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Spring Station Masses 2016

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2016 up until 30th April.

However, if you wish to host a Station Mass outside of these dates, we will do our best to facilitate this.

If you are thinking of hosting the Spring Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (56398) to arrange a date.

Friday 15th April @ 8pm

Noreen O'Donovan – Lahadane, Donemark, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapail, Dromaduneen

Friday 20th May @ 11am

The Keohane Family – Derrinkealig, Drombroe, Cahermacrin

Confirmation Day: Bishop Buckley will

administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of Coomhola, Cappabue, Kealkil, Derrycreha & Dromcough at 10.30am on Monday 11th April next in Bantry Church.

Please note that there will be no morning Mass at 10am and there will be limited parking only in the Church Grounds on the day.

Naíonra Bheantraí will be holding their Open Day on Thursday 21st April between 12 noon and 1 pm. Free school year for children aged 3 – 5 years. Any queries to 027/51966.

Youth 2000 will be hosting a Catholic youth retreat in St. Brendan's College, Killarney, Co. Kerry from 15th-17th April for ages 16-35. The weekend will consist of inspiring talks, music, prayer, workshops & time to chill out & meet new people. Please bring a sleeping bag if staying on site. Donation only event. For more info contact Marie 0879361812 or check out www.youth2000.ie

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 11th April: 3rd week of Easter:

St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

Bantry: No Mass due to Confirmation

Tues. 12th April: 3rd Week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Silvia Magner - Newtown

Wed. 13th April: 3rd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am:

John & Bridie Flynn – Durrus & Limerick

Hospital: 5.30pm:

Jimmy O'Sullivan – Rock Villas

Thurs. 14th April: 3rd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Margaret, Jeremiah & John O'Mahony - Castlehaven

Friday 15th April: 3rd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: John Keohane (Slip Lawn & Drinagh) & deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family – Cahermore, Beara

Kealkil: 7.30pm:

Kathleen O'Shea – Ahil, Kealkil

Sat. 16th April: 3rd week of Easter:

Hospital: 10am: Kathleen O'Mahony – Hayes, UK

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Noel Daly – Derryvahalla – 1st anniversary

Sun. 17th April: Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am: Finola Doody – Slip Lawn

Coomhola: 10am:

Christy Cronin - Ardnacloughy

Kealkil: 11am:

John & Bridie Cronin - Cahirmuckee

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Eily Georgia Collins

Reenrou East, Bantry

Lisa Marie Kingston - Fitzgerald

Pairc na Carraig, Newtown, Bantry

We welcome them into our Christian Community

Come and See Information Day for Priesthood in the Diocese of Cork & Ross.

The Annual Cork and Ross Vocations Information Day will be held on next Sunday April 17th at The Pastoral Development Office, The Parochial House, Ballyphehane (Telephone 021-4537603) from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. The afternoon allows prospective students to explore the possibility of a vocation and make enquiries in an informal setting. Seminarians for the Diocese will also attend. Further information from: Fr. Tom Deenihan (021) 4301717, Fr Charlie Kiely (021) 4537603 or Canon Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4371684.

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me,
console me. Tell me what I should do; give
me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to
all that You desire of me and to accept all that
You permit to happen to me.
Let me only know Your Will.
Cardinal Mercier

St. Patrick's Community who gave a mission in our parish last year will be leading a Parish Mission in All Saints Church, Drimoleague and in Sacred Heart Church, Drinagh from Monday the 11th to Friday the 15th of April.

Evening Sessions, Monday – Friday 7.30pm

The Mission will take place as follows:

Monday : God's Love - Drimoleague Church
(John Pridmore will share his amazing story.)

Tuesday : God's Mercy – Drimoleague Church

Weds : God's Healing - Drimoleague Church

Thursday : God's gift of Mary - Drinagh Church

Friday : Mass of the Holy Spirit - Drinagh Church
Everyone Welcome!

Bantry Tidy Towns: A huge thank you to the 40+ volunteers who turned up on Sat. last to take part in the KWD sponsored clean up of the Bantry area. The weather was kind to the people who gave of their time to clean the approach roads to the town resulting in approx. 80 bags of rubbish, papers ,cans, bits of cars, old signs, tyres etc. being collected. A big thank you also to the people who volunteered to maintain their roads/areas for the remainder of the season, this is a very much appreciated gesture. Regular weekly clean-ups will commence in May, new volunteers would be very much appreciated.

CARDS FOR BEGINNERS AT MEALAGH VALLEY HALL ON SATURDAY APRIL 16th. AT 9.00 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME.

St Colum's Scrap Saturday: There will be a scrap collection taking place on Saturday April 16th. For further info please contact Tony on 086-8337724. This is a fundraiser for St Colum's Gaa Club to help with the day to day running of the club and all support is greatly appreciated.

West Cork Choral Singers performing Karl Jenkins STABAT MATER & VIVALDI GLORIA with Soprano Mary Hegarty, Mezzo-soprano Camilla Griehsel, Contralto Sarah-Ellen Murphy and the West Cork Concert Orchestra under Musical Director Diana Llewellyn and Accompanist Annabel Adams at Abbeystrewery Church, Skibbereen on Sunday 24 April 2016 at 8.00 p.m. Tickets €20 from Thornhill Bros, Skibbereen."

Offertory Collection: Weekend 2nd / 3rd April :
Bantry Church: €1855; Kealkil Church:€320;
Coomhola Church: €230. **Special Collection for Diocesan Needs takes place April 9th & 10th**

Bantry Historical Society's AGM takes place in the Christian Fellowship Church on Friday 15th April at 8pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Just 4 Fun Kids Camp is running in **Bantry in Colaiste Pobail Bheantraí** from the 4th – 8th July 2016. Fun activities for boys and girls from the ages of 5-13 years. **Book online or by brochure** For more information contact the **Just 4 Fun Kids Camp Office 087 182 1594** or **029 70640** checkout our website www.just4funkidscamp.com

"Lest We Forget."

A concert is to be held at Sacred Heart Church, Glengarriff (by kind permission of Fr Michael) at 8pm on Sunday 1st May, to raise much needed funds for Alzheimer's Support, Cork County.

Free admission. Bumper raffle! Retiring collection. Amongst artists, giving their time free of charge, are Seho Lee, international concert pianist from South Korea; Than Horng Kent, pianist. Both will be playing individually as well as "4 hands-1 piano" Simon O'Gorman, winner of Irish Times Best Supporting Actor 2015.

Local artists: Nancy Long (harp), Joe Harrington and Dennis Collins (singers), Glengarriff Church Choir and maybe some surprises too!

This is a truly outstanding line up. Your support on the night would be appreciated, and raffle tickets can be obtained in advance by phoning Joan on 086 6008029, or 0872528674

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 26 June 2016. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. **Contact DenisvHumanitarian Volunteers 086 8520271.**

Holy Land Pilgrimage: June 8-18: Follow in the footsteps of Jesus on this trip of a lifetime. Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman, is a Bible Scholar. Contact Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra at 0868337681 now Diocesan Office, Redemption Rd., Cork. Tel: 021-4301717

Bingo will be held at Mealagh Valley Hall on Monday April 11th. at 8.30 P.M. Usual Bus Service Will Run. Please support.