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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 18th January: 2nd week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am Leo, James & Mary O'Sullivan - Droumsullivan

Tues. 19th January: 2nd week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am Tommy Barry & the deceased members of the Barry Family - Derryvahalla

Wed. 20th January: 2nd week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Tim & Bridie Coppinger - Lisheens

Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm: Pat & Joan Daly - Slip

Thurs. 21st January: 2nd week in Ordinary Time:

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Bantry: 10am James Coppinger – Blackrock Rd

Friday 22nd January: 2nd week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Timmy O'Sullivan – Whiddy Island

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Sonny & Mary O'Mahony – Carriganass, Kealkil

Sat. 23rd January: 2nd week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am: Clodagh Howe

Bantry: 6.15pm: Con Collins – Kielnascarta (2nd anniversary)

Sun. 24th January:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am:

Debbie Downey - Reendonegan

Coomhola: 10am:

Tade Cadogan - Cooleenlemane

Kealkil: 11am:

Bernie O'Sullivan - Droumsullivan

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Dates for your Diary

18th – 25th Jan: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1st Feb: Feast of St Brigid

**2nd Feb: Feast of the Presentation of The Lord.
Blessing of candles at Mass.**

3rd Feb: Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats.

10th Feb: Ash Wednesday

**11th Feb: Commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes –
World Day of the Sick**

Merciful Like the Father –

Pope Francis on the Year of Mercy Part I

Perhaps some of you are asking: what is this Jubilee Year that is celebrated in the Church?

The scriptural text of Leviticus 5 can help us to understand the meaning of a “Jubilee” for the people of Israel.

Every 50 years they heard the sounding of a trumpet (jobel) calling them to celebrate a holy year as a time of reconciliation for everyone. During that time they had to renew their good relations with God, with their neighbours and with creation, all in a spirit of gratuitousness. This fostered, among other things, debt forgiveness, special help for those who had fallen into poverty, improvement in interpersonal relations and the freeing of slaves.

Jesus Christ came to proclaim and bring about the Lord's everlasting time of grace. He brought good news to the poor, freedom of prisoners, sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed (Lk 4:18 – 19). Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy’ (Mt 5:7): the beatitude to which we should particularly aspire to this Holy Year.

Eucharistic Holy Hour
every Monday evening in the Hospital
Chapel from 8 pm to 9 pm.
All are very welcome

“Come and see”
Vocations afternoon
2 – 4:30pm Sat 6th Feb.
Poor Clare Monastery
College Rd. Cork
Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Fionn Patrick Marren
(Waterloo, NSW, Australia)

Liam Brendan Murnane
(Pearsons Bridge, Ballylickey, Bantry)

Fabian Francis Puszko
(Glengarriff Road, Bantry)

Darragh Jamie McSweeney
(Arднаcloughy, Ballylickey)

Conor Jeremiah McGee
(Breenybeg, Kealkil)

We welcome them into our Christian Community

Offertory Collection:

Weekend 9th / 10th January 2016:
Bantry Church: €1,935; Kealkil Church: €395;
Coomhola Church: €285

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up on January 23rd/24th

ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses 2016

Upcoming Courses run over 2 days in Bantry
(Fri 7-10pm & Sat 10am-4pm)

Jan 29th/30th, February 19th/20th,

March 18th /19th, April 10th /11th,

May 15th /16th, July 10th /11th

Couples should attend a course at least 3 months before they intend to marry. Book direct through

accord.ie. For further information tel. 027-50272 or

email accordbantry@eircom.net

Cork ARC Cancer Support

Diet in Cancer Information Evening

Wednesday 20th January, 2016 (7pm-9pm)

At the Bungalow, Gories, Bantry, Co. Cork

Facilitated by Diarmuid Duggan, Registered

Dietician. Contact: 083-198 8580

westcork@corkcancersupport.e

Bantry Meals On Wheels -Volunteers needed to help in kitchen for approx 2 hours one morning per month. Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. No experience needed. Tel 52144.

COLLECTION OF UNWANTED CLOTHES & LINENS on January 25th @ 9.30am
CAPPABUE N.S. WILL BE COLLECTING OLD CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES/SHOES & MOBILE PHONES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION.

PLEASE DROP BAGS TO CAPPABUE N.S on Thursday or Friday (Jan 21st or 22nd) THANK YOU!

Warmer Homes Scheme 2016: Warm up your home and reduce your heating bills! West Cork Development Partnership is currently accepting applications for the Warmer Homes Scheme for 2016. The scheme which has been in operation in West Cork since 2008 is for the installation of attic and cavity wall insulation, the service is **free of charge** for all eligible households. To be eligible for the scheme, you must own your own home, it must be built before 2006, and you must be in receipt of one of the following;

- * The Winter fuel allowance, or
 - * Family Income Supplement, or
 - * Job Seeker's Allowance for over six months and with a child under 7 years of age.
- To apply for the scheme or if you have any queries please ring 027 52266 or email finbarr@wcdp.ie For further information you can also see our web site www.wcdp.ie

Our Lady of Mercy N.S. -

Open Day / Enrolment Day

An invitation to all parents with children of school going age to Our Lady of Mercy National

School Open Day on Thursday 4th February

from 1.00 - 2.00 p.m. Parents and children

are invited on a tour of the school's indoor and outdoor facilities, as well as all the classrooms.

You are welcome to enrol your child on the day. If you wish to do so, please bring your child's birth certificate and P.P.S. number with you. Enrolment

forms can be filled in on this day or anytime

afterwards. We look forward to meeting you. For info. call Dymphna Daly (Principal) on 027-50590.

FREE TEA & COFFEE MORNING

St Vincent's Charity Shop, main st Bantry are having a Free Tea & Coffee Morning on Monday 18th January 10.30 - 1.30...All welcome, your support would be much appreciated..We accept donations of good quality clothing, shoes,household linen, unwanted gifts, dvd's, bric n brac etc.....Volunteers welcome to help a few hours a week, no experience Needed...

West Cork Underwater Search and Rescue Team

will hold an illustrated talk on "50 years of diving in the Irish Navy" by Martin Buckley in The West Cork Hotel Skibbereen on Tuesday 26 th January 2016 at 8 pm. This fundraiser for urgent equipment for the team. Tickets € 10.Team Members & Thornhill's Electrical,

45 Progressive Card Drive at Mealagh Valley Hall on Saturday January 23rd. at 9.00P.M. Sharp.

All are welcome. Your Support is appreciated.

Mealagh Valley Community Alert Group will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday January 19th. at 8.00P.M. in Mealagh Hall.

Speakers from An Garda Siochana and Other Bodies will be present. It is most important that all Households in the Valley are represented at This