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Diocese of Cork and Ross Vocation

Discernment for men aged 18 to 40 who are thinking about priesthood. Monthly gatherings will take place at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane beginning on Wednesday 29th November from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. For info. contact Fr Charlie Kiely (021 4537603)

REMEMBRANCE: St Finbarr's Boys' National School

will again have a tree of remembrance for all our deceased staff members and past pupils. This year it will remain up through November and December. All of these people will be prayed for during this time. We invite any relation to our school Mass on Friday 22nd of December at 10.00 a.m. where they will again be remembered and prayed for.

Offertory Collection: weekend of 11th /12th November: Bantry - € 1,748; Coomhola - €245; Kealkil - €400.

Special collection for Bantry Parish Church Repair Fund will be taken up this weekend. Bantry:€2285; Kealkil:€595; Coomhola:€275.

Special Collection will be taken up for Catholic Marriage Support on this weekend: November 18th/19th

Rosary on the Coast

On Sunday November 26th, (2:30 – 3:30pm) in St Finbarrs Church Bantry, everyone is welcome to join us praying for the protection of all life, and for the renewal of faith in our community and country. coastalrosaryireland.ie

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 20th November: 33rd week in Ordinary time:

Bantry: 10am: Katie Tobin – Scart Road

Bantry: 7.30pm: Bantry Town Station Mass

Tues. 21st November: 33rd week in Ordinary Time:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Bantry: 10am:

John Goggin – Cúl na Greine (2nd anniversary)

Bantry 7.30pm: Bantry Rural area Station Mass

Wed. 22nd November: 33rd week in Ordinary Time:

St. Cecilia: Martyr: Patroness of Music & Musicians

Bantry: 10am: Peg & John Carney – New York

Hospital: 5.30pm: Cissie & May Murphy

Thurs. 23rd November: 33rd week in Ordinary Time

St. Columban, Abbot & Missionary:

Bantry: 10am: Sean Cronin

Coomhola: 7.30pm: Coomhola area Station Mass

Fri. 24th November: 33rd week in Ordinary Time:

Ss. Andrew Dug-Lac, & Companions, Martyrs

Bantry: 10am:

James & Kathleen Cronin - Coomanore

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Kealkil area Station Mass

Sat. 25th November: 33rd week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am:

Michael & Josephine Daly – New Street

Bantry: 6.15pm: Donal McCarthy - Seafield

Sun. 26th Nov.:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:

Bantry: 9am : John Keane – Caherdaniel

Coomhola: 10am: Sean Healy - Corran

Kealkil: 11am: Dan McCarthy - Incharee

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

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

John McAuliffe – Breenybeg, Kealkil & London

May He Rest In Peace

The Bantry hospice project AGM will take place on Tuesday December 5th 7.30pm in the Maritime hotel. All welcome

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

**The Maritime Hotel, Bantry
3pm-5pm & 7pm-9pm
Thursday 23rd November 2017
Giveblood.ie You get more than you give
LoCall 1850 731 137**

SANTALAND

Meet **Santa** in his Grotto and help Mrs. Claus in her kitchen. Play with the elves in their magical snow garden. A photo with Santa and a gift for every child. €6 per child. **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Raffle, Bottle Stall, Festive Gifts, Christmas produce, Cakes, Lucky Dip, Games – Crazy golf, darts, Guess weight of cake, Target soccer, Pancakes, Teas and Coffees. **Our Lady of Mercy N.S. Bantry – Sunday 26th November 12.00 – 4.00p.m.** Entry: €2 at the door to include prize draw ticket

Youth2000 Christmas Retreat

Where; Newbridge College, Co. Kildare

When: 8th – 10th December. **Cost:** As usual
Donation basis only. Theme: “Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.”
Luke 1:28. www.youth2000.ie

Christmas Concert

Sally-Ann Fitzgerald, Claire Hayden and the West cork school of voice charity Christmas concert takes place on Thursday Dec 7th in St Brendans church Bantry. This is a night not to be missed all in aid of two great causes Bantry inshore search and rescue and Castletownbere R.N.L.I tickets €10 available at the door on the night.

BARA; Drop In Social Morning Bantry Active Retirement Association.

The final opportunity of 2017 to meet and socialise with fellow members will again be offered on next Friday November 24th in the Ian Connor Room {portacabin} behind St Brendan's Church on the Square when tea coffee and scones will be served to members between 10.30 and 12 noon. Parking is available in the Church grounds. It is also an opportunity to book the annual Christmas lunch being held at The Westlodge Hotel, Sunday 17th of December

UCC Mature Student Office Open Evening:

Thursday 23 November from 5.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. in the Boole Library Basement. Relevant also to those currently completing QQI/FE courses. Workshops and taster seminars from some of the many courses on offer. Queries to 021-490 1873. All welcome!

CoAction Christmas Food & Craft Fair

CoAction is holding its annual pre-Christmas Food & Craft Fair at the Westlodge Hotel on Thursday, November 23rd between 5-9pm. As well as the regular stalls, there are some new ones this year which will add to the occasion. All are welcome. O'Keeffe's SuperValu, Biggs Oil and Murphy & O'Connor, Bantry are generously sponsoring some fabulous raffle prizes including a €1000 shopping voucher. Tickets for this raffle are currently on sale from CoAction committee members or by calling in to CoAction Centre in Bantry.

Coomhola/Ballylickey & District

Community Alert: Seniors Alert Scheme:

The objective of the Seniors Alert Scheme is to encourage community support for vulnerable older people in our communities through the provision of **Personal Monitored Alarms** to enable older-persons to continue to live securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind. Simple call 085-1691365 for further information.

THE DEEP END: Dive in! Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated. He communicates using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care – as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, I Found My Tribe, about her experiences.

It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship and hope. Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way. Triona Doherty - Email trionad@gmail.com

AREA MASSES & AUTUMN STATIONS—Autumn 2017: *The Parish dues may be returned on the night*

Mass for TOWN AREAS will be held on Monday, 20th November at Bantry Church at 7.30pm

Mass for outstanding BANTRY STATION AREAS - on Tuesday, 21st November at Bantry Church at 7.30pm.
Seskin Lw/Caherdaniel West, Caheracrin, Drombroe Derrincaolig, Newtown, Parkanna, Scart, Gortacloona, Ardra South, Beach, Cappanaloha, Dromreig, Dunbittern, Shanavalla, Dromacusane, Gorteen, Dromclough, Ardihoulihane, Aghagoheen, Coomanore, Glenbanoo, Shandrum, Gortroe, Baurgorm, Milleeney, Ard na Gaoithe, Whiddy, Dromliath, Ardra North, Derrygrenagh South, Cahergullane,

Outstanding Station Areas in Coomhola—Mass in Coomhola Church on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm.
Baurnagearagh, Reendesert, Dromcaol, Esknafeelna, Derrycreha, Ardnatrush Beg, Snaive, Ardnagashel, Ardnatrush, Dromgarbh, Drograne, Corrycomade, Cooryleary, Millbeg,

Outstanding Station Areas in Kealkil—Mass at Kealkil Church on Friday 24th November at 7.30pm
Ahil, Ardra, Ards, Ballinamought, Breenybeg, Breenymore, Cahermounteen, Cappabui N & S, Cappanaboul, Carriganass, Coomleigh, Cousane, Cullinagh, Curryglass, Derryarkane, Derryfada, Dromaneasa, Dromlicacruie, Dromsullivan, Geragh, Glounycarney, Gortlachra, Gortnacowley, Inchaclough, Incharoe, Kealkil, Kielnacnappogue, Lacavane, Lahernsheermeen, Leachareigh, Lisheens, Maugha, Maughnaclee, Moularaha, Moulakieve, Skehana, Treanamadree