



BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

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Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

We welcome into our Christian Community

Francis Jared Thomas Holt

– Henderson, Auckland, New Zealand.

Donagh Diarmuid Murphy

– Milleenoola, Bantry

Darkness into Light:

Muintir Bháire Community Council are hosting a walk in Kilcrohane on Saturday, May 9th, meeting in Creamery Yard at 4am. Walking up the Goats Path, to watch the sun rise. Meeting back at the Creamery for a well-earned cuppa and treat afterwards. Donations on the day all go towards Pieta House. Come out and support, it's always a very special morning walk.

National Learning Network: Nationwide Open Day: Wednesday 15th April (11am-1pm). Join us to tour our centre, meet students & Staff! We offer range of free, supportive, person-centred training courses in an inclusive environment to help you get a job or further education. Tel.027-51027 or www.nln.ie

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For info, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek

Offertory Collection 3rd April – Good Friday Collection for Holy Places: Bantry: €770 Caheragh: €255 MuintirBhaire: €450 Schull: €729.65 Goleen: €126.40

The Pope's Monthly Intention: For Priests in Crisis:
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Thank You

We thank all who attended the Easter Ceremonies in all the Churches of our Family of Parishes.

A special thanks to the Sacristans, Altar Servers, Altar Societies, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors, counters, those who organised the Lenten Petitions and Stations of the Cross for Lent, Cantors & Choirs and Gardeners. We thank those who volunteered in any way, those who erected the Altars of Repose, provided the beautiful, enriching music and all who helped in any way during the Easter Ceremonies.

Fr. Myles, Fr. Chris, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Ben & Fr. John

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

Mary Moynihan (née O'Regan) – 'Midwood', Lowertown, Schull

John (Johnny) Crowley – Dromcloc House, Bantry

Joseph (Joe) Daly – Sandyford, Dublin / Bantry

Denis O'Sullivan – The Mealagh Valley, Bantry

Vince Lowney – Waterfall, Castletownbere

BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES AND FRIENDS LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 - 13th – 18th September 2026

Spiritual Director: Fr. Noel O'Leary SMA

Cost includes: Charter flight from Cork to Lourdes return (Tarbes or Pau Airport). All meals in Lourdes. Accommodation sharing twin or triple bedded rooms with facilities. Transfers to & from Lourdes airport to Hotel. Government Taxes. For further enquiries please contact John & Marian Minehane: 087-8347318 or john.minehane@gmail.com or Barter's Travelnet Cork: 92 Patrick Street, Cork: 021- 4851700

Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on the 12th of April beginning at 2.30pm. Blessing of Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction. Concluding @ 4pm (approx). All are welcome.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration – KNOCK Pilgrimage 2026

A Call to Prayer & adoration. Pilgrimage Day: Sunday 19th April: 10.30am-5pm.

Bus leaving Ballydehob at 3.55am on Sun. 19th April.

Those interested in going please contact Phil on 086-1238356

The Annual Bantry Hospice Golf Classic takes place on May 15th and 16th, kindly sponsored by Sandoz. Teams of 3 including meal is €200. For timesheet please contact: Damian: 0863148133 / Jerry: 0860866506 / Paddy 0860485382

Trocaire : Are you ready to help build a better world?

Why not become a Laudato Si' Animator to bring prayer and action for climate justice together? This free online course begins on April 15th, and is available for all who are interested in exploring care for creation through the lens of faith and spirituality.

Sign up here: <https://laudatosianimators.org/>

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 11th April: Easter Saturday:

Bantry: 6.15pm: Betty Murray - Ballylickey
Patrick & Kate Cronin & family – Loughadeveen
John Scully – Skahana & London – 1st anniv.
Helen & Jeremiah Whooley (Derrinkealig) & their grandsons
Dermot Whooley & Damien O'Sullivan
Mary Swanton – Moulakieve – 20th anniv.

Dromore:8pm:

Margaret O Sullivan- Dromore (Months Mind).
Deceased members of the Tadgh Mac Carthaigh GAA Club.
Lowertown: 8pm: Seamus and Patricia Collins - Lowertown

Sunday 12th April: Second Sunday of Easter:

Bantry:9am: John Donegan – Kilcrohane & London

Henry Deane – Kielnascarta

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Eileen O'Sullivan – Marino Street

Ballydehob: 9am: Rebecca O'Brien – Ballybane, Ballydehob & late of Moynys, Drimoleague – 1st anniv.
Pete O'Sullivan – Dreenlomane, Ballydehob – 2nd anniv.
Fr. Paddy O'Sullivan – Crosshaven & Ballydehob – 40th anniv.

Durrus:10am: Paddy Tobin - Droumreagh, Durrus -5th anniv

Denis Sullivan - Gearhameen, Durrus – 50th anniv.

Kevin Cronin – Seaview, Durrus

Schull:10.30am: Sylwia Lesik – Recently deceased

Coomhola:10.30am: Joe O'Mahony – Ballylickey

Connie Desmond - Borlin

John Joe Keohane, Shannon Keohane & Aidan Egan and all deceased members of the Keohane & Egan families.

John & Nora Harrington & all deceased members of the Harrington Family - Derrycreha

Caheragh:11.15am: John Kirby – Glounaphooka & Skibbereen
Intentions of the People of Bantry Family of Parishes

Kilcrohane:11.30am: Peggy Rohan – New York

Goleen:12noon:

Sonny & Elizabeth O'Sullivan - Crookhaven

Bantry : 12noon: Tim O'Leary – Colomane West – 21st anniv.

Mon 13th April: 2nd Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Mark O'Sullivan – 3rd anniv.

Schull:10am: John & Kitty Dempsey – Airhill, Schull

Tuesday 14th April: 2nd Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Mary & Teddy Murphy and Susan McSwiney

Goleen: 10am: Eileen O'Sullivan

Wednesday 15th April: 2nd Week of Easter:

Ballydehob:10am: No booking

Bantry:10am: Jim Cadogan – Reenrour East

Thursday 16th April : 2nd Week of Easter

Bantry:10am: Special Intention

Goleen: 10am: Dessie Clear

Friday 17th April: 2nd Week of Easter:

Bantry:10am: Mary & Timothy O'Sullivan – Reenrour East

Schull: 10am: No booking

Sat 18th April: 2nd Week of Easter:

Bantry Hospital:10am:

Timmy & Cathy Clifford – St. Cannaras Place