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Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, 21st/22nd October, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection. Every person in every parish in every country where the Church is present will be celebrating together and sharing what they have, no matter how little. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is also the one Sunday in the year when your generosity goes directly to help mission parishes overseas and reach out with Jesus' message of hope and love. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world, ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can. Thank You.

Envelopes for November

Envelopes to commemorate your departed relatives & friends are at the doors this weekend. The Novena of Masses begins November 2nd.

How Our Lady Can Help Ireland

A short talk will be given by Fr Marius O Reilly (chaplain to the Mercy hospital) on "How Our Lady Can Help Ireland" in the hospital Chapel on Monday next 16th Oct. at 7:30pm.

Died Recently: We extend our prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:

**Finbarr O'Sullivan (Bishop)
Reenrou East, Bantry**

**Dr Paule Cotter
- Cork and Seskin, Bantry**

May they rest in peace

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon.16th October: 28th week in Ordinary Time: St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary & St. Gall:

Bantry: 10am: Neilie Lynch – Gurteen, Bantry

Tues. 17th October: 28th week in Ordinary Time: St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr:

Bantry: 10am:

Michael Rojas & Valentina de la Cruz

Wed. 18th October: St. Luke, Evangelist:

Bantry: 10am:

James & Vera O'Shea - Droumaloughlin

Hospital: 5.30pm: Tommy O'Connor - Gurteen

Thurs. 19th October: 28th week in Ordinary Time: St. Paul of the Cross: 1694-1775:

Bantry: 10am:

Fr. Pat Daly (New Street), Fr. Gabriel Keohane (Newtown) & Fr. Raphael Keyes (Newtown)

Friday 20th October.: 28th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: Special Intention

Kealkil: Ted & John O'Leary, Julia & Denis

Murphy – Maughanaclea, Kealkil

Sat. 21st October: 28th week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am: Moira Deasy - Newtown

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Mary O'Sullivan – Baurgorm (2nd anniversary)

Sun. 22nd October:

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am : Kieran Casey - Cahernacrin

Coomhola: 10am: Tom & Bridie Triggs - Borli

Kealkil: 11am: Sean O'Shea – Ahil, Kealkil

Patrick Hurley – Ahilmore – Months Mind

12 noon: People of the Parish

Please note: Today's Months Mind Mass for Christy O'Sullivan (Skehana) has been postponed.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Ava Louise O'Leary
– Coomleigh West, Bantry**

We welcome her into our Christian Community

Offertory Collection: weekend of 7th /8th October:
Bantry:€1,525; Coomhola:€200; Kealkil:€260.
Special Collection for Diocesan Needs last weekend -
Bantry:€1230; Coomhola:€270; Kealkil:€315
Special Collection for the Propagation of the Faith will
take place on October 22nd & 23rd

The Diocese of Cork & Ross is fully committed to Safeguarding and welcomes the Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy & Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. A concise Policy leaflet is available on the Diocesan website. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Maura Flynn, Mary McSweeney, Tomás O'Sullivan & Heather O'Sullivan and they can be contacted via the Parish Office or through the Priest.

Brother Jean Marie from the Taize Community in France will be in the parish church of St.Mary and St. John in Ballincollig on Saturday 21st October following 6 pm Mass, offering people an opportunity to pray together with him.

Colaiste Pobail Bheantraí Parents' Association is delighted to welcome Garda Don Davis & Garda James Meeney to talk about keeping Teenagers safe online. The event is on Tuesday, 17th October at 7.30 pm at the school and is followed by the AGM. All parents welcome.

Bantry Mother and Toddler Group meets every Monday in the Gaelscoil hall from 09:45 to 11:45. Indoor and outdoor activities, ballpool, arts and crafts, sand and water activities, music and singing. Refreshments provided. €4 per family.

Mealagh Valley Community Hall. October Upcoming Events. (subject to change)
Ceili & set dancing every Wednesday night, beginners and advanced. Jiving classes start Thursday 19th Oct. 6week course 30Euro. Text "Jive" to Olive to hold your place. For info.on either of these contact Olive 0879874013
Kids Halloween Party Friday October 27th 7.30pm to 9.30pm. €10 per family. Great family fun night. Contact Kate 087-7518821 or Caroline 086-2055327. Further information on all the events can be found on our Facebook page. Thank you for your support.

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre
Marriage, Family & Individual Counselling & Marriage Preparation. Call 021-4275678 for help & guidance. Supported by the Diocese of Cork & Ross, the HSE & Department for Children

Care for the Aged is looking for Drivers to deliver meals on wheels. Commitment is just One day in the month for three hours maximum. Please contact Eileen Lane on 086-4096629 if you can help this vital local service.

Bantry Historical Society: Monday 16th October at the Christian Fellowship at 8pm
Eugene McSweeney of Ballydehob will speak on **Derreennalomane Barytes mine -Lost in History**
Situated under Mt Corran the mine was operated intermittently for 80 years. Men from all over the catchment area benefited from the unique employment opportunity that extraction of this valuable mineral offered

What do you Want? What people want is at the heart of today's parable. A king invites people to his son's wedding banquet, but their minds are on other things; they don't see the value of the invitation. They don't want it. Jesus' story tells us that rather than being an imposition, our faith is an invitation, a gift.

It's been said that the biggest problem with consumerism is not that it makes us want too much, but that it makes us want too little; it diverts and distracts us with lesser things. The world we live in is, now more than ever, full of appeals to our most precious possession: our attention. We are, so to speak, in constant receipt of many invitations. There is so much that conspires to steal our attention from what is deepest and most important.

When the king of Jesus' parable issued the invitation to his son's wedding banquet, people's attention was elsewhere, they wanted other things. And some of them, evidently, were angry at what they perceived to be an imposition on their time and on their priorities.

We would do well to let this parable of Jesus pose two simple questions to us. First, do we habitually think of our faith – the practice and the living out of our faith – as an imposition or as an invitation? Second, what do we want – for ourselves and for our loved ones?

Autumn Station Masses 2017 :

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.

Autumn Station Masses 2017

Friday 20th October @ 8pm:
Neilie & Ann O'Leary – Inchinagown,
Farranfadda, Kealanine, Corran, Cooleenlemane,
Coomhola

Friday 27th October @ 8pm: Connie Manning –
Ardnacloughy, Dromdubh, Baurnagearagh

Hallowe'en Storytime

To celebrate Hallowe'en in advance, why not come along to Bantry Library on Saturday October 21st at 11am when the library will be holding a special storytime for four to six year olds.