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A Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in St. Finbarr's Parish Church Bantry on Friday 13th October until Monday 15th October to mark the celebration of the Centennial year and the final Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima on 13th October 1917. Mass of the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated on Friday 13th October at 10am.

Jubilee Prayer of Consecration

Hail Mother of the Lord,
 Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary of Fatima
 Blessed among all women,
 you are the image of the Church
 dressed in the Paschal light,
 you are the honour of our people,
 you are the triumph over the mark of evil.

Prophecy of the merciful Love of the Father,
 Teacher of the Annunciation of
 the Good News of the Son,
 Sign of the burning Fire of the Holy Spirit,
 teach us, in this valley of joys and sorrows,
 the eternal truths that the Father reveals to the little
 ones.

Show us the strength of your mantle of protection.
 In your Immaculate Heart,
 be the refuge of sinners
 and the way that leads to God.

In unity with my brethren,
 In Faith, Hope and Love,
 I surrender myself to you.
 In unity with my brethren, through you,
 I consecrate myself to God,
 O Virgin of the Rosary of Fatima.

And thus surrounded by the Light
 that comes from your hands,
 I will give Glory to the Lord for ever and ever.
 Amen.

The 1st of October is traditionally the Feastday of St. Thèrèse of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church. Parishioners are welcome to bring roses for blessing at the 9am & 12noon Masses in Bantry

Changes to Bantry Church Opening Hours:

Please note from 1st October Bantry Church will be open from **8.45am to 6.00pm** each day

Changes to the Parish Office Opening Hours:
 Monday & Wednesday – 9.00pm to 11.00pm
 Thursday & Friday – 9.00am to 12.00pm

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 2nd October: 26th week in Ordinary Time: The Guardian Angels

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Tues. 3rd October: 26th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Wed. 4th October: 26th week in Ordinary Time:

St. Francis of Assisi:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Hospital: 5.30pm:

Maurice & Anne O'Keeffe - Donemark

Thurs. 5th October: 26th week in Ordinary Time

Bantry: 10am:

Peter & Frances O'Sullivan – Hospital Road

Friday 6th October.: 26th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Noel & Dorothy Cussen

Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass

Sat. 7th October: 26th week in Ordinary Time:

Our Lady of the Rosary:

Hospital: 10am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 6.15pm: Tom Twomey – Tedagh, Rooska

Sun. 8th October:

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am :

Noel & Martha Pheur – St. Cannaras Place

Coomhola: 10am:

Sheila Desmond – Corrycommade, Coomhola

Kealkil: 11am: People of the Parish

12 noon: People of the Parish

Rosary at the Grotto:

On Saturday 7th of October the feast of the Holy Rosary at 7:30pm the rosary will be recited at the Grotto

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Ruby Marion Marren - Raheen, Bantry
 We welcome her into our Christian Community

**Offertory Collection: weekend of 23rd / 24th September:
 Bantry:€1,405; Coomhola:€240; Kealkil:€230.**

**Special Collection for Priesthood Education: Bantry:
 €1655; Coomhola:€265; Kealkil:€335**

A Special Collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up next weekend 7th & 8th October

October: Month of the Holy Rosary: Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven. The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she" 142 (Mediator Dei).

Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. Today, when dangers continue to threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If today we can faithfully turn to Our Lady, we can confidently hope for her protection. Pope Benedict XVI said; "May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God".

Ceili Dancing in the Mealagh Valley Hall every Wednesday. Beginners: 8.30pm.
Advanced 9-10.30pm.
Jive Lesson to commence on Thursday October 19th dependent on enough interest.

COLLECTION OF UNWANTED CLOTHES & LINENS on Monday 9th October @ 9.30am.
CAPPABUE N.S. WILL BE COLLECTING OLD CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES/SHOES & MOBILE PHONES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION. PLEASE DROP BAGS TO CAPPABUE N.S on Thurs. 5th or Friday 6th October. THANK YOU!

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tues. 3rd Oct. at 7:30pm in the Maritime Hotel. This is a free event & open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 2nd October or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

You are invited to: HSE Health Promotion Event in celebration of National Breastfeeding Week
Free informative & interactive coffee morning with an array of specialist speakers. Cancer prevention & screening, Mindfulness, Sleep Expert, Breastfeeding support, Diabetes prevention, Play & Art Therapist and many more. Free Hand massage & Children's Entertainment. Special Guest: **Pamela Flood.**
Westlodge Hotel Bantry October 2nd, 11am -2pm

UP THE HILL FOR JACK AND JILL
There is a family Hillwalk on Saturday 7th of October at 11am in aid of the Jack and Jill foundation. This 5km family Hillwalk is on the Coorycomane Loop and starts and finishes at Coomhola Bridge. Parking available at Coomhola church and school. Register online at www.jackandjill.ie/upthehill - and for every registered entry - Bank of Ireland has pledged to add €4. Children Under 12 are FREE!!

West Cork Cancer Support Group:
The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 26th, 2017 from 11am to 12:30pm in the Bantry Bay Hotel, The Square, Bantry. This is an informal gathering in a relaxed setting, specifically for people who now have or have had cancer themselves. If you are such a person, come for a chat and peer group discussion. Free of charge.

Autumn Station Masses 2017 : It is hoped to have Station Masses for Autumn 2017 until the end of October. If you are thinking of hosting the Autumn Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (56398) to arrange a date.

West Cork Carers Support Group are now holding monthly Male Carers Support Group Meetings in our Bantry office from 10.30am – 12.30pm.
The next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th October where there will be a basic first Aid demonstration. All male Carers are welcome to come and join us for a chat over a cuppa. Tel. 027/53848 for further information.

Autumn Station Masses 2017

Friday 6th October @ 8pm
Pat Joe & Noreen Daly – Coorloun, Rangeroo, Derryduv, Cappadyourdil

Friday 13th October @ 8pm
John & Kathleen O'Leary - Borlin

Friday 20th October @ 8pm
Neilie & Ann O'Leary – Inchinagown, Farranfadda, Kealanine, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Coomhola

Friday 27th October @ 8pm
Connie Manning – Ardnacloughy, Dromdubh, Bournagearah

The Cork Association for Autism needs Volunteers
The Cork Association for Autism will be holding their annual Flag Day collection on Friday, 20th of October and they need volunteers to lend a hand in Bantry. The Cork Association for Autism provide support services to over 300 individuals in Cork affected by Autism. These services include residential, respite, day service, home supports and an Asperger Support Service. If you are available to help raise much needed funds for adults on the autistic spectrum please email c.walsh@corkautism.ie or call 021 453 3642. For more details log onto www.corkautism.ie