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

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

**Bantry:10am:**

**Michael Jimmy Downey - Gortagaree**

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

**Bantry:10am:**

**Paddy & Nancy O'Shea - Gories**

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

**Bantry:10am:**

**John & Marcella Lynch – Blackrock Terrace**

**Hospital: 5.30pm:**

**Padraig O'Grady – Derryginagh East**

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

**Bantry: 10am: Thomas Barry and deceased  
members of his family - Derryvahalla**

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

**St. Hilaryc. 315 Bishop of Potiers:**

**Bantry: 10am:**

**Tim & Bridie Coppinger – Lisheens, Kealkil**

**Kealkil: Sonny & Mary O'Mahony - Carriganass**

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am:**

**Nancy O'Sullivan – Newtown East**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Con Collins - Kielnascarta**

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am:**

**Joseph & Kathleen Coughlan - Scart**

**Coomhola: 10am:**

**Tade Coughlan – Cooleenlemane, Coomhola**

**Kealkil: 11am:**

**Tim & Hannie O'Connor - Cahirmuckee**

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

**Spring Station Masses 2017**

There are 40 Station areas in Bantry Parish but only 12 families hosted the Station Mass in Autumn 2016. It is in our own hands to either hold on to the practice of the Station or let it die.

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2017 starting on 1<sup>st</sup> February and continuing through February and March until 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MUSINGS: Lamb of God**

Say a prayer today for the Church in Syria which is being decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer Lamb of God which we recite three times at Sunday Mass. A timely prayer for mercy and peace to prevail in face of the pervasive warring 'sin of the world'.

Not the Lamb, 'meek and mild' of Blake's poem of Innocence, in Mass today, but the 'Lamb who was slain', mentioned thirty times in the Apocalypse, and identified by Philip in Acts 8 as the Suffering Servant for the benefit of the open minded and enquiring Ethiopian.

John the Baptist was the first to say Jesus is the Lamb of God, the first to say in a universalist way that Christ would take away not only Israel's sin but the sin of the whole world. His weapons are mercy and peace. Spread them widely.

Fr David O'Riordan. Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda Diocese of Cloyne

**Died Recently:**

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

**William Edward Francis (Billo) O'Donnell  
– High St. & The Anchor, Bantry**

**Maureen Minehane  
Crowangle, Whiddy Island**

**Frank Walsh  
Church Road, Bantry**

**Angel O'Leary  
Dunmanway, Derragh & formerly of  
Glouneycarney**

**Nora Cadogan (nee O'Donoghue)  
Church Road, Bantry & formerly of Cape  
Clear**

May they rest in peace

### Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Davie Murphy**

(Ardrá, Scart, Bantry)

**Ollie Daniel Murray**

(Droumlickacrué, Kealkil)

We welcome them into our Christian Community

**Offertory Collection:** Holy Day 6<sup>th</sup> January:  
Bantry Church: €995; Kealkil Church:€125; Coomhola  
Church: €110. Weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> January: Bantry:  
€1800; Coomhola:€235; Kealkil:€255

*A Special collection will be taken up this weekend,  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> for Diocesan Needs.*

**Experience the CHRISTMAS STORY in the land  
where it actually happened.**

**Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the Holy Land,  
June 12-22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra  
Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible  
Scholar). Contact Mícheál at 0868337681 or email  
[culturaltoursireland@gmail.com](mailto:culturaltoursireland@gmail.com)**

### Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017

**The Bantry Parish & Friends Pilgrimage  
will take place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
2017 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board  
accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'.  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Martin Keohane  
Booking forms available at Parish Office**

**Enrolment is now open for Early  
Childhood Care and Education, QQI Level  
5** which will commence in Coláiste Pobail  
Bheanntaí. This course will be run on a part-  
time basis, over two years leading to a Major  
Award in Early Childhood Education. The  
first two modules to be run are Early  
Childhood Education and Play, 5N1773 and  
Children with Additional Needs 5N2396.  
Courses will commence on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017, for a period of  
12 weeks, costing €200 per module. Please  
email [adulteducationcpb@gmail.com](mailto:adulteducationcpb@gmail.com)

Pub Quiz-Fund raiser for Carolyn  
Murphy's alternative cancer treatment.  
Saturday 21st Jan, 9 pm at Bernard's (The  
Maple Leaf) Table of 4 max. €10. per  
person. Raffle

**Anam Cara Bereavement Information Evening**  
Venue: **The Maritime Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork**  
Date: **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
Time: **7.30pm – 9.30pm (Registration from  
7:15pm)**

Anam Cara is holding a Bereavement Information  
evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
January 2017** at the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West  
Cork. This event gives parents an opportunity to  
hear an **experienced bereavement professional**  
talk about the many challenges their family may  
face after the death of a son or daughter. This  
free event is open **to all bereaved parents**,  
regardless of the age of their child or the  
circumstances of their death **As Anam Cara  
need to confirm numbers for this event, please  
RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Tuesday  
17th January or call 085 2888 888.**

**May God give you power  
through his Holy Spirit  
For your hidden self to grow strong  
so that Christ may live in your hearts  
through faith, and that you may  
be filled with the utter fullness of God.**

Ephesians 3: 16-17, 19

**Bantry Lifeboat** will be hosting their **Annual Fundraising  
Dinner Dance** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at The Westlodge  
Hotel, Bantry. Tickets are only €25 and include a three  
course meal, live music with 'The Love Bugs' and this year,  
for the first time we will be having lifeboat racing on the  
dance floor. You can then dance into the night with our late  
disco. All proceeds from the night will go to Bantry  
Lifeboat, a community search and rescue service that  
operates 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year and run  
entirely by local volunteers.

#### **THE DEEP END: Credible witness**

**It's hard to know what, or who, to believe any more. During  
the recent US presidential race, 'fact checking' became  
something of a buzzword. After each of the major debates,  
newspapers and news sites churned out articles  
investigating the validity of the candidates' claims. Research  
was rapidly carried out, sources were checked, statements  
from the past were dragged up to prove or disprove many a  
point. With the internet making it possible to 'fact-check' in  
mere minutes, it is so easy to be caught out. Those in public  
life have to be more careful than ever that they are speaking  
the truth, that they are not contradicting what they have said  
previously, and that they can back up their statements with  
authoritative evidence.**

John the Baptist may not have been subject to such rigorous  
'fact checking', but he was at pains to explain the source of  
his authority: 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from  
heaven ... I have seen and I am the witness'. John knew that  
people might not immediately take him seriously, so twice he  
emphasised that he did not know Jesus himself. He was not  
out to trick or mislead people. We can believe what this first  
witness says about who Jesus is, because his words come  
directly from God.

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