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Parish Office times: Weekdays: Mon. Weds. Thurs. & Fri. 9.30am – 11.30am. Fridays only 1.30pm-3.30pm

Parish website: www.bantryparish.ie**Lourdes Pilgrimage Intention Books**

Three Intention Books have been opened in the Churches of the Parish of Bantry in order that you can place the names of your loved ones in these books, for the living in the front of the books and deceased in the middle of the books.

These books will be present at all Masses that will be celebrated in Lourdes and the Masses offered for the intentions of the names that are recorded in the books.

The books will be in the Churches up to the 21st of September as the Pilgrimage begins on the 22nd to the 27th.

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PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of live without end. Amen!

Dates for Your Diary: Our Lady is coming to Ireland's aid again! On November 5th will begin an All-Ireland 33 day consecration to Our Lady, finishing on her feast day December 8th, in preparation Fr Michael Gaitley will come to Ireland to launch the event. October 8th at 7:30pm he will attend St Augustines in Cork city. Please spread the word.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**Mon.11th September: 23rd week in Ordinary Time:****Bantry: 10am: Owen O'Sullivan - Glencreagh****Tues. 12th September: 23rd week in Ordinary Time:****St. Ailbe: died 528. Tradition holds that he went to Rome & ordained Bishop by the Pope. Founded a Monastery in Emly.****Bantry: 10am:****Kathleen Murphy – Dublin & Glandore****Wed. 13th September: 23rd week in Ordinary Time:****St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of Church****Bantry: 10am: Denis O'Mahony - Drimoleague****Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish****Thurs. 14th September:****The Exaltation of the Holy Cross****Bantry: 10am: P. K. Idicula – India – 12 anniv.****Friday 15th September: 23rd week in Ordinary Time:****Our Lady of Sorrows:****Bantry: 10am: Jack Knight – Market Street****Kealkil: 7.30pm:****Jeremiah & Teddy O'Sullivan – Ballinamought****Sat. 16th September: 23rd week in Ordinary Time:****Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop - Martyrs:****Hospital: 10am: Barry O'Donoghue - Dromleigh****Bantry: 6.15pm: Owen O'Sullivan – Glencreagh****Sun. 17th September: Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:****Bantry: 9am :****Pat Cadogan & son Michael Cadogan – Church Rd****Coomhola: 10am: Maggie Cronin - Coorloun****Kealkil: 11am: Pat Minehane - Lisheens****12 noon: People of the Parish****POOR CLARES VOCATIONS AFTERNOON****Saturday, 16th September, 2-4.30 p.m.****Poor Clares Convent, College Road, Cork****Offertory Collection: weekend of 2nd /****3rd September: Bantry: €1,585;****Coomhola: € 220; Kealkil: €280.**

Parish Maintenance Fund: We will have a second collection at all Masses this weekend September 9th & 10th to help pay the costs of the roof renovation works. We very much appreciate your generosity in contributing to all collections in the parish. Thank you.

Encountering Family in the Gospel:

Three sessions exploring family in the Gospels as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families – Wednesdays 27th September and 4th & 11th October from 8:00pm to 9:15pm in the Parish Room, St. Finbarr's Church. The sessions will be facilitated by Fr Charlie/Sr Karen from the Pastoral Development Office.

All are welcome.

To reserve a place phone 086-8454412.

CoAction: CoAction extends a "ceád míle fáilte" to all the participants in the 2017 All Ireland Unlimited Road Bowling Championships which takes place on this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (12th to 14th September). Families are welcome to call in, at any point, during the 3 days to support the competitors. Motorists should note that there will be some traffic disruption in the Creamery Road area of Bantry from about 9.30am until 4.30pm approx. on those days.

Autumn Station Masses 2017 :

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Autumn 2017 beginning after 15th August & continuing through the months of September & October. If you are thinking of hosting the Autumn Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (56398) to arrange a date.

Autumn Station Masses 2017

Wednesday 20th September @ 11am
Michael & Catherine Andrews – Seskin Upper

Friday 22nd September @ 11am
Mary Warner – Caher, Gories, Leacadiomhain, Cappanavar

Thursday 28th September @ 8.00pm
Johnny & Toxi Gilhooley – Donemark, Lahaden, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapail, Dromaduneen

Friday 29th September @ 8.00pm
Gene & Joan Lynch – Dromdaniel, Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonegan, Goreemore, Crossogue, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig

Saturday 30th September @ 11am
Garrett & Christine Fitzgerald – Gurteenroe

Friday 20th October @ 8pm
Neilie & Ann O'Leary – Inchinagown, Farranfadda, Kealanine, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Coomhola

Friday 27th October @ 8pm
Connie Manning – Ardnacloughy, Dromdubh, Baurnagearagh

West Cork Choral Singers presents QUIZ NIGHT at West Lodge Hotel, Bantry on Friday 15th September at 8 p.m. Table of 4 €40.

Bingo Resumes at the Bridge Bar on Monday 11th September at 8.30pm. All proceeds go to Bantry Life Boat.

Bantry Active Retirement Association are holding their annual Church gate collection on next Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of September at Bantry, Kealkil and Coomhola

The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th September 2017 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'.

Spiritual Director: Canon Martin O'Driscoll P.P. Booking forms: Available in the Parish Office, St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry, or see Church porches for details.

Final Four Seats available

Brú Columbanus: Join us for a night of music, song and dance with Mags McCarthy, Pat Kelleher, Jim O'Connell and Kieran Cotter. Mags McCarthy, the phenomon from Dripsey in Cork, her lightning fast fingers playing fiddle and her rhythmic Irish dancing all done at the same time is extraordinary to watch.

All proceeds from the night will go to Bru Columbanus to provide accommodation to the relatives of seriously ill patients in Cork Hospitals & hospice, in particular relatives of sick children. Bru relies on donations and fundraising initiatives to cover the running costs of the 26 bed facility based in Cardinal Way, Wilton. Cork. It will take place in the Blarney Woolen Mills Hotel, 7.30pm on Thurs.14th Sept. Tickets are €15 & available from 021-4345754 or 087 2787 074."

Coláiste Pobail Bheantraí: We still have limited availability for our full-time Adult Day Courses in Office Administration, Major Award QQI Level 5, Healthcare Support Major Award QQI Level 5 and Nursing Studies Major Award QQI Level 5. Classes commence 6th September. For application forms or more detailed information on any of the above course please contact: Call 027-56434 or bantrvnlcinfo@gmail.com

Beginning Experience is a specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process in a safe and confidential environment. The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday October 6th to Sunday October 8th, 2017. For Application Forms & and further details please contact 087 9886480 or email