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**Mass Schedule for 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**The Assumption of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Vigil Mass**  
**Bantry Church – 6.15pm**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Holy Day**

**10am Coomhola**

**12 noon Bantry**

**3pm Kilmacomogue**  
(Mass in Kealkil Church  
in the event of bad weather)

**7.30pm Beach Mass Rock**  
(Mass in Bantry Church  
in the event of bad weather)

**Prayer for the Holiday Season**

Loving Lord, thank You so much for holiday times and the wonder and excitement that they engender in all our hearts. We want to praise You for all the goods and grace You generously pour out on us and all people. We thank you for the many blessings we gain from these important times of holiday fun and family reunion.

At this holiday season we particularly remember those that are alone, or ill or going through times of stress or difficulty, and pray that You would draw very close to each and every one. Let them know Your special peace in their hearts and give to each one Your sufficient grace. We thank You that You are a God who answers our prayers and we give You all praise & glory in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**  
**Mon.14<sup>th</sup> August: 19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Tony Muckley – Bantry**  
**Bantry: 6.15pm: Jackie & Bridie Moloney -Dromclough**

**Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> August:**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**  
**Coomhola:10am: Jerry O'Sullivan – Cappadyourdil**  
**Bantry: 12noon: James McAllister – Ardnagaoithe**  
**Kealkil: 3pm: Mass in Kilmacomogue Graveyard**  
**7.30pm: Mass at Beach Mass Rock**

**Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> August: 19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Timothy O'Sullivan - Glencreagh**  
**Hospital: 5.30pm: Special Intention**

**Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> August: 19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Our Lady of Knock:**  
**Bantry: 10am: Pat & Lily McSweeney & their**  
**daughter Anne Gallen - Coomanore**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August: 19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry:10am: Sean Coakley - Dunmanway**  
**Kealkil: 7.30pm: Kitty & Danny O'Sullivan –**  
**Gornacowley, Kealkil**

**Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> August: 19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am: Ray Clarkin (Gurteen) & his mother**  
**Alice Clarkin (Co. Leitrim)**  
**Bantry: 6.15pm: Delia Dullea – Lisheens, Kealkil**

**Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> August: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am :**  
**Catherine Goggin – Marino Heights & Whiddy Island**  
**Coomhola: 10am: Kitty Cronin – Coorloun**  
**Kealkil: 11am: Madge O'Sullivan - Droumsullivan**  
**12 noon: People of the Parish**

**Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage Sept. 10th**  
**2017, Knock Shrine 2.30p.m.**

Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents  
alive & dead for all they have done for us down  
through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon  
Martin - Ballina School Choir - Dana sings  
'Our Lady of Knock'

**Recent Parish Weddings: We congratulate the following couples who married this week in Bantry Parish:**  
**We wish each couple long and happy lives together.**

**Alice O'Grady** (Ardnageehy, Bantry) & **Stephen John Keohane** (Dorchester, MA) who were married in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Shane Burns & Carina Small** (London) who were married in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kealkil on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**Lianne McCarthy** (Droumleigh, Bantry) & **Jerry O'Donoghue** (Derryfadda, Kealkil) who were married in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

### Autumn Station Masses 2017

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Autumn 2017 beginning after 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11am**  
**The O'Sullivan Family – Moulavanig, Cahirmuckee**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September @ 8pm**  
**Johnny & Toxi Gilhooley - Donemark**

### Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Rossanna Zubinska**  
**- Grantown on Spry, Scotland**

We welcome her into our Christian Community

### Bantry Regatta & BBQ Festival

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August

**11.00am Whiddy Cup Boat race around Whiddy Island**

**1.00pm – 6.00pm Family Fun Day Bantry Square**

**2.00pm – 4.00pm Try Kayaking with Atlantic Sea Kayaking, Abbey Slipway**

**4.00pm – 8.00pm Music in Bantry Town.**

**Offertory Collection: weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> August: Bantry:€2145; Coomhola:€305; Kealkil:€470.**

**Parish Maintenance Fund: We will have a second collection at all Masses on the weekend September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### Myross Wood Garden Fete

will take place on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2 pm - 5 pm. Admission free! Attractions include instrumental music and choral singing, exotic animals and dog show, various stalls, tea rooms and draws. Donations of books, cakes, bottles, plants and bric-a-brac gratefully received! Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

**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, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one. The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or email [beginningexperience@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperience@gmail.com)

'Catholic Family Festival, Knockadoon, East Cork, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 August. This 2-day festival is being organised by the Dominicans, and is an official preparatory event for the World Meeting of Families. The festival will have 40 trained youth workers coordinating activities for children, talks for mothers and fathers, family rosary, 24-hour continuous Eucharistic Adoration, an address by Fr Timothy Bartlett, a family céilí, and Holy Mass. 85 Euro per family (includes meals). For information and booking: [www.knockadooncamp.ie](http://www.knockadooncamp.ie) / 085 2258 783'

### **THE DEEP END: Back to the Mountain Top**

Jesus once again goes to the mountain-top to pray. We too are encouraged to carve out space and time out in our everyday lives for quiet, for reflection for prayer or meditation; for whatever it is that we do to nourish that deeper spiritual heart of ourselves. It is so important.

The famous story of Jesus walking on the water follows in the Gospel today. What a shock the disciples must have received! Initially Peter is so brave and enthusiastic. Peter is able to walk on the water until he notices the wind, then fear takes over and he begins to sink.

If you have read the book *The Shack* (and if you haven't I highly recommend it!) you might remember a scene where the main character, Mack, is led onto the water by Jesus and they walk together on the lake. Mack, like Peter in today's Gospel, is full of fear, mostly about what might happen in the future. Jesus is clear to Mack that he lives in the present and that we waste time trying to play God and control what might happen in the future: 'You neither believe I am good nor know deep in your heart that I love you. You sing about it, you talk about it, but you don't know it' (*The Shack*, p. 151)

Jesus' message for Mack in the story; for Peter in the Gospel and for all of today is 'Why did you doubt?' What eliminates our awareness of the love of God? We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on him. It is in the present that Jesus lives, not in our fears about the future or worries about the past.

Jane Mellet