

# BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

**Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:**

**Bantry: 10am – Timmy O'Shea - Donemark**

**Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> September: 24<sup>th</sup> week in ordinary time:**

**Bantry 10am P.K. Idicula (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary) & deceased members of the Punnattu SSeril family**

**Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> September: 24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am Jack Knight – Market Street**

**Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm Michael Perkins (recent)**

**Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> September: 24<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Michael Cadogan – Church Road**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September: 24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Michael & Margaret O'Donoghue & their son Steve O'Donoghue  
– Shandrum & Market St**

**Kealkil: 7.30pm: John O'Mahony - Lackavane**

**Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> September: 24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am: Annie Keane – Glengarriff Road**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Tony O'Donovan – Millbrook  
Lawn and Newtown**

**Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> September: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am Alastair Tait**

**Coomhola: 10am: Maggie Cronin - Coorloun North**

**Kealkil: 11am: Jeremiah Connolly – Reendesert**

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

## Died Recently:

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

**Anne Harrington (Annie, nee O'Connor) –  
Reenrou East & Blackrock Road, Bantry**

**Bernard Keogh (Benny)  
(Droumleigh North, Bantry & formerly  
Rathcarrig, Co. Cavan)**

**Mary Cotter  
(Hebron Park, Kilkenny & formerly of  
Whiddy Island, Bantry)**

**Mary Diskin (nee Regan)  
New York & formerly Ardnatrush**

**May they rest in peace.**

## Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Aisling Julia Heffernan**

(Watergrasshill, Co. Cork),

We welcome her into our Christian Community

## Prayer for Grandparents

*Lord Jesus,*

*you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.*

*Look with love on grandparents  
the world over.*

*Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for  
families, for the Church  
and for all of society.*

*Support them! As they grow older,  
May they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,*

*Guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
Living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the  
fruits of their mature human and spiritual  
experience.*

*Lord Jesus,*

*Help families and society*

*To value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.*

*Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.*

*Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
Accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
And by your prayers, grant that all families  
May one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!*

**FAMILY FUN DAY:** The Parents' Association of St Finbarr's BNS are holding a Family Funday today from 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. Fun activities for all the family. Refreshments available. New this year is a Barbecue.

## Offertory Collection:

Bantry Church: Weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September: €1810  
*Special collection for Priesthood Education will take place on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September*

## Autumn Station Masses 2015

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September @ 11am**  
**John & Kate O'Sullivan – Upper Seskin**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September @ 11am**  
**The Murray Family – Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonegan, Goreemore, Dromdaniel, Crossogue, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig.**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October @ 11am**  
**Eileen & Alan Hennell – Donemark, Lahaden, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapail, Dromduneen**

**Stations will continue from now until Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Bantry Active Retirement Association** is starting its Winter season of activities & meetings of interest to people in the 'over 55' age group. We have our own meeting place at BARA House, 61 Glengarriff Rd. A general meeting is held at 3pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month when there is normally a speaker. Tea & chat afterwards. Members meet on Mondays for painting classes, Tuesdays for line dancing & whist, Weds for pilates. Movement to music sessions are held on some Thurs. The Camera club meets on Fri. evenings to produce the 'Bantry & Beyond' Calendar sold for the benefit of local charities – over €11,000 in last 11 years. The 2016 calendar is available now. Discounted swimming is available at the Westlodge Leisure Centre. We have occasional social events such as Sunday lunches. There are usually 2 holiday options each year, one to the sun and one in Ireland. During the Summer months, day outings are arranged.

We publish a Newsletter at intervals, giving details of future events & activities. This is supported by email and text reminders nearer the event date. Membership is open to all over 55 & costs €15. Come to a meeting on first Thursday of the month or to a membership morning in BARA House on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October (10am-12noon) or contact the Secretary, Hazel Vickery on 027-50014. BARA will hold their annual Church gate collection on next weekend Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of September at Bantry, Kealkil and Coomhola.

**Bantry Mother and Toddler Group has began in Gaelscoil Hall it is open from 9.45-11.45, All Welcome.**

**Culture Night: Bantry Historical Society and Bantry Library are joining forces to celebrate Culture Night on Friday next, September 18th.** Dr Jennifer Butler from the Dept. of Folklore and Ethnology/Béaloideas, UCC will give a talk on "Irish Fairy Legends and Landscape" in Bantry Library at **7.45pm**. Please note earlier starting time.

### **Coláiste Pobail Bheantraí – Autumn Night Classes**

Registration will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of September, in the college from 5.30 – 6.30 for the following hobby courses: Watercolour Landscapes, (beginners and improvers), Psychology in everyday life, Digital Photography with Feature Writing, Meditation, Relaxation/Mindfulness and Practical Cookery. Limited availability in Early Childhood Care and Education, QQI Level 6 and Occupational First Aid Level 5.

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COLLECTION OF UNWANTED CLOTHES & LINENS on SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 9.30am. CAPPABUE N.S. WILL BE COLLECTING OLD CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES/SHOES & MOBILE PHONES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION. PLEASE DROP BAGS TO FUTURE FORESTS BEFORE THAT DATE. THANKS!

### **Counsel the Doubtful – Third Spiritual work of Mercy - Monsignor Charles Pope**

The English word "counsel" comes from the Latin *Consilium* which means a decision. To counsel means to assist someone in the act of deciding, not just to give some vague advice. As such, counsel is connected to the virtue of prudence. Prudence is that virtue which directs particular human acts toward a good end. In modern usage prudence, (and by extension counsel) has often been equated with caution. But prudence is not caution per se, it is a virtue that sees the best way forward given the goals in mind.

However, since we are speaking here of counselling the doubtful as a spiritual work of mercy, the goal in this case refers to that which is moral and rooted in our final end of holiness and salvation, While counsel in the general sense could include helping a person decide the best way to repair a car, when speaking of spiritual work of mercy such worldly issues are not our focus. Rather the spiritual work of mercy to "counsel the doubtful" is concerned with holiness and our goal of dwelling with God in heaven forever. It is a beautiful work of mercy to help others toward their heavenly goal by assisting them in choosing the holiest way forward in a difficult situation. If we are to be equipped to provide this beautiful work of mercy we must know the mind of God and be well instructed in heavenly wisdom. The capacity to give good spiritual counsel grows out of a deep prayer life, the study of scripture and the experience as living as a faithful Christian in the world.

St Paul gives some wise advice to those who are seeking to accomplish this spiritual act of mercy he tells us "speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. In all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine and sound in speech which is beyond reproach (Titus 2:1, 7-8). Finally to counsel the doubtful and to assist them to become more deeply rooted in their decision to follow Jesus is one of the greatest acts of mercy we can do here on earth.