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Booking of Masses 2018

In every Mass we are invited to pray for loved ones who have gone to their eternal reward and for all the faithful departed. Until recently, we have had little trouble in this parish in accommodating peoples' wishes on an individual basis. However, this practice is becoming more difficult because of the number of funerals we have had over the last few years.

It is now proposed that each of the weekend Masses will be offered for 4 intentions. These will be shared Masses. This won't suit everyone, but we have no choice. As you are aware we have this practice already on the First Friday evening Mass and it is proving beneficial in accommodating peoples' wishes. We are not the first to have shared Masses as a number of Parishes in the Diocese have already introduced it.

We will, of course, continue to pray for our deceased in the Anniversary List at weekend Masses.

As this is not a money making exercise but a way of trying to facilitate everybody, one of the Mass offerings will go to the Priest who offers the particular Mass; the other Mass offerings will be donated to local charities.

Bookings will be taken for 2018 Masses at the Parish office when the new diary is available at the end of August.

Spring Station Masses 2017: It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2017 continuing through March until 30th 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.

Spring Station Masses 2017

Friday 31st March @ 11am

John & Marian Minehane – Donemark, Lahadane, Carrigbui, Dromfinchin, Dromachapaill, Dromaduneen

Friday 21st April @ 11am

Eileen O'Mahony – Dromlickacrae, Breenymore, Capanaboul, Derryarkane, Dromaneasa

Died Recently: We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of; Maura Daly (née O'Brien) – Chapel Street & formerly of Raheen, Bantry May she rest in peace.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 20th March: St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Bantry: 10am: Billy & Cáit O'Donovan - Newtown

Tues. 21st March: 3rd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Mary & Daniel Hurley & their son Patrick Hurley - Ardnatrush

Bantry: 7.30pm:

Diarmuid, Jeremiah, Margaret & John O'Mahony

Wed. 22nd March: 3rd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Robert Lynch – Ballinlough

Hospital: 5.30pm:

John Keohane (Slip Lawn & Drinagh) & deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family (Beara)

Thurs. 23rd March: 3rd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Patrick O'Mahony – Tower Hill

Bantry: 6.15pm: Bridget Murphy, Jerry Murphy & Tim O'Shea - Kealkill

Friday 24th March: 3rd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Mary Griffin – Renrour East

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Nigel Kingston – Lisheens, Kealkil

Sat. 25th March: The Annunciation of the Lord:

Hospital: 10am: Maeve O'Donoghue - Dromleigh

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Stevie Nolan – Baltimore / Sherkin Island

Sun. 26th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Mary Swanton – Moulakieve

Coomhola: 10am:

Patrick & Mary Murphy – Derrydubh, Coomhola

Kealkil: 11am:

Curley Collins – Kealkil – 1st anniversary

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 11th / 12th March:

Bantry: €2085; Coomhola: €250; Kealkil: €335. *Special collection for Irish Bishops Commissions last week, Bantry: €1520; Coomhola: €220; Kealkil: €345*

Invitation to a Lenten talk by David Quinn

Monday, 20th March @ 7:30pm

St Martin's Chapel, St Mary's Popes Quay, Cork

Derrycreha National School will have an Open Day on Friday 31st March 2017 between 1.30 and 3pm. All are very welcome

Extra Masses during Lent:
There will be Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Bantry Church for Lent.

The Lenten Reflections are continuing each Wednesday night at 8pm in the room over the Sacristy.

Bantry Parish Assembly.
The Parish Assembly will meet on Monday night March 20th at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Remembering our Baptismal Promises is the theme for 22nd March;
Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving – March 29th;
The Spirit led Him into the Wilderness – April 5th.
A tale of two gardens or It's all about Easter – April 12th

All Welcome.

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

Children's Mass in Bantry Church
All children and their parents/guardians are especially invited to attend our second children's mass on Sunday 26th March at 9 a.m.

Recent Parish Baptisms:
Michael James Martin Burke
Slip Heights, Bantry

We welcome him into our Christian Community

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;

Scripture and Laudato Si with Ben Hegarty OP
Cork Scripture Group is organising an evening presentation in the West Cork Education Centre, The Square, Dunmanway on Thursday March 23rd from 7.30 to 9.30. Ben Hegarty OP will look at Scripture and Laudato Si. It is open to anyone who would like to attend. The donation is €5.

- ❖ 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

Bantry Inshore Search & Rescue Association
at The Lifeboat Boathouse on Thursday 30th March at 8pm. All welcome

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service would like to thank all who contributed to the running of the Blood Donor Clinic. **158** Donors attended the recent clinic in **The Maritime Hotel**. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. It is a precious gift that brings life & hope to the patients & their families

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.

Bantry G.A.A.
U21A Football Championship
Bantry V Castlehaven
This Sunday March 19th at Aughaville.
Time 3pm. Please support

Cards for Beginners will take place at Mealagh Valley Hall on Saturday March 25th. at 9.00 P.M.. All Card Players are most welcome to Our Hall. Meet New Friends, Enjoy a Chat & A Cup of Tea. This is A Free Event. Start Time is 9.00 P.M.

PILGRIMAGE OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

At the beginning of this year Pope Francis blessed a statue of Our Lady of Fatima before launching it on its pilgrimage to dioceses across the continent of Europe. We are privileged to be hosting the statue on 26th and 27th March as follows:

Sunday 26th March 4:30pm statue arrives in Cathedral of Ss Mary and Anne when Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place. Mass at 5:30pm. Veneration until 7:30pm

Monday 27th March 9:00am statue arrives in Clonakilty Parish Church followed by Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass at 10:00am Veneration until 3:00pm