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Stations of the Cross – 5pm – Sundays of Lent – St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry: In this Year of Mercy, members of the Parish Assembly & others will lead us in the Stations of the Cross on each of the six Sundays of Lent. We will gather at 5.00pm each Sunday in St. Finbarr’s Church and invite you to pray and reflect with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

Died Recently:

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

Very Reverend Fr. Sean McCarthy P.E.
Enniskeane & Bantry

Jim McGlinchey
Reenrour East, Bantry & formerly of
Gortnamuc, Castlefinn, Donegal
May they rest in peace.

ALIVE Catholic Paper (March edition) available at church porches. Please take one for your family and some for your friends.

Conradh Na Gaeilge
Baíliucán Naisiúnta
16th – 17th Márta
Bí Flaithiul le Ciste na Teanga
Gura Maith Agaibh

Mass Bouquet Cards for St. Patrick’s Day and Easter now available in the Parish office.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Dylan Keane – Seskin, Bantry

We welcome him into our Christian Community

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 14th March: 5th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am Paddy O’Mahony – Tower Hill

Tues. 15th March: 5th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Jerry Murphy – Dublin & Kealkil

Bantry: 7.30pm:

Helen & Jeremiah Whooley - Derrinkealig

Wed. 16th March: 5th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am:

Deceased members of the Power Family - Beara

Bantry: 6.15pm: Mrs. Nora Cremin – Seskin

Thurs. 17th March:

St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland:

Bantry: 9am: Denis Cronin – Coomanore & Dublin

Coomhola: 10am: Con O’Leary – Currakeal, Borlin.

**Kealkil: 11am: William Kearney & his parents
William & Ellen Kearney - Droumsullivan**

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

Friday 18th March: 5th Week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Cait & Billy O’Donovan - Newtown

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Nigel Kingston – Lisheens, Kealkil

Sat. 19th March:

St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Hospital: 10am: Pat McCarthy - Seskin

Bantry: 6.15pm: Tommie Holland – Slip Park

Sun. 20th March:

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion:

Bantry: 9am: Maeve O’Donoghue - Dromleigh

Coomhola: 10am:

Pat Harrington - Kealanine Bridge

Kealkil: 11am:

Nora Connolly – Reendesert, Ballylickey

John, Betty & Sean McCarthy – Cappabue North

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

**Leaflets showing the Holy Week 2016
schedule are available in the Church
Porches this weekend.**

Wedding Congratulations:

We congratulate Bernadette O’Callaghan (Wilton, Cork) & Michael O’Donovan (Ballinspittle, Co. Cork) who were married in St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry on Saturday, 5th March, 2016.

We wish Bernadette & Michael long & happy lives together.

Spring Station Masses 2016

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2016 through March until 30th April.

However, if you wish to host a Station Mass outside of these dates, we will do our best to facilitate this.

If you are thinking of hosting the Spring Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (56398) to arrange a date.

Spring Station Masses 2016

Saturday March 5th @ 11am

Vincent & Mary Cronin – Treanamaddreee, Lisheens

Saturday March 12th @ 11am

Mark & Esther Kearns – Caher, Gories, Leacadiomhaoin, Capanavar

Friday 18th March @ 8pm

Pat & Eileen Holland – Kealanine, Coomhola, Derrynakilla, Farranfadda, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Inchinagown

Saturday 9th April @ 11am

Dan Joe Holland – Derrycreha, Esknafeelna, Ardnatrush Beg

Derrycreha National School Open Day is on 15th April 2016 from 1.30 to 3.30. All are welcome.

Kealkill National School Official Opening of school extension will take place on Tuesday next at 11am. All welcome

Fundraising Bingo Night in aid of Kealkill Parkland. Wednesday 16th March in Collins Bar Kealkill at 8pm. All welcome.

West Cork Carers Support Group will host a Staying Fit for Caring Morning with Eleanor Fitzgerald, Physical Therapist, on Wednesday 16th March (11am-12.30pm) in Bantry. Cost: €5. All family carers welcome. Book on 027-53848

Ray Murnane Rehab Fund: Tickets available in shops and from the committee for Race Night fundraiser on 26th March in the Maritime Hotel. Last September Ray suffered a severe spinal injury as result of an accident and is now confined to wheelchair for the rest of his life.

Bantry AC/Fit4Life AGM

takes place on Monday 14th March @ 9pm in the Maritime Hotel. All support greatly appreciated.

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bantry
Starts at 1pm on Thursday 17th March in Bantry Square. Fun for all the family. Bouncy Castles, facepainting, music, craic. Please support.

Offertory Collection:

Weekend 5th/6th March: Bantry Church: €1707; Kealkil Church:€380; Coomhola Church: €200
Special collection Irish Bishops Commissions takes place this weekend March 12th & 13th

Calling all Card Players to Our Monthly 45 Progressive Game in Mealagh Valley Hall on Saturday March 19th. at 9.00 P.M. Sharp. Your Support is Greatly Appreciated.

1916 - A Reflection: within the national and Bantry contexts - A Talk by Marcus Keyes in Bantry Library on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 @ 8.00pm. Everyone welcome

THE DEEP END • Open the Doors

Today marks the third anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. His papacy has been marked by a focus on openness, forgiveness, and mercy - summed up, perhaps, in his oft quoted remark: 'Who am I to judge?' So prevalent is his focus on God's mercy that Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year of Mercy – a special year to receive blessing from God and remission of sins.

Some of us will make a pilgrimage during this year to one of the many holy doors in our cathedrals and churches. Pope Francis has called on Catholics around the world to use the occasion to open wide the doors of their hearts to forgive others and not to exclude them.

'When we go through that door, it is good to remember that we must also open wide the doors of our heart,' he said, suggesting that before passing through the Holy Door, people should pray: 'Lord, help me to open the doors of my heart!'

'The holy year won't be very effective if the doors of our heart do not let Christ enter, who pushes us to go towards others, to bring him and his love. Therefore, as the holy door remains open because it is the sign of the welcoming that God himself reserves for us, so also our doors – those of the heart – must always be open to not exclude anyone. Not even those that bother me. No one!'

It is very much in the tradition of today's Gospel, where we meet a Jesus who is merciful to sinners, and who challenges us all to look at our own attitudes and our tendency to judge others. Triona Doherty - Email trionad@gmail.com

Clarification on Low Gluten Hosts

Having received some queries on the low gluten hosts, we contacted the altar bread suppliers and they confirm that there is only a miniscule amount of gluten in the low gluten hosts. The exact amount is 20 parts per million. The proportion 20 parts per million is the same as 0.002%.