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Church Building Works

We have been advised that the roof valleys in Bantry Church need immediate attention.

Scaffolding has already been erected around the Church & we hope that the work will begin this week. This will mean disruption to parking in some areas at different times. The side door near the Grotto may have to be kept closed also. We look forward to your co-operation and patience while the work is continuing and thank you for your ongoing support.

Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Lourdes is a place of universal meeting and sharing, prayer and celebration of life. Lying in the foothills of the Pyrenees, the small town of Lourdes is famous for the Marian Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858. It is the largest Catholic pilgrimage destination in Europe, which is known as a place that offers hope and consolation to all who are in need of healing and peace.

The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th September 2016 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Martin Keohane P.P.

Booking forms: Available in the Sacristy, St.

Finbarr's Church, Bantry, or see Church porch for details.

Died Recently:

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

**Mary O'Shea (née O'Shea)
Chapel Street & late of
Coomleigh East, Bantry**

**Thomas (Tom) Harrington – Kealkil &
Knockanacosduff, Borlin**

**Chris O'Driscoll
An Gobán Saor, Dunbittern, Bantry**

**Jane O'Connell
Chapel Street, Bantry**

May they Rest in Peace.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 20th June: 12th week in Ordinary Time: The Irish Martyrs: 17 Irish martyrs, men & women, cleric & lay, put to death for the Catholic Faith between 1579 & 1654 were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

Bantry: 10am: John O'Connell – Chapel Street

Tues. 21st June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious:

Bantry: 10am: Kitty Cronin - Gurteenroe

Wed. 22nd June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am:

Donal & Frances McCarthy - Drinagh

Hospital: 5.30pm:

Eileen O'Sullivan – Dunbeacon, Durrus

Thurs. 23rd June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am:

Maisie & Timothy Hunt – Glengarriff Road

Friday 24th June:

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist:

**Bantry: 10am: Margaret & James O'Mahony –
Reenrour Road & London**

**Kealkil: 7.30pm: Peggy O'Leary – Lacareagh,
(Months Mind) & Pat O'Leary - Cahirmounteen**

Sat. 25th June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am: John & Mary Manning

& their son Tadhg Manning - Ards

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Jenny Mullins – Droumacoppil – 1st anniversary

Sun. 26th June: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am: Peggy McCarthy - Seskin

Coomhola: 10am:

Jeremiah & Katie Lucey – Coorloun North

Kealkil: 11am:

Jeremiah O'Mahony (Lackavane, Kealkil) &

William Kearney - Ballinamought – Months Mind

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Chloe Eileen O'Neill

(Cousane Road, Kealkil)

We welcome her into our Christian Community

**St. Colums Overnight Pilgrimage to Knock
- 2nd/3rd July 2016 Cost €110. Details &
bookings - Matt O'Sullivan 66031,
May Murphy 56632, Mary Holland 63384**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 – CORK EVENT

The Diocese of Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office is hosting an evening Vigil and Mass on Saturday 30th July from 8pm to Midnight to coincide with the World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland with Pope Francis. The evening will include music, inspiring talks, prayer, food, confession, adoration, discussion groups and live links to Krakow throughout the evening. The event will conclude with Concelebrated Mass at 11pm. This will all take place in Saint Columba's Church and Parish Centre in Douglas. It is open to young adults 18-40 and young people 16-18 accompanied by parish group leaders. A contribution of €10 per participant is asked and registration is essential – details /registration forms available from the Pastoral Development Office telephone 021 4537601.

Offertory Collection: Weekend 11th /12th June: Bantry Church: €1854; Kealkil Church:€355; Coomhola Church: €245. *There will be a Special collection on June 25th/26th for Peter's Pence*

Orphanage Fundraiser

Coffee morning and cake sale with sponsored prizes, will be held in JJ Crowley's on Saturday 25th June from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Proceeds in aid of St. Francis School and Orphanage Moshi, Tanzania; for abled and disabled children. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

An Open Garden is being held in aid of Cork Charities will be held, on Sunday June 26th 2016 It's being held at the gardens of DJ Murphy, Bridepark Cottage, Killmuney, Ovens, Co. Cork. The gates are open from 12pm to 6pm. Entry will be by donation with light refreshments. Children enter for free. There will be a gate prize for those attending. We will also be holding a raffle on the day For those of you that know DJ Murphy, you will know what a treat it is to be able to view his fabulous gardens. We look forward to seeing you all there!

2016 Rotas (July-Dec) for Ministers of the Word and the Eucharist are now available. Please call to the Sacristy or the Parish Office to collect your copy. Thank you.

Viatores Christi:

Teachers, community/youth development workers, accountants, business /marketing professionals, IT specialists, OT /Physios/SL Therapists, Farmers, Pastoral Workers needed for overseas development assignments with Irish missionaries. Learn more - Viatores Christi (VC) Information & Recruitment Session, Saturday 18th June 2016 at 10.30 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Rd., Phibsboro, Dublin 7 OR Tel. 01 8689986 apply@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com

Bantry Blues GAA Cúl Camp

Bantry Blues are running their Cúl Camp from Monday July 4th through to Friday July 8th. This Camp is open to both girls & boys between the ages of 6 and 13 years. This is an action packed fun filled week of activity. The cost of the camp is €55 for the first child, €45 for the 2nd and €40 for the 3rd child. This price also includes the Kellogg's GAA Cul Camp Gear which consists of a jersey, a half zip training top & backpack. Please register online at kelloggsgaaculcamps.com. Or call Ruairi Deane on 085-8148658 for registration dates in our club.

French Summer Camp for Leaving Cert. & Junior Cert. will take place on July 4th & 11th. Contact Ann Creedon on 086-3781407.

CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYERS TO MEALAGH VALLEY HALL FOR BINGO WITH A JACKPOT ON THURSDAY JUNE 23RD. AT 8.30 P.M. . USUAL BUS SERVICE WILL RUN. PLEASE SUPPORT.

MUSINGS: 'But who do you say that I am?' (Lk 9:20)

'Like' and 'don't like' is the language of Facebook. We post all kinds of things in the hope of a reaction. Unfortunately, some people find that their identity is wedded to this 'virtual reality'. 'Like' and 'don't like' dictate how a vulnerable person may feel about themselves on any given day. The number of 'likes' received may give a person an instant injection of the feel-good factor or even a sense of self-worth. The opposite, deflating their ego. Now, Jesus appears to be having an identity crisis of his own in this Gospel. It may seem he is fishing for 'likes' to boost his ego. Nothing could be further from the truth.

After time on his own, and some personal reflection, he wanted to know did anyone discover who he really was. He wanted to know had he made any difference. He had come to the realisation that what was before him was not going to be pleasant. For anyone following him the challenge wouldn't be easy either. To blindly follow Jesus would be foolhardy. That is why the intellectual pursuit of Jesus alone is not sufficient. We must, like Peter, get to know Jesus personally. 'The Truth which faith discloses is a Truth centred on an encounter with Christ, on the contemplation of His life and on the awareness of His presence.' (Lumen Fidei). Fr Iomar Daniels St Andrew's Church, Leitrim, Loughrea, Co Galway