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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 11th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan –
Marian Terrace

Tues. 12th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am Nuala McCarthy – High Street

Wed. 13th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Maura O'Connor – High Street
Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm: Kevin O'Donovan

Thurs. 14th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Bantry: 10am Patrick & Mary Spillane & their
son P.J. Spillane - Derryginagh

Friday 15th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
St. Ita, Virgin – born in Co. Waterford of noble &
Christian parents. Founded a monastery in Killeedy,
Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of
young people. Given the title 'foster other of the
saints of Ireland'. Died in 570
Bantry: 10am: Joseph & Mary O'Mahony &
their son Joseph O'Mahony - Ardnatrush
Kealkil: 7.30pm: Sean O'Mahony - Maughnaclea

Sat. 16th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Hospital: 10am:
Michael Jimmy Downey - Gortagarry
Bantry: 6.15pm:
Mary O'Brien – Reenrour East

Sun. 17th January:
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 9am:
John & Jane Kelly - Scart
Coomhola: 10am:
Teddy O'Driscoll & his parents Jim & Bridie
O'Driscoll – Snavé
Kealkil: 11am:
Mary O'Flynn – Illane, Kealkil
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission? Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 16th January 2016 at 12.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 Tel. 01-8689986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatorescristi.com

Dates for your Diary

18th – 25th Jan: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1st Feb: Feast of St Brigid

2nd Feb: Feast of the Presentation of The Lord.
Blessing of candles at Mass.

3rd Feb: Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats.

10th Feb: Ash Wednesday

11th Feb: Commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes –
World Day of the Sick

We are fully Embraced

... Jesus also had been baptised and was
praying...

Luke 3:21

The baptism of Jesus indicates another way he chose to enter fully into our humanity. There was no need, but he humbly included himself with the others whom John baptised that day. When this significant experience took place, Jesus 'was praying'. We are not allowed to know the content of what he prayed, but we can assume he intimately communed with the One who proclaimed him 'the Beloved'. Perhaps Jesus also prayed for those around him, that they, too, would grasp the truth of their own belovedness in the eyes of the Creator. At a recent retreat, I discovered in the eyes of the Creator. At a recent retreat, I discovered anew how unsure many adults still are regarding the truth of their being fully embraced by the Holy One. Some continue to falsely assume they must prove their worthiness before being accepted with complete love. What a joy to observe their gradual recognition of the unconditional, divine love always being extended to them. Let us be grateful today for the profound gift of God's total acceptance of us.
Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

Died Recently:

We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of:-

**John (Mark) O'Sullivan,
Gearhies, Bantry**

May he Rest in Peace.

Offertory Collection:

Weekend 2nd/3rd January 2016:

Bantry Church: €1,750; Kealkil Church: €335;
Coomhola Church: €305

Feast of the Epiphany – 6th January

Bantry Church: €1000, Kealkil: €175.

Coomhola: €135

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up on January 23rd/24th

Ceremony of Commitment:

At all the Masses this weekend the young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in April, will take part in a ceremony of commitment, which will include the renewal of our baptismal promises.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Jamie Gerrard O'Donovan
(Slip, Bantry)

We welcome him into our Christian Community

Bantry Meals On Wheels -Volunteers needed to help in kitchen for approx 2 hours one morning per month. Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. No experience needed. Tel 52144.

ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses 2016

Upcoming Courses run over 2 days in Bantry

(Fri 7-10pm & Sat 10am-4pm)

Jan 29th/30th, February 19th/20th,

March 18th/19th, April 10th/11th,

May 15th/16th, July 10th/11th

Couples should attend a course at least 3 months before they intend to marry. Book direct through accord.ie. For further information tel. 027-50272 or email accordbantry@eircom.net

Adult Night Courses in Coláiste Pobail Bheantraí

Limited Availability in the following accredited courses, due to commence on Tuesday 12th January.

Customer Services QQI Level 5 Minor Award 5N0972
Palliative Care QQI Level 5 Minor Award 5N3769
Boom Sprayer Pesticide Application Level 5 Minor Award 5N1797.

Contact: 027-56434 / adulteducationcpb@gmail.com

UCC Mature Student Office: Would you like to study a full-time undergraduate degree in UCC as a Mature Student? If so, then don't miss your chance to apply. The UCC Mature Student Office will be holding a 'CAO Application and General Information Presentation' on January 12th 2016 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in Boole 2, Main Campus, UCC. For more information or to make an appointment with an adviser, ring us on 021 4901873, email us on mso@ucc.ie or check out www.ucc.ie/mature We are also on Facebook (*UCCMatureStudentOffice*) and Twitter (@*UCC_MSO*). Remember: the deadline for Mature Student applications is February 1st 2016.

Blood Donor Clinic
The Maritime Hotel, Bantry
Thursday 14th January 2016
3-5pm & 7-9pm
Donor Line: 1850 731 137

Giveblood.ie You get more than you give

€500 Bingo Session at Mealagh Valley Hall on Thursday January 14th. at 8.00P.M.. Usual Bus Service will run. If we have a Full Attendance on the Evening there will be a Special Free Game. Cards for Beginners will be held in Mealagh Hall at 9.00P.M. on Saturday January 16th.. Your on going Support for all our Events is Greatly Appreciated.

Spring Station Masses 2016

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2016 starting on 1st February and continuing through February and March until 30th April.

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.

Bantry Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society will hold Their annual general meeting on Sunday January 17th at 7pm in Their premises on Main Street Bantry(the former Gaelscoil building). All members new and old are very welcome to attend.

Mass Cards from the Parish Office

Due to an increase in cost prices, from January 1st 2016, the cost of Mass Cards sold in the Parish Office will go up to €2 each.

Dinner Dance in aid of Bantry Lifeboat. January 23rd is a date for the social diary not to be missed. Bantry Lifeboat are hosting their annual Dinner Dance at the Maritime Hotel starting at 8:30pm. A three course meal will be followed by live music with the very popular 'Never Heard of them', don't miss the classic air guitar contest. Tickets are still only €25 and are available from members of the Lifeboat or fast.net print and stationery, Bridge Street, Bantry. Don't miss this great night out and all proceeds will be going to support our very valuable community lifeboat.