10am: No booking
 Bantry: 10am: Margaret, Jeremiah & John O'Mahony

PARISH INSURANCE & FINANCIAL REPORTS

One of the largest annual expenses each parish faces is insurance. The insurance bill for each of the parishes in our Family of Parishes is as follows: Bantry Parish €15,322 which is 7 weekend collections, almost 2 months of the year going towards one expense. Caheragh Parish - €5,080 which is 9 weekend collections, that is 2 months of collections. Goleen Parish - €7,240 which is 16 weekend collections, that is 4 months. Muintir Bhaire Parish - €6,890 which is 8 weekend collections, 2 months. Schull Parish - €11,725 which is 16 weekend collections, 4 months. The next major expense for each parish is Light and heat. In 2024 the bill for Light and Heat in Schull Parish was €10,357, Caheragh Parish €8,300. This gives you an idea of how tight the margins are when factoring in all the other day to day expenses. During these weeks, the accounts for 2024 are with accountants and when signed by each Parish Finance Committee, they are sent to the Diocesan office for further consolidation. A copy of the report for each of our five parishes will be published once they are signed off. Your support for your parish is vital for it to meet its financial obligations.

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

Michael Walsh – Market Street, Bantry

Anne O'Sullivan (née McCarthy) – Carriganass, Kealkil

Mary Kingston – Magazine Road, Cork & Caheragh

Mary O'Leary (née Wholey) – 'St. Martins', Newtown East, Bantry

Sr. Sheila Minehane – St. Columba's Convent, Bishopstown & late of Parkana, Bantry

REST IN PEACE

Spring Stations

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 22nd / 23rd of March. Dues envelopes will be collected at those Masses. We thank you in advance for your continuing support.

Rusnacahara NS. Ahakista: Enrollment Day on Tuesday 11th March from 1-2pm. You are very welcome to come along on the day to have a look at what the school has to offer & meet the staff and pupils. For further information please feel free to contact on 027 – 67286 or email rusnacaharans@gmail.com

RING FOUND: A wedding ring was found in St. Finbarr's Church, last Sunday morning after the 9.00am Mass. Please call to the Sacristy in Bantry Church or the Parish Office on 027-56398

Offertory 2nd March: Bantry: €1755 Caheragh: €644
 Schull: €765 Muintir Bhaire: €950 Goleen €395
Church Maintenance Fund Collection:
 Bantry: €1910 Caheragh: €590
 Schull: €880 Muintir Bhaire: €710 Goleen €287
 Special Collection takes place this weekend in all churches for the Irish Bishops Commissions.

Thursday 13th March: 1st week of Lent:
 Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
 Goleen: 10am: No booking

Friday 14th March: 1st week of Lent:
 Bantry: 10am: Jack & Mary McCarthy – Drimoleague
 Connie & Joan O'Sullivan - Enniskeane
 Schull: 10am: No booking

Saturday 15th March: 1st week of Lent:
 Bantry HOSPITAL: 10am: Denis Cronin – Coomanore & Dublin

Community Notices

National Learning Network, West Cork. Are you looking for a job and need to retrain or up-skill? National Learning Network provides personalised training and support to people who are looking for direction. We have a wide range of FREE practical and certified training opportunities are on offer in West Cork. Social Welfare entitlements unaffected and maybe increased for under 26. Life skills like driving lessons are also supported We have a new Office Administration QQI L5 course now available & you can join at any time. For info. & transport details contact: Mary Deane (027 51027) or westcork@nln.ie

Mass Times for St. Patrick's Day

Vigil Masses on Sunday 16th March:

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Dromore: 8pm:

Lowertown: 8pm:

St. Patrick's Day: Monday 17th March:

Bantry: 9am:

Ballydehob: 9am:

Durrus: 10am:

Coomhola: 10.30am:

Schull: 10.30am:

Caheragh: 11.15am:

Kilcrohane: 11.30am:

Goleen: 12noon:

Bantry: 12noon

Coomhola National School are holding a Table Quiz in the Ouvane Falls on Friday March 28th @ 8pm. €50 for a table of 4. To book a table please contact Coomhola School on 027 51173 or Orla on 0861721323'

Skibbereen Flower and Garden club are holding a demonstration with Breda Keohane, Ballinhassig, in the Abbeystrewey Hall on Wednesday 12th March at 8.15pm. A great night assured. All very welcome.. Refreshments served

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport with Spiritual Director: Our pilgrimage departs from Cork with Aer Lingus on 4th June 2025. Everyone is welcome! Half board:.. For further information please contact Jim Keogh 087 2678793 /021 4885371