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### **Lourdes 2018–Young Adult Helpers.**

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18-25 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.

Limited number of places. Closing date for applicants is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. For further details contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021-4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: [charliekiely@gmail.com](mailto:charliekiely@gmail.com)

**God, Our Father,**

**We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One Family, in the Spirit of your Love.  
Bless us with the Joy of Love.**

**Make us Patient and Kind,  
Gentle and Generous,  
Welcoming to those in Need.**

**Help us to live your Forgiveness and Peace.**

**Protect all Families with your Loving care,  
Increase our Faith, Strengthen our Hope,  
Keep us safe in your Love,  
Make us always Grateful for  
the gift of Live that we share.**

**This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen**  
Official Prayer for the World Meeting of Families 2018

**Totus Tuus Magazine Launch:** Following the 33 day consecration booklet, rosary on the coasts, we are delighted to announce the launch of Totus Tuus, a FREE Catholic Magazine featuring articles from priests & laity from around Ireland. The idea is simple: through Mary we can come closer to Jesus, and help Ireland. Help is greatly appreciated. We will have a special Mass/Consecration on Tues 23rd Jan in Glounthane @7:30pm, copies for distribution can be collected then.

### **Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**

**Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: The McCoy & Gallagher Families**

**Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Michael Jimmy Downey - Gortagaree**

**Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Patrick & Mary Spillane & their son  
P.J. Spillane – Derrygrenaugh West**

**Hospital: 5.30pm: Nora O'Sullivan (nee Downey) –  
London & Tower Street – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary**

**Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Special Intention**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am:**

**Leo, James & Mary O'Sullivan - Droumsullivan  
Kealkil: 7.30pm: Kitty O'Driscoll (Fr. Martin's  
Mother) – Clonakilty – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary**

**Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am: People of the Parish**

**Bantry: 6.15pm:**

**Nancy O'Sullivan – Newtown East  
Tommy Barry - Derryvahalla**

**Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Bantry: 9am : Mary O'Brien – Reenrour East**

**Coomhola: 10am: People of the Parish**

**Kealkil: 11am:**

**Joan Manning–Gurteenroe & Kealkil– Months Mind  
Paddy Creedon – Kielnagnopogue – Months Mind  
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish**

### **Recent Parish Baptisms:**

**Ruben O'Mahony**

**- Slip Park, Bantry**

**We welcome him into our Christian Community**

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

**The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage  
will take place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>  
September 2018 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board  
accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'. Cost:  
€765. 2018 is the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
Apparition. Spiritual Director: Canon  
Martin O'Driscoll. Booking forms & Details  
available in the Parish office**

Apology: It came to our attention last week that the Funeral Team were inadvertently omitted from the recent thank you list published in the newsletter. Sincere apologies to the Funeral Team and many thanks for your ministry and the time you give to the parish.

**BANTRY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND. 8<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2018. EX CORK AIRPORT. COST: €1635.00. BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**Bantry Historical Society. Dr Kevin Hourihane U.C.C. and Bantry native will speak on "City Walls" At 8p.m. Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> in the Christian Fellowship.** Since earliest times, cities have depended on fortified walls for protection. This illustrated talk will look at the evolution of these walls over time and will examine some of the impacts they have had on the cities themselves. **All welcome**

**BantryAC/Fit4Life: Are you a fit walker who would like to try something new? New Walk to Run group starting Monday 15th January. Anyone over 16 welcome. Bring a friend. Meet Mondays @The Lodge Leisure Centre @6:45pm. Rose (087)2963213**

**West Cork Carers Support Group will host Afternoon Tea with live traditional music from "Boxman Jim" to celebrate the New Year. Carers are warmly invited to join us for this New Year's celebration in the West Lodge Hotel, Bantry on Friday 26th January from 2pm – 4pm. €10 per person. Booking is essential on 027-53848 or call for more info.**

**Bantry Branch of The Irish Red Cross Society** will hold their Annual General Meeting today Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7PM in Their Premises on Main Street (Former GaelScoil building). All members, past, present and prospective new members are very welcome to attend.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas lights at Brian & Eleanor McGee's home this year. A total of 820euro was raised which will be divided between Cancer Connect & Bantry Hospice. Thanking you, Brian & Eleanor McGee

**The Rise and Rise of the Healy-Raes :** Native of Glengarriff Ray O'Sullivan has written a play called The Rise and Rise of the Healy-Raes it is a sell out comedy and will be on in The Westlodge Hotel Bantry at 8pm on the 20th of January tickets are €13 and can be booked at the Westlodge Hotel on 02750360.

**Bantry Community Choir Seeking new members to join the group, The group rehearse on Thursday's in the Maritime Hotel Bantry 730pm- 930pm for more info call Nora on 086-1948074. or email noraedgeworth10@gmail.com All welcome, its great fun!**

**Offertory Collection:**  
Feast of the Epiphany Holy Day:  
Bantry:€785; Coomhola:€115; Kealkil:€165  
Weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> December: Bantry - € 1,555;  
Coomhola - €190; Kealkil - €285.  
**Special collection for Diocesan needs will take place on January 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Immigrant Family Prayer**

**God our Father we thank you for the gift of family life.**

**We thank you for the joy, love and friendship of family life.**

**As Our Father, we are you to provide protection and care for all families especially those who face danger, hardships and threats as they move in search of safety and a better life.**

**Be with those who travel in danger and in your loving kindness lead them to a place of safety, peace and rest.**

**Show comfort to those who are alone and who fear for their families who have been separated by violence, war, injustice and famine.**

**As we celebrate the World Meeting of Families we remember the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant and refugee families.**

**Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, St. Joseph, her spouse, St. Patrick and St. Brigid we pray that all migrant and refugee families may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek. Open our hearts and the hearts of our parishes so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.**

**Fr. Willie Purcell.**