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Ash Wednesday – February 14th:

Day of Fast & Abstinence: Start of Lent

<u>Mass Times</u>	10.00am	Bantry
	11.30am	Kealkil
	5.30pm	Hospital Chapel

There will be a Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola at 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday.

Mass Schedule for Lent

There will be Mass at 8am in the Hospital Chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 5.30pm on Wednesdays & 10am on Saturdays during Lent.

As usual there will be weekday 10am morning Mass and evening Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Bantry Church during Lent.

Mass in Kealkil will be at 7.30pm on Fridays (except the First Friday of March). Any of these Masses can be booked for the intentions of a deceased loved one.

LENTEN PETITIONS: Every year during Lent we recall that Jesus was beaten, whipped, mocked, crowned with thorns, and nailed to a cross. Our faith teaches us that He endured this agony and suffering, and died for us. By His suffering, Jesus gave meaning to all of our suffering. Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it; He came to fill it with His presence. This Lent we will unite our own personal suffering with His. Each one of us has some amount of suffering or hurt in our life, sometimes dating from our past. Petitions symbolise the hurt that is contained in our lives and community. During Lent we invite anyone with any unresolved grief or pain, or any kind or hurt, to place their petitions in the basket at the side of the Sanctuary. Your petitions represent the pain, grief or hurt in your life. It may be associated with;

- ❖ Grief at death or separation
- ❖ The pain of broken relationships
- ❖ The pain of sickness
- ❖ The pain of being misunderstood
- ❖ The struggle of sexual identity
- ❖ The pain of failure
- ❖ Pain of living with an alcoholic partner, parent or child
- ❖ The hurt of the past

What is unique about this spiritual exercise is that you will be able to recognise your own grief and suffering and understand that so many others share similar worries. Please feel free during the coming weeks to place petitions in the basket.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 12th February: 6th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Annie Downey (Dromduve) & Seanie Kearns (Lahadane)

Tues. 13th February: 6th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Roger O'Sullivan - Reendonegan

Wed. 14th February: ASH Wednesday:

Bantry: 10am Kealkil: 11.30am Hospital: 5.30pm
Coomhola: 7.30pm (Prayer Service)

Thurs. 15th February: After Ash Wednesday:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish
Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
Bantry: 7.30pm: Kathleen Goff - Glengarriff

Friday 16th February: After Ash Wednesday:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish
Bantry: 10am: Special Intention
Kealkil: Mary O'Mahony – Cappabue North

Sat. 17th February: After Ash Wednesday:

Hospital: 10am: Christopher O'Reilly - Gurteenroe
Bantry: 6.15pm: Geraldine Coakley – Snav
Myra Swan (nee O'Driscoll) – Dromreigh, Durrus & Keyes Terrace

Sun. 18th February: First Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Cornelius Hurley, Bridget Hurley & John Hurley – Dromclough
Coomhola: 10am: Lizzie Keohane - Corran
Sean & Eileen Holland – Kealanine
Kealkil: 11am:
Mary Murphy – Kealkil & Enniskeane
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Lenten Reflections: Bantry Scripture Group invites you to four Wednesday nights of Lenten Reflections beginning on February 21st through to March 14th at 8.00 pm in the Sacristy Meeting Room. These nights will be facilitated by guest participants reflecting on the Sunday Lenten readings. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross for Lent:

There will be Stations of the Cross in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry after the 6.15pm Vigil Mass during Lent.

Dromclough N.S. ENROLMENT DAY WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14th

10am-2.30pm. Dromclough N.S. is a mixed, rural National school. We are a child-centred, family friendly school. Phone: 027- 50868.

**Many Congratulations to Sr. Patrick, Sacristan in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry,
on her nomination as Beara Person of the Year 2017.**

Invitation to a Fresh Perspective on Faith:

The Redemptorists based at Scala Retreat and Conference centre are launching the Nua: Fresh Perspectives on Faith programme on February 15th 2018 at 7:30pm. The programme is offered free of charge to young adults from 20-35 years who have a curiosity about Faith or who are struggling with doubt and have important questions about faith. Nua is about exploration. It's a film series that encourages questions, acknowledges doubt and offers an engaging perspective on Christian faith. Is an opportunity to help young adults to dig deeper in exploring faith and spirituality. Register your interest at www.scala.ie
When: Thursday 15th February 2018 @ 7:30pm
Where: Scala Retreat Centre (Opposite Blackrock Castle), Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork

Wellbeing & Alternative Day 11th February from 11am to 5pm @ Westlodge Hotel
30 tables of Products & Services showcasing
Special speaker Eithne Dirnan on
YOUR FLOURISHING CHILD & YOU.
€5 entry covers all of Callander events.

Cake Sale in Aid of Kealkil St. Patrick's Day Parade takes place in Collins Bar, after 11am Mass today Sunday 4th February.

St Colum's GAA Hurling & Football Club:
Registration takes place on Sunday the 11th of February from 11am - 1pm in St Colum's hall.
Registration is compulsory for all players & trainers.

Survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer, their families and friends are welcome to a SURVIVORSHIP MEETING in the Clayton Hotel Cork City at 5.30pm on Thursday 15th February. This meeting is to discuss the health concerns and long-term follow-up of survivors. For info.-Patricia McColgan at 086 2532819 or info@cancare4living.ie. www.cancare4living.ie or Julianne Byrne:041 9836041: admin@hovnerresearch.ie. www.hovnerresearch.ie

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Lent 2018: Nano Nagle Place, Cork: We will journey through Lent, accompanied by Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si. As people of faith, we will try to respond, not only to Jesus' Passion and Death, but also to the suffering and dying within creation. Thursday evenings, Feb. 22 – March 22, 7:30 – 8:30 Registration is required. Call 021-4193580 or Email info@nanonagleplace.ie to reserve your place before Monday 19th February. Facilitators: Sisters Mary Dinneen and Emma Rooney. A donation will be greatly appreciated. Enter through Evergreen Street entrance. Sorry we do not have parking.

Gaelscoil Bheanntaí
will be holding their Open Day on
Wednesday February 28th from 12 - 1 pm.
All new pupils and parents welcome.
Please bring along your child's birth cert
and PPS number on the day.

Bantry Historical society "Genealogy - Sources online - A Discussion" with Margaret Murphy. On Monday 12th February at 8 pm in the Christian Fellowship. This presentation will guide you in the necessary steps to begin a search of your family genealogy and explain what records are available online and where to find them. All are welcome.

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 3rd/4th February:
Bantry - €1880; Coomhola - €215; Kealkil - €340.
Parish Maintenance Fund: Special collection last weekend: Bantry:€ 2510; Coomhola:€250; Kealkil:€470. Thank you for your support.

Swimmers Wanted
Fundraising Swimathon in aid of Bantry Lifeboat in the Maritime Hotel on March 24th (8am-8pm)
Max swim 1hour. Min swim 15 mins.
Details & forms at Leisure Centre Reception

**Please take a Trocaire Box this Lent.
Trocaire Boxes / Envelopes can be collected
at the Church Porches this weekend.**

We welcome the **World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage of the Icon** to our diocese from 22nd February to 5th March. The icon will visit three venues during this time and we are inviting everyone to come, pray, venerate the icon and place their prayer petitions in the box which will be taken to the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families celebrated by Pope Francis. The following liturgies are planned during the pilgrimage: Welcome celebration with Bishop Buckley - Thursday 22nd February 7:30pm Cathedral, Cork
Holy Hour to pray for vocations - Saturday 24th February 3:00pm Cathedral, Cork
Ecumenical Service - Sunday 25th February 3:00pm Cathedral, Cork
Welcome celebration - Monday 26th February 7:30pm Cathedral, Skibbereen
Welcome celebration (Mass) - Friday 2nd March 7:30pm Bandon Parish Church