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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

Communion Calls

Fr. Sean will make his Easter & April communion calls during the coming week.

Ministers of the Eucharist - Kealkill

The Rota for Ministers of the Eucharist in Kealkill will be available in the sacristy this weekend. Please call in and collect your copy.

Collection for Priests: *The collection at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday & on Easter Sunday is for the priests of the parish. The Bishop only allows two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the Priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Parish.*

Míle buíochas for your generosity.

Fr. Martin Fr. Sean Fr. James

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

Jimmy Abbott – Seskin, Bantry & formerly of Adrigole

Christy Minehane - Kealkil

Kathleen O'Leary (nee Spillane)

- Glengarriff Road & formerly Derrygreanaugh Bantry

Veronica Anne Muldoon (nee Daly)

- Maughanaclea, Kealkil

Jody McGlinchey (nee McGinn)

- Reenrour East & formerly of Douglas, Cork

May they rest in peace

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 2nd April: Easter Monday:

Bantry: 10am: Donnacha O'Donoghue – Caherdaniel West

Tues. 3rd April: Easter Tuesday:

Bantry: 10am: P.J. Cyriac – 5th anniversary

Wed. 4th April: Easter Wednesday:

Bantry: 10am: Johnny O'Leary - Caherdaniel
Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish

Thurs. 5th April March: Easter Thursday:

Bantry: 10pm: Carmen Feijoo Roma & Antonio Rodriguez Diz

Friday 6th April: Easter Friday:

Bantry: 10am: Mary & Denis Levis - Dunbeacon
Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass

Sat. 7th April: Easter Saturday:

Hospital: 10am: Margaret O'Sullivan (nee Connolly) – Ballylickey & the O'Sullivan 'K' Family – Bere Island
Bantry: 6.15pm: Betty Murray – Ballylickey
Eileen O'Sullivan – Marino Street – 1st anniversary
Helen & Jeremiah Whooley & their Grandson Dermot Whooley - Derrinkealig

Sun. 8th April: Second Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am: People of the Parish
Coomhola: 10am: John & Nora Harrington - Derrycreha
Kealkil: 11am: Denis & Peg O'Leary – Whiddy Island
John, Betty & Sean McCarthy – Cappabui North
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

*We, the Priests of the Parish, would like to wish all the People of Bantry, both at home and abroad, especially those who are ill and those who are not able to travel home, a very holy, happy and peaceful Easter 2018 with family and friends. Canon Martin O'Driscoll
Fr. Sean Crowley Fr. James McSweeney*

Divine Mercy Sunday

On Sunday 8th of April from 3 – 4pm Divine Mercy Devotions including adoration, time of prayer and confessions will be held in All Saints Church Drimoleague. All are welcome.

April; The Holy Eucharist and the Holy Spirit

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread... and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Mt 26:26.

The month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Holy Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter ceremonies we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection. The Church in the course of the centuries has introduced various forms of this Eucharistic worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness; as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn Eucharistic processions, especially the Feast of Corpus Christi, Eucharistic processions pass through cities and villages; and the Blessed Sacrament is publicly exposed. "These exercises of piety have brought a wonderful increase in faith and supernatural life to the Church militant upon earth and they are re-echoed to a certain extent by the Church triumphant in heaven, which sings continually a hymn of praise to God and to the Lamb 'Who was slain.'" --Pope Pius XII

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. (The Angel of Fatima to the Children)

Bantry Blues Ladies Easter Peil Camp - Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th April from 10-1 each day . Cost €30 per child with family discounts. For more information or to register Text Anne O'Grady on 087 6310320

Are you 100 years old or more? Do you know of someone aged 100 years old or more? Athlone Institute of Technology are conducting research into the health and wellbeing of Irish Centenarians and are looking for volunteers to take part. For further information please contact Alison- 0872635911 or a.fagan@research.ait.ie

WHY KEEP THE 8th AMENDMENT? There will be a public information evening at The Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway on Friday 13th April at 7.30pm. Kathy Sinnott, former MEP and Alan Daveron, Solicitor will share their thoughts on the critical importance of retaining the 8th Amendment in our Constitution. A national canvass is underway ahead of the referendum in May and we would encourage as many people as possible to attend and get involved. **Bí gí linn!**

Pro-life Rally in Cork - LoveBoth Stand Up For Life Rally! Grand Parade, Cork City Sat, 7th April @2pm. Details from 01-662 9275. Please come along. Please ask others to come along. Please let as many others know as is possible and please ask them to share the news of this event and to come along.

Be part of Focus Ireland's Big Rebel Sleep Out **Raise funds to help us challenge homelessness in Cork.** Focus Ireland works with people who are homeless or are at risk of losing their homes across Ireland, we are calling on the people of Cork to give their backing to the **Big Rebel Sleep Out**. This fundraising Sleep will be held on the night of 14th April at Cork City FC, Training Grounds in Bishopstown from 8pm until 8am on the 15th. Participants will receive support & materials to help with fundraising in advance of the event, and on the night. **Challenge Homelessness in Cork.** Please contact Dick White on 086 8223690

Mealagh Valley Community Hall JACKPOT BINGO Monday April 2nd at 8.30PM. The Easter Bunny might even have left a few Easter Eggs and of course the JACKPOT is to play for. All welcome. Raffle and refreshments on the night.

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.

Spring Station Masses 2018
Saturday 5th May @ 11am
Joe & Mary Sharkey – Gories, Cahir, Leacadiomhaoain, Cappanavar

Thursday 12th April @ 11am
Gerard & Diane O'Sullivan – Glencreagh, Dromclough

Offertory Collection:
Weekend of 24th/25th March: Bantry - €1515; Coomhola - €235; Kealkil - €280.
Special collection for Lourdes Invalid Fund last weekend March 24th/25th. Bantry:€1410; Coomhola:€225 ; Kealkil:€335
Special collection for Diocesan Needs takes place on April 14th/15th

Anam Cara West Cork:Anam Cara, an organisation that supports parents after the death of a child, will host its monthly West Cork meeting for bereaved parents in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry on Tuesday 3rd from 7.30pm-9pm. One bereaved mother who attends Anam Cara meetings said: "I value simply the feeling of not being the only one trying to live on... the best healing comes from being around other people who understand our loss and grief." The meeting is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age a child dies, the circumstances of the death or whether this was recent or not. For more information or to order a free copy of the Anam Cara Information Pack, email info@anamcara.ie or their Info. Line on 085 2888 888.

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). The proceeds will be divided equally between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect & Palliative Care West Cork c/o Bantry Hospital. Enquiries to Nora Cremin - 51276.