

**BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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**Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**

**Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am – Chris & Mary O’Sullivan – Slip Lawn**

**Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: John J. McCarthy - Scartbawn**

**Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am Charlie, Mary & Peg O’Connor – Glengarriff Road**

**Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm Special Intention**

**Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Donal Hyde – Slip Park**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am : John & Sheila Collins - Drimoleague**

**Kealkil: Pat O’Leary – Cahirmounteen, Kealkil**

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am: James Clifford and his brother Patrick Clifford – Blackrock Road & England**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Mark Delaney – Blackrock Road – 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary**

**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> July: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am Michael Coen**

**Coomhola: 10am: Donal Coakley – Snav**

**Kealkil: 11am Pat & Nora O’Sullivan – Breenybeg**

**Bantry: 12noon People of the Parish**

**Graveyard Masses:**

**There will be Mass at the Abbey Graveyard on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.**

**In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry.**

**Cilléanach Mass:**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**

**In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry.**

**Whiddy Graveyard Mass**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at Whiddy Island Graveyard.**

## July the month of the Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Christ’s Precious Blood. The early Fathers say the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments we brought forth through His Precious Blood.

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of elements: It is first – veneration, it secondly – invocation, and it is thirdly – imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era - to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must (otherwise the mystery will be lost on us), we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable. This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen

Excerpted from: **The Precious Blood of Christ, Fr John A. Hardon, S.J.**

### **The Relics of St. Pope John Paul II**

**In St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July the First Class Relics of St. Pope John Paul II and the relics of others saints will be venerated. Mass will begin at 8pm followed by a Talk by Theologian William Thomas discussing the significance of the Relics. William Thomas was also a former staff member of Pope John Paul II.**

### **YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 13 - 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015**

**Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary  
Donation only – free buses  
Catholic Youth event (ages 16-35  
Book online at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)  
For more info: 01 675 3690**

### **Offertory Collection:**

Bantry: Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July: €1853

*Special collection for Diocesan needs will take place on this weekend, July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>*

**St Colum's Gaa** is grateful to all the race sponsors, people who purchased horses, all the people who came and enjoyed their annual Independence Day Race night and BBQ. A massive thank you to Connie, John and Sharon and all the staff from the Ouvane Falls who organised the FREE barbecue and music. A great night was had by all. Congratulations to Alan O' Connor from all in St Colum's Gaa club and surrounding communities, who had a super game for Cork on Sunday last. His pure determination and skill all throughout the game was so impressive and enjoyable to watch. Alan was presented with the Man of the Match award, an award well deserved.

Mealagh Valley Flag Day Friday July 3rd.  
The Mealagh Valley Centre Directors & Management Committee wish to thank all who helped with and contributed to Our Annual Flag Day held in Bantry on Friday July 3rd.. The Amount Raised was 1,367 Euro for which we are most grateful.  
Bingo with a Jackpot on Thursday July 16th. at 8.30P.M.  
Usual Bus Service will run from Durrus & Bantry.  
Your Continued Support is much Appreciated.

**Autumn Stations 2015: We hope to have Autumn Station Masses from 17<sup>th</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> October this year. Please contact the Parish Office on tel. 56398 to arrange a date.**

*Jesus came into this world to proclaim the good news that God is love: That God loves you, loves me, and that he wants us to love one another as he has loved each one of us. (Mother Teresa)*

### **Recent Parish Baptisms:**

**Éadaoin Frances O'Callaghan**  
(The Rope Walk, Bantry),  
**Cian Michael O'Connor**  
(Cahirmuckee, Kealkil

We welcome them into our Christian Community

**Irish Water Safety classes will be held in Bantry beach from the 4th - 9th August inclusive. The classes cater for all, from splash /swimming /life saving. Further details from Noelle at 0861223323.**

### **The Olden Way Weekend continues on Whiddy Island on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

**On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> boats will leave Bantry @ 11.30am for a guided historical walk. There will be old time dancing starting @ 3.30pm.**

West Cork Carers Support Group is hosting 'How to Grow and maintain your Wellbeing' on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July in Skibbereen from 10.00am to 2.30pm (including lunch)

The course will focus on:

- What is holistic wellbeing,
- 5 universal elements of wellbeing,
- personal action planning,
- the difference that wellbeing makes
- understanding our thinking

Cost: €15 per Carer

All Carers welcome. **Booking essential.**  
Call 027 53848 or [westcorkcarers@eircom.net](mailto:westcorkcarers@eircom.net)

### **Bantry Blues**

**Junior B County Hurling Semi – Final  
Bantry V Dromtarriffe on this Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm in Kilmichael.  
Please support**

**National Learning Tralee** are currently recruiting participants from throughout Munster for our QQI Level 5 Sporting Chance programme. This free course offers practical sports coaching and fitness instruction opportunities as well as industry recognised qualifications. Training and accommodation allowance provided. For further information, please contact Kevin Smith at 066 7122533 / 086 0404270 or [kevin.smith@nlm.ie](mailto:kevin.smith@nlm.ie)