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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 15th February: 1st Week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am James Flynn - London

Tues. 16th February: 1st Week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am

Anthony & Paddy Harrington – Blackrock Road

Bantry: 7.30pm: Owen O’Sullivan - Glencreagh

Wed. 17th February: 1st Week of Lent: St. Fintan

Bantry: 10am: Geraldine Coakley – Snavo

Hospital: 5.30pm: Jack McCarthy - Butlersgift

Thurs. 18th February: 1st Week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am

Margaret & Con Keohane - Glenbanoo

Bantry: 7.30pm

Myra Swann (nee O’Driscoll) – Keyes Terrace & Dromreigh, Durrus – 1st anniversary

Friday 19th February: 1st Week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Annie May O’Mahony - Glandore

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Pat & Jill O’Connor-Curramore

Sat. 20th February: 1st Week of Lent:

Hospital: 10am: Dermot Hurley - Drimoleague

Bantry: 6.15pm: Sonny Cronin – Seskin – 3rd ann

Sun. 21st February: Second Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: James Andrews – Scart Road.

Coomhola: 10am:

Sean & Eileen Holland - Kealanine

Kealkil: 11am:

Mary Murphy – Kealkil & Enniskeane

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Cappabue N.S. will be having their annual Open Day at the school on Friday February 26th, from 2.00pm until 3pm.

All are most welcome to visit, look around the school and meet with pupils and staff. Phone 027 66256 for further information.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Darragh Patrick Connor - Gortroe, Bantry

Daithi John Lynch -Derrynakilla, Coomhola

**Pippa Rose Connolly -Ardnaclohy,
Ballylickey, Bantry**

We welcome them into our Christian Community

Talk for “Jubilee Year of Mercy”

The Pastoral Development Office have invited **Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor** to speak on “Pope Francis and the Gospel of Mercy” in Christ the King Church, Turner’s Cross, Cork city on Sunday 21st Feb. at 3pm. Donation only. At this gathering Bishop Buckley will launch “The Year of Mercy Pilgrimage in Cork City”. Contact the office 021 4537601

Encountering Mercy: Three gospel reflections on the theme of Mercy in the Gospel of Luke on three Monday evenings 29th February, 7th and 14th March from 8:00pm to 9:15pm at Bandon Parish Centre, located behind the Church. All welcome. Contact Sr Karen Pastoral Development Office 021 4537601

Stations of the Cross – 5pm – Sundays of Lent – St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry

In this Year of Mercy, members of the Parish Assembly and 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.

Celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy at Knock Shrine

Knock Shrine is holding a free weekend event on March 12th and 13th to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy.

Further information from Frances at Knock Shrine, (094) 9388100, email: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie. Visit www.knockshrine.ie/mercy for the weekend programme.

Offertory Collection:

Weekend 6th/7th Feb: Bantry Church: €1830;

Kealkil Church: €205; Coomhola Church: €505

Special Collection for Lourdes Invalid Fund will take place this weekend - Feb 13th & 14th

DROMCLOUGH N.S. We will be holding our Enrolment Day for new pupils on March 3rd from 10.30-12.30. Dromclough N.S. is a child centred, family friendly school. Call 027-50868 or email us at drumclughns.ias@eircom.net if you require any further information.

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

ALIVE FREE CATHOLIC PAPER. (February edition) available at church porches. Please take one and some for family & friends.

Spring Station Masses 2016

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2016 through February, 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 (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

Gaelscoil Bheanntaí will hold their Open Day on Thursday February 25th between 12 and 1pm. All new pupils and parents welcome. Please bring your child's birth cert & PPS number on the day.

The Annual Cancer Fundraiser will be held mid-March subject to the availability of a suitable premises. This year, the proceeds will be divided equally between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect & Palliative Care Bantry Hospital. Further details later from Nora Cremin (51276).

Parents Plus Course for parents of children aged 6 to 11 starting in St. Goban's Centre on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.30. To book or more information contact Viki at 086 4562544.

Bantry Blues Registration for all players & members at the club house on Wed Feb 17th(5 -7 pm), & Fri Feb 19th (4.30-7 pm)

A talk to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Bantry Methodist Church building (now Dr Matt Murphy's surgery) by David Ross and Abraham Kingston will be held in Christian Fellowship Church Bantry on Monday 29th February at 8.00pm. Hosted by Bantrv Historical Societv. All verv welcome.

Bingo with A Jackpot will take place at Mealagh Valley Hall on Thursday February 18th. at 8.00 P.M. Usual Bus Service Will Run. 45 Progressive Card Drive on Saturday Feb 20th. at 9.00 P.M.

Lourdes 2016 – Young Adult Helpers The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18 – 30 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes. This is the sixth year of the project and the helpers always excel in their attention to the sick. Limited number of places. Closing date for applications is 29th February 2016. For further details contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 – 4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballvphehane, Cork or email: charles.kiely@corkandross.org

Died Recently:

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

Daniel (Dan) O'Sullivan
– Maularaha, Mealagh, Bantry
May he rest in peace.

The first ever **Munster Rally for Life** will be held on Saturday 27th February, assembling at 2pm at Grand Parade, Cork. Come with family and friends to join our call to protect mothers and babies and to KEEP the 8th Amendment. To book your place on the bus from West Cork contact Margaret on 086 8315069.

You are invited to a workshop - **Understanding, protecting & enhancing local Biodiversity** on 15th February in Community Hall Glengarriff, at 7.30pm. All welcome. This workshop *which is delivered by Nuala Madigan, Education Officer, Irish Peatland Conservation Council* will explore: What is biodiversity? The value of biodiversity; How to survey biodiversity in your local area; Protecting biodiversity; Some ideas on how to take action for biodiversity in your local area. Admission free

The annual Mealagh Valley Ring will take place on Sunday Feb 14th. 10 mile walk starting @ 10am. 10mile Run starting @11am followed immediately by the 5k Fun Event. Delicious refreshments afterwards in the Community Hall. Great family day out. All proceeds to Mealagh Valley Community & Build4Life4Kids, (a cystic fibrosis charity). Details www.bantryac.com

Anam Cara is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 16th of February from 19:30 to 21:30 the Maritime Hotel, the Quay, Bantry, West Cork. The guest speaker for the evening is Pat McCarthy. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Mon., 15th Feb. or 01 4045378.

St Colum's GAA club. Registration day takes place Sunday February 21st in St Colum's hall - 11am-1pm.

Farmers meeting in Parkway Hotel Dunmanway Monday 15 from 9pm to 11pm all candidates in the election in Cork SW invited to attend the meeting to debate Farmer's issues and answer questions
Chairman Dermot kelleher ICSA

Free Intro Talk in Maritime Hotel Weds. 17th @ 7.45pm. Beyond Self help books –way beyond - is a man: Rod Briggs – who has changed 1000s of lives for the better. All welcome.