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

### Mass Schedule for Lent

There will be Mass at 8am in the Hospital Chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 5.30pm on Wednesdays & 10am on Saturdays during Lent.

As usual there will be weekday 10am morning Mass and evening Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Bantry Church during Lent.

Mass in Kealkil will be at 7.30pm on Fridays (except the First Friday of March). Any of these Masses can be booked for the intentions of a deceased loved one.

**Lenten Reflections:** Bantry Scripture Group invites you to four Wednesday nights of Lenten Reflections beginning on February 21st through to March 14th at 8.00 pm in the Sacristy Meeting Room. These nights will be facilitated by guest participants reflecting on the Sunday Lenten readings. All are welcome.

**LENTEN PETITIONS:** Every year during Lent we recall that Jesus was beaten, whipped, mocked, crowned with thorns, and nailed to a cross. Our faith teaches us that He endured this agony and suffering, and died for us. By His suffering, Jesus gave meaning to all of our suffering. Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it; He came to fill it with His presence. This Lent we will unite our own personal suffering with His. Each one of us has some amount of suffering or hurt in our life, sometimes dating from our past. Petitions symbolise the hurt that is contained in our lives and community. During Lent we invite anyone with any unresolved grief or pain, or any kind or hurt, to place their petitions in the basket at the side of the Sanctuary. Your petitions represent the pain, grief or hurt in your life. It may be associated with;

- ❖ Grief at death or separation
- ❖ The pain of broken relationships
- ❖ The pain of sickness
- ❖ The pain of being misunderstood
- ❖ The struggle of sexual identity
- ❖ The pain of failure
- ❖ Pain of living with an alcoholic partner, parent or child
- ❖ The hurt of the past

What is unique about this spiritual exercise is that you will be able to recognise your own grief and suffering and understand that so many others share similar worries. Please feel free during the coming weeks to place petitions in the basket.

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

#### Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent:

Hospital : 8am: Special Intention

Bantry: 10am: Annie May O'Mahony - Glandore

#### Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am:

Pat O'Donovan – Newtown – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Bantry: 7.30pm: People of the Parish

#### Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Mai O'Mahony – Market Street

Hospital: 5.30pm:

Robert & Kathleen Evans – The Square, Bantry

#### Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> February: The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: Sr. Maura Killeen – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary

Bantry: 7.30pm: People of the Parish

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: Sheila O'Sullivan – Gougane Barra

Kealkil: 7.30p:

Daniel O'Leary – Curraglass – Months Mind

#### Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent:

Hospital: 10am: Paddy McSweeney - Shanavalla

Bantry: 6.15pm: Marie Mulvey – Reenrour East

Jane Cronin – Rock Villas (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), her

brother Sonny Cronin (Seskin), twin sister Sheila

Cronin (Rock Villas) & her husband Jerry Cronin.

#### Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> February: Second Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Mary O'Brien – Reenrour East

John Casey – Cahernacrin

Mary Casey – Market Street

James Andrews – Scart Road

Coomhola: 10am: Michael (Jerry Mike) O'Sullivan –

Canada & formerly Coomhola – Months Mind

Margaret Harrington – Farranfadda

Kealkil: 11am:

People of the Parish

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

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

**Joe Keane – Glengarriff Road**

**Megan Crowley**

**– Clooneygorman, Bantry**

May they rest in peace

**Stations of the Cross for Lent:** There will be Stations of the Cross in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry after the 6.15pm Vigil Mass during Lent.

**Recent Parish Baptism:**

**Brian Charles McCarthy**  
- Derryfadda, Kealkil

**Doireann Margaret O'Mahony**  
- Carriganass, Kealkil

We welcome them into our Christian Community

**Rally in Dublin to Save the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

**Date: Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Rally commencing at 2.00pm**

**Coach will leave Bantry Square at 7.00am**

**Early booking is strongly advised.**

**Contact: Catherine Manning (083-8928299)**  
**or Gene Bucklev (085-2146982)**

**Annual Cancer Fundraiser:** The annual fundraiser will be held in the former Super Valu Store, New Street, Bantry from Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 08<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will be divided equally between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect and Palliative Care West Cork, c/o Bantry Hospital. Further Details Later. Enquiries to Nora Cremin (027) 51276.

**BARA:** The monthly Bantry Active Retirement social morning an opportunity to meet and socialise with fellow members will again take place on Friday next February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. Details of the annual sun holiday which is from the 15<sup>th</sup> of May to the 26<sup>th</sup> destination is La Geria'Hotel Port del Carmen Lanzorete flight times.booking details, cost, accomation type, baggage allowance, etc will be available..

**Please take a Trocaire Box this Lent.**  
**Trocaire Boxes / Envelopes can be collected at the Church Porches this weekend.**

**Mindful Walking:** As part of a new national initiative called "Healthy Ireland", Bantry Library will be hosting a talk by Hugh O'Donovan on "Mindful Walking". This talk takes place on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am. Hugh is a Coaching Psychologist who, by focussing on the simple act of moving, mental and physical well-being can be achieved. This free talk is suitable for seasoned walkers, rural rambblers or people learning how to walk again after illness. It is advisable to book a place in advance. Contact Bantry Library at 027-50460 for bookings and further information.

**Red Cross Bantry Defibrillation Group – AGM**

The Bantry Defibrillation Group will hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30 pm in the Red Cross Room, (Old Gael Scoil Building) Upper Main Street, Bantry. All are welcome.

**Easter Basketball Camp 2018**  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**In Bantry Boys Club**

**(U10s 9.30-1pm) & (u12s 1.30-5pm)**

Cost: €55 (€45 for siblings). Basketball Camp T-shirt for every child. Fun games, daily competitions & expert, attentive Coaches. Sign up night in Boy's Club on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb (5.30-8pm). For further details contact Coach Craig Drummond on 087-3887109 or email bantryballeaster18@gmail.com

**Protect the 8th Bandon talk & training workshop on Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Munster Arms Hotel at 7:30pm in the Bandon room suite. All welcome!**

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**Gaelscoil Bheantraí:** will be holding their Open Day on Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 1 pm. All new pupils and parents welcome. Please bring along your child's birth cert and PPS number on the day.

**Offertory Collection:** Weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Feb:  
Bantry - €1565; Coomhola - €210; Kealkil - €277.

**A Special Collection for Irish Bishops**  
**Commissions will be taken up on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Swimmers Wanted**

**Fundraising Swimathon in aid of Bantry Lifeboat in the Maritime Hotel on March 24<sup>th</sup> (8am-8pm)**

**Max swim 1hour. Min swim 15 mins.**

**Details & forms at Leisure Centre Reception**

**Safehands First Aid Training** is holding a Paediatric First Aid course in the Westlodge Hotel on Sat March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am -3pm. this is ideal for anyone working with children or anyone who spends a great amount of time with children. this course is certified and valid for 2 years. If interested please contact Noreen on 086 8986014 for further details.