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Lourdes Pilgrimage:

The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th September 2018 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'. Cost: €765. 2018 is the 160th anniversary of the Apparition. Spiritual Director: Canon Martin O'Driscoll. Booking forms & Details available in the Parish office

Rosary for Life: Last November over 30,000 people gathered around the the coast of Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith in Ireland. Now we will pray the Rosary on Sunday March 18th at 2.30pm at our Mass Rocks and other Holy Sites, to ask Our Lady, and our deceased brethren, to intercede for Ireland. In Bantry Parish we will pray at Beach Head Mass Rock, Bantry.

For more information tel. 087 2786552 or see www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

Holy Week Ceremonies: The schedule of ceremonies for Holy Week is available in all church porches this weekend. Please take one. Join us as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Please note: There will be no 8.00am Mass in the Hospital Chapel on tomorrow Monday 19th March due to the Bank Holiday

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St Colums Overnight Pilgrimage to Knock Sat 30th Jun/Sun 1st July.
More details nearer the time.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Hazel Grace Thomas
- Lisheens, Kealkil**

We welcome her into our Christian Community

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 19th March:

St. Joseph, husband of th Blessed Virgin Mary

No 8am Mass in the Hospital chapel today.

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Tues. 20th March: 5th week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 7.30pm: People of the Parish

Wed. 21st March: 5th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Tommie Holland – Slip Park

Hospital: 5.30pm: Ena McGuirk & her son Eric McGuirk

Thurs. 22nd March: 5th week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: Paddy Casey – Slip Lawn

Bantry: 7.30pm: People of the Parish

Friday 23rd March: 5th week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: Steve O'Donoghue – Market Street

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Nigel Kingston - Lisheens

Sat. 24th March: 5th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Maeve O'Donoghue – Dromleigh, Bantry

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Mary Milner – Newtown

Steve Nolan – Sherkin & Baltimore

Betty Hunt – Slip

Pat McCarthy - Seskin

Sun. 25th March: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:

Bantry: 9am: People of the Parish

Coomhola: 10am:

Eileen Holland – Kealanine

Olivia Clarkin Machata – Months Mind

Kealkil: 11am: Curley Collins – Kealkil

Donie O'Regan – Dromaclarig, Bantry – Months MInd

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Died Recently:

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

**Timothy (Timmy) Murphy – Maughnaclea,
Kealkil**

Mav he rest in neace.

Afternoon of reflection on Family in the Gospel: a time to explore family life in the Gospels in the light of the teaching of Pope Francis in Amoris Laetitia. Saturday 24th March from 2pm to 5pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre, to reserve a place – contact Sr Karen 021 4537601 We will close with the placing our petitions for our families in the World Meeting of Families petition box.

BANTRY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND. 8TH – 16TH OCTOBER, 2018. EX CORK AIRPORT. COST: €1635.00. BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. Just 12 places now left.

BARA. The monthly Bantry Active Retirement social morning an opportunity to meet and socialise with fellow members will again take place on Friday next March 23rd 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 available in the Church grounds. There will be a donation box to defray expenses - €1 would be appropriate

DAFFODIL DAY AT THE SNUG BANTRY

Please support our Breakfast Morning at The Snug, Bantry on Friday 23rd March 2018, 8.00am to 12noon. All proceeds go to The Irish Cancer Society.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

We are delighted to announce a date has been set for the 9th Annual Liz Lucey Memorial Run. It will take place on the 8th July 2018 in Inchigeela. This year we hope to have even better prizes and events for all. More details to follow.

CORK MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The Cork International Hotel - 13th April to 15th April 2018. Marriage Encounter is a Weekend getaway experience for all married couples who want to rediscover the joy of Marriage. For further information: 086 8334382-086 6095168 - www.marriageencounter.ie

Pilgrimage to Fatima Ex Cork.

19th - 25th September. Spiritual director is Fr. Marius O' Reilly. Half Board, All day trips included. Price €699.00.

Contact Marian 087- 9370529 / Damien. 087-2049048

The Glengarriff Theatre Group will be performing "Sex Please, We're Sixty", a farce written by Michael and Susan Parker on March 22 and 23 in the Glengarriff Hall and March 24 in the Carnegie Arts Centre in Kenmare. All shows start at 8pm with admission €10 for adults and €8 for seniors. Come on out for an entertaining and fun.

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 10th/11th March:

Bantry - €1675; Coomhola - €250; Kealkil - €355.

Irish Bishops Commissions collection taken up last weekend: Bantry: €1100; Kealkil: €315; Coomhola: €205

A special collection for the Lourdes Invalid Fund will be taken up on March 24th/25th.

Thank you for your generous support.

Spring Station Masses 2018: It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2018 during March & 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.

Bantry Tidy Towns have had a very successful 2017 with a very positive competition report. We gained 4 additional marks & retained our Silver Medal in the National Tidy Towns competition. The 2018 season is now about to begin with a year of activities planned to further enhance the overall appearance of our beautiful town & hopefully progress further in the national competition as well as making it a more attractive place for locals and visitors alike. This can only be achieved with the help and support of the people of Bantry. Please come along to our AGM on Monday March 26th in the Maritime Hotel at 8pm. New members are very welcome and essential to the future life of Bantry Tidy Towns.

Annual Cancer Fundraiser: The annual fundraiser will be held in the Former Super Valu Store, New Street, Bantry from Tuesday March 27th to Sunday April 08th (10.00am to 5.00pm). Donations: Any items surplus to requirements welcome – unwanted gifts, unused purchases, jewellery, bags, ornaments, statues, bric –a- brac, household and nursery items, arts and crafts, pictures, paintings, glass, ware and china, good toys and games, exercise equipment, radios, music centres, musical instruments, cds and dvds etc etc. (no clothes, shoes or books). Items for sale for this very worthy cause would be very much appreciated. Donated items will be collected at the shop on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 24th, 25th, 26th (10am – 4 pm). The proceeds will be divided equally between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect and Palliative Care West Cork c/o Bantry Hospital. Enquiries to Nora Cremin (027) 51276.