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Parish Office times: Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday 9am – 11am. Thursday & Fridays 9am – 12noon

The Gospels of the Icon

Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a public workshop entitled 'The Gospels of the Icon' presented by Lorna Downey on Monday April 23rd from 7.30-9.30 pm in the West Cork Education Centre, Dunmanway. In this Year of the Family it will explore the Gospel background of the Icon. All Welcome. Cost: €5. For information and booking: contact Cork Scripture Group at corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or 021-4295144 (Marian or Phil).

The Annual Mass for People with Parkinsons in the Cork area, and their families and friends will take place in St. Patricks Church, Rochestown Road, Cork on Wednesday 25th of April next at 7.00 pm. The ceremony will include The Sacrament of the Sick. Light refreshments afterwards. All Welcome

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Eve Ann McCarthy
– Cahirmuckee, Kealkil

We welcome her into our Christian Community

Died Recently:

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

John Harrington - Skahana, Bantry

May he rest in peace

Bantry Garda Station are hosting their annual Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17th of April between 11am-1pm. This year all funds raised are going towards the vital service of Cancer Connect & St. Anne's Ward, Mercy Hospital. All are welcome, please come along and support.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 16th April: 3rd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: People of the Parish

Tues. 17th April: 3rd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Catherine & Patrick Harrington & Julia O'Driscoll – Drinoleague

Wed. 18th April: 3rd week of Easter:

**Bantry: 10am: Protection of the Unborn
Hospital: 5.30pm: Tony Mulhall - Dublin**

Thurs. 19th April: 3rd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10pm: John & Bridie Flynn – Limerick & Durrus

Friday 20th April: 3rd week of Easter:

**Bantry: 10am: Protection of the Unborn
Kealkil: 7.30pm: Mary & Danny McCarthy - Cappabue**

Sat. 21st April: 3rd week of Easter:

Hospital: 10am: John Downey – Dromduve, Ballylickey

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Conor Morrissey – Newtown

John Sullivan - Reendonegan

Sun. 22nd April: Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am: Michael Coen - Bantry

Pierre Rossouw – South Africa

Coomhola: 10am: John Downey & his father James Downey – Dromduve, Ballylickey

Christy Cronin – Ardnacloughy, Ballylickey

Kealkil: 11am: Pat & Eileen Hurley

Tess & Den Cullinane – Gearagh

Mary & John O'Rourke - Incharoe

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

PAPAL VISIT:

A Bus will be organised from Bantry to attend the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park, Dublin on Sunday 26th August.

We ask those interested in attending to please hand their name in to the Parish office

Keeping the Eight Amendment

It is vitally important that voting to keep the Eight Amendment to the Constitution is essential to retain the right to life of the child in the womb. To explain why this should be and to clarify how the mother's right to life and health are sustained by it, a meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY APRIL 18th at the CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL, THE QUAY, BANTRY at 7.30pm.** The speaker will be Dr.Meg MacConnail, former GP. All are welcome.

Fundraiser. At Fernhill House Hotel on Sunday April 15th. Susan McCann in Concert in Aid of Dr Jason and his **Rapid Response team**. Dr Jason will be present on the night. Support Band Joe and Kieran Cooke with Special guests "Aoibhneas" 2018 all Ireland Winners of Scor who represented The Carbery Rangers. MC John Greene of C103. Doors open at 7 pm, Concert at 8pm SHARP. Tickets €15 on sale at the Hotel and Meades Newsagent. For info call Ted on 087 1605779 or Mary on 0878434347

A big thank you to Bantry Charity Shop, Bridge Street Bantry who donated €5,000 recently to the Bantry Hospice Project. Since 2008, the charity shop has strongly supported the Bantry Hospice project and for over a decade has donated the incredibly generous amount of over €25,000. The Bantry Charity shop is a voluntary run organisation at the heart of the community, offering a fantastic service to the people of Bantry and providing valuable donations to a wide range of charities on an ongoing basis. The Bantry Hospice committee would like to thank, the Bantry Charity Shop for their ongoing commitment and support for Bantry Hospice.

Appeal for unwanted wearable spectacles

Collection boxes will be in the Porches of Bantry, Kealkil & Coomhola Churches all day Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd April, Bantry Bay Lions are appealing for unwanted wearable spectacles as part of their ongoing **recycle for Sight program** and worldwide efforts to improve vision of people in developing countries and change their lives.

Please bring along your unwanted spectacles, no cases or broken frames and drop them into the collection boxes. The Spectacles will enable people in developing countries, who cannot afford spectacles and therefore cannot see to read, write, learn and work, to be educated and to maintain independence and have productive and fulfilled lives.

Project Coordinators Bantry Bay Lions Anne Tel: 086 8761638 and Mary Tel: 0862363344.

Lip Sync Battles Information Evening Bantry Hospice and Cork ARC Cancer Support House, Bantry are developing a joint fundraiser, Lip Sync Battle, Bantry. An information evening takes place on Friday 20th April 2018 at 7.30pm at Maritime Hotel, Bantry where all details regarding the event will be provided. Contact details: 027 50077, 085 1743970 or lipsyncbantry@gmail.com

Library: Bantry Library is holding a storytime for toddlers on Fridays 20th and 27th April. It begins at 10.30am and there is free admission. It should be noted also that the library will be closed on Tuesday next, 17th April for a training day. Books, DVD's, etc. can be renewed online.

For further information, contact Bantry Library at 027-50460.

CoAction Bingo

The regular bingo on Sunday nights at the Boys Club in support of CoAction West Cork will now commence at 8.30pm for the coming months.

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 7th/8th April:

Bantry: €1925; Kealkil: €265; Coomhola: €270
Special collection for Diocesan Needs takes place on April 14th/15th

BARA: The monthly **Bantry Active Retirement** social morning an opportunity to meet and socialise with fellow members will again take place on Friday next April 20th in the Ian Connor Room {portacabin} behind St Brendan's Church on the Square tea coffee and scones will be served to members between 10.30 and 12.30. Parking is available in the Church grounds. There will be a donation box to defray expenses - €1 would be appropriate

The committee wish to thank all who contributed to the fundraiser which was held at the March social morning for West Cork Rapid Response Unit. The sum of €250 was raised which the Officers of the Association decided this amount should be matched from the Association funds. Thus the sum of €500 has been sent to West Cork Rapid Response for the purchase of additional equipment.

Do you care for somebody with Dementia? A five week Family Carer's Training Programme will take place in West Cork Carer's Building, Bridge St, Bantry over five Thursday evenings from May 2nd – 31st 2018, from 7.30-9.00pm. This free course aims to provide family carers with information and support, with invited speakers covering a range of topics. For further information or to book a place, please contact Dr Siobhan Shine, Senior Clinical Psychologist, (086) 0449538 or e-mail siobhan.shine@hse.ie

Irish Cancer Society: The sum of €6000 was raised on Daffodil Day March 23rd. Thank you all who volunteered & contributed on the day.

BANTRY G.A.A. Premier Intermediate Football Championship Bantry V Fermoy this Sunday April 15th @ 3pm at Kilmurray. Please support.

Spring Station Masses 2018:

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2018 during March & April. If you are thinking of hosting the Spring Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (tel. 56398) to arrange a date.

Spring Station Masses 2018

Saturday 5th May @ 11am

Joe & Mary Sharkey – Gories, Cahir, Leacadiomhaoin, Capanavar

Thursday 12th April @ 11am

Gerard & Diane O'Sullivan – Glencreagh, Dromclough