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Booking of Masses 2018

In every Mass we are invited to pray for loved ones who have gone to their eternal reward and for all the faithful departed. Until recently, we have had little trouble in this parish in accommodating peoples' wishes on an individual basis. However, this practice is becoming more difficult because of the number of funerals we have had over the last few years.

It is now proposed that each of the weekend Masses will be offered for 4 intentions. These will be shared Masses. This won't suit everyone, but we have no choice. As you are aware we have this practice already on the First Friday evening Mass and it is proving beneficial in accommodating peoples' wishes. We are not the first to have shared Masses as a number of Parishes in the Diocese have already introduced it.

We will, of course, continue to pray for our deceased in the Anniversary List at weekend Masses.

As this is not a money making exercise but a way of trying to facilitate everybody, one of the Mass offerings will go to the Priest who offers the particular Mass; the other Mass offerings will be donated to local charities.

Bookings will be taken for 2018 Masses at the Parish office when the new diary is available at the end of August.

Spring Station Masses 2017:

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2017 continuing through 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 (tel. 56398) to arrange a date.

Spring Station Masses 2017

Saturday March 18th @ 11am

Monica Wiseman – Dromleigh

Died Recently: We extend our prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of;

**Anne Spillane – Bantry & late of
Castlefreke**

Edward (Eddie) Bracken – Goureemore,

May they rest in peace.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 13th March: 2nd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Donal Lynch - Gurteen

Tues. 14th March: 2nd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am:

James & Maureen McMahon – Blackrock Terrace

Bantry: 7.30pm:

**Myra Swann (nee O'Driscoll) - (Durrus & Keyes Tee)
& her parents Myra & Jimmy O'Driscoll**

Wed. 15th March: 2nd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Kitty Keohane – Slip Lawn

**Hospital: 5.30pm: Sonny Cronin (Seskin) &
Jane Cronin (Rock Villas) – Months Mind**

Thurs. 16th March: 2nd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: The Power Family - Beara

**Bantry: 6.15pm: William Kearney – Droumsullivan &
his parents William & Ellen Kearney**

**Friday 17th March: St. Patrick, Principal Patron of
Ireland:**

Bantry: 9am: Denis Cronin – Coomanore & Dublin

Coomhola: 10am: Pat Harrington - Kealanine

Kealkil: 11am:

Denis O'Sullivan – Breenybeg, Kealkil – 2nd anniv.

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

Sat. 18th March: 2nd week of Lent:

Hospital: 10am: Con Keane - Kealkil

Bantry: 6.15pm: Tommie Holland – Slip Park

Sun. 19th March: Third Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Neilie O'Sullivan - Baurgorm

Coomhola: 10am:

**Patrick, Margaret & Donal Daly (Coorloun North)
& deceased members of the Daly Family**

Kealkil: 11am:

Nora Connolly – Reendesert, Ballylickey

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 4th / 5th March:

Bantry: €1865; Coomhola: €230; Kealkil: €345. *There will be a Special collection for Irish Bishops Commissions this week, March 11th & 12th*

St. Patrick's Day Mass Times

Bantry: 6.15pm Vigil Mass on

Thursday 16th March

Bantry: 9am

Coomhola: 10am

Kealkil: 11am

Bantry: 12noon

Extra Masses during Lent:
There will be Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Bantry Church for Lent.

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

But see how Yahweh watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his faithful love, to rescue them from death and keep them alive in famine.” *Psalms, 33:18-19.* Trócaire’s Lenten campaign 2017 focuses on the millions of people facing humanitarian catastrophe because of extreme weather or conflict. With the support of people in Ireland, Trócaire will deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million people in crisis this year.

Shoulder to the Wheel....

a fundraiser concert for Cancer Connect:

A Concert will take place in Bantry House on 18 March at 8pm to raise much needed funds for Cancer Connect. Artists taking part will include pianist Seho Lee, actor Simon O’Gorman, local singer Denis Collins, all returning by popular demand; soprano Ecaterina Tulgara from Russia, and Glengarriff Church choir. Tickets priced at €20 can be obtained from O’Sullivan’s Chemist, Bantry Bookshop, The Gift Shop, Local Link all in Bantry, and members of Glengarriff Church Choir. Further information can be obtained from Joan on 086 6008029. Please support this great cause.

Fundraising Bingo to be held at 8pm in Collins Bar on Thursday 16th March. All welcome. In aid of Kealkill Parkland, in association with Carriganass Castle.

West Cork Choral Singers "ENCORE" including works by Brahms, Dvořák and Jenkins with Guest Soloist Justin Grounds, Violin - under the Musical Direction of Diana Llewellyn and Accompanist Annabel Adams - Sunday 2nd April 2017 - 8 p.m. Abbeystrewery Church Skibbereen. Admission €10 - tickets available at Thornhill Electrical, Bridge Street, Skibbereen also available at the Door.

Seskin Montessori & Pre-School is holding an Open Day on Thursday 16th of March at 12.30 – 2.00pm. Place available September 2017 and January and April 2018, for 2.5 – 5 years, including FREE ECCE Scheme. All Welcome. Please contact Marv on 52116

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA: Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 15 June 2017. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Support and 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 Denis Humanitarian Volunteers 086 8520271. May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor**

Annual Cancer Fundraiser – Appeal: The annual fundraiser will be held in the “Timberland Shop”, Bantry (next to Bantry Book Shop, William Street) from Tuesday March 14th to Monday March 27th (10.00am to 5.00pm). **Donations:** Any items surplus to requirements welcome – unwanted gifts, unused purchases, jewellery, bags, ornaments, statues, bric –a-brac, household and nursery items, arts and crafts, pictures, paintings, glass, ware and china, good toys and games, exercise equipment, radios, music centres, musical instruments, cds and dvds etc etc. (no clothes, shoes or books). Items for sale for this very worthy cause would be very much appreciated. **Donated items will be collected at the shop on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 11th, 12th & 13th (10am – 4 pm).** **Sale of donated goods at the shop from Tuesday March 14th to Monday March 27th 10.00am to 5.00pm.** The proceeds will be divided equally between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect and Palliative Care, Bantry Hospital. Further details please contact Nora Cremin (027) 51276.

Bantry Macra na Feirme will host a Charity 6km Fun Run or Walk on Sunday March 12th, 2017. The walk/run is in aid of Cork Arc Cancer Support House, Bantry. Registration from the Westlodge Hotel, Bantry at 12.30pm. Run/Walk starting at 1pm. Entry €10, Children under 14 Free.

Bantry Lifeboat A.G.M.
Bantry Inshore Search & Rescue Association at The Lifeboat Boathouse on Thursday 30th March at 8pm. All welcome

Prayer for Inner Peace
Calm
Lord, help me to remain calm and gentle
In the disappointments of today,
Help me to live the present moment with you.
Whatever good I can do,
Whatever kindness I can show,
May I do it now.