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Feast Day of St. Finbarr

The feast day of St. Finbarr, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Cork is celebrated on the 25th of Sept.

This year pilgrims will gather on Sunday, September 24th, to celebrate 'Gougane Sunday'. Rosary will be recited in the Oratory at 2.00pm and Mass will be celebrated in the Oratory at 2.30pm. Bishop David G. O'Connell, Episcopal Vicar of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will preach the homily this year.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Intention Books

Three Intention Books have been opened in the Churches of the Parish of Bantry in order that you can place the names of your loved ones in these books, for the living in the front of the books and deceased in the middle of the books. These books will be present at all Masses that will be celebrated in Lourdes and the Masses offered for the intentions of the names that are recorded in the books.

The books will be in the Churches up to the 21st of September as the Pilgrimage begins on the 22nd to the 27th. Fr Martin .P.P

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

**Cornelius (Christy) O'Sullivan
Skahana, Bantry**

**Baby Jim Delaney
The Pier, Bantry**

May they rest in peace

Members of Viatores Christi will speak at Masses in this parish during the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Masses on 30th September and 1st Oct

What is Viatores Christi?

Viatores Christi, an association of Catholic lay missionary development workers, was founded in 1960 and recruits, prepares and facilitates the placement of lay people who wish to serve in areas of need in Africa, Asia and South America.

Why are they talking: To raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas. To thank the people of the Cork and Ross Diocese for their support for this work over the years. To offer an opportunity and preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer their time, skills and talents. To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer. There will be a collection in aid of their work.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon.18th September: 24th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am:

Sean O'Mahony- Old Barrack Road (MonthsMind)

Tues. 19th September: 24th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am:

Tony O'Donovan - Millbrook Lawn & Newtown

Wed. 20th September: 24th week in Ordinary Time:

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon Priest & Martyr:

Bantry: 10am: Annie Keane - Glengarriff Road

Hospital: 5.30pm: Special Intention

Thurs. 21st September:

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Bantry: 10am: John O'Sullivan (Cappanaloa) & his parents James & Kate O'Sullivan & families.

Friday 22nd Sept.: 24th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry:10am: Liam & Joan Cussen

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Con & Hetty Hanley - Lisheens

Sat. 24th September: 24th week in Ordinary Time:

St. Pius of Pietrelcino (Padre Pio), Priest:

Hospital: 10am: Dick Donovan - High Street

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Patrick & Margaret O'Mahony (Maughnaclea, Kealkil) & their sons George & Sean

Sun. 25th September:

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am : Hannah Casey - Cahernacrin

Coomhola: 10am:

Patrick & Elizabeth Holland - Kealanine

Kealkil: 11am: Hannie Cronin - Cullenagh

12 noon: People of the Parish

The Munster Pioneer Gathering takes place on 1st October 2017 in Woodlands House Hotel in Adare, Co Limerick. Registration is at 10.30 a.m. Tickets for the Gathering cost €30 each and the closing date for the purchase of tickets is Monday 25th. For further details or queries contact 0863642619 sorchaol@gmail.com

**Children's Mass in Bantry Church
Our children's mass will be celebrated on
Sunday 24th September at 9.00 a.m.
Children and their families are very
welcome to attend.**

Encountering Family in the Gospel:

Three sessions exploring family in the Gospels as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families – Wednesdays 27th September and 4th & 11th October from 8:00pm to 9:15pm in the Parish Room, St. Finbarr's Church. The sessions will be facilitated by Fr Charlie/Sr Karen from the Pastoral Development Office.

All are welcome.

Any enquiries - please phone 086-8454412.

Offertory Collection: weekend of 9th / 10th September: Bantry:€1,696; Coomhola:€ 200; Kealkil:€320.

Parish Maintenance Fund Collection last weekend:
Bantry-€2870: Coomhola-€315: Kealkil-€490

St Colum's GAA Club wishes to extend an open invitation to all, to attend their upcoming open day, on Saturday the 23rd of September from 1-5pm, where they will showcase all the development works that have taken place over the last few years.

Dates for Your Diary:

Our Lady is coming to Ireland's aid again!

On November 5th will begin an

All-Ireland 33 day consecration to Our Lady, finishing on her feast day December 8th, in preparation Fr Michael Gaitley will come to Ireland to launch the event. October 8th at 7:30pm he will attend St Augustines in Cork city.

Please spread the word.

A Night of Comedy and Cabaret Sensation - Eileen & Marilyn - The Prequel.

Skibbereen Town Hall, Saturday 23rd September, 8pm (Doors open at 7:15pm)

Refreshments and Raffle on the Night.

Tickets 10Euro, Bookings: 083 035 6339

All Proceeds in Aid of Autism West Cork.

Raising Awareness and Understanding of ASD.

Autumn Station Masses 2017 :

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Autumn 2017 beginning after 15th August & continuing through the months of September & October. 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

Wednesday 20th September @ 11am

Michael & Catherine Andrews – Seskin Upper

Friday 22nd September @ 11am

Mary Warner – Caher, Gories, Leacadiomhaoin, Capanavar

Thursday 28th September @ 8.00pm

Johnny & Toxi Gilhooley – Donemark, Lahaden, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapail, Dromaduneen

Friday 29th September @ 8.00pm

Gene & Joan Lynch – Dromdaniel, Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonegan, Goreemore, Crossogue, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig

Saturday 30th September @ 11am

Garrett & Christine Fitzgerald – Gurteenroe

Friday 20th October @ 8pm

Neilie & Ann O'Leary – Inchinagown, Farranfadda, Kealanine, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Coomhola

Friday 27th October @ 8pm

Connie Manning – Ardnacloughy, Dromdubh, Baurnagearagh

Mealagh Valley Community Alert would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to our recent collection. Also thanks to those who helped at the church gate for the collection. The total collected was 982.87 euros. This is greatly appreciated by our community.

HOLY LAND Pilgrimage

For 9 days from October 20th to 28th. 4 nights in Jerusalem and 4 in Tiberias in the Rimonim hotels on Half Board.

Spiritual Director is Rev. Fr. Neilus O'Donnell, Rathcormac.

For further details contact; Patsy Foley, Donoughmore at 021-7337159 or 087-6798810.

Mealagh Valley Community Hall A.G.M.

Monday 25th September at 8.00p.

Please attend. All welcome

Bantry Cardiac Support Group September 2017 meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th September at the Christian Fellowship Church, Tower Street, Bantry at 8pm.

Cardiovascular Nurse Sarah Cashman from Bantry Bay Medical Centre and Lorraine Geaney Practice Nurse from Glengarriff Medical Centre will facilitate the meeting.

The meeting is for anyone who has experienced any cardiac event or has any related concerns. Family members, spouses or carers are also welcome. Attendants may also have their blood pressure checked during the evening. Refreshments and chat to follow.

For more details on the meeting please contact: Sarah on (087) 3186443 or John (Group Member) on (086) 4048821'