

BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2016 **VOL. 14. NO. 11**

Fr. Martin Keohane P.P.

Tel. 027 50096

To contact Priest on duty: Telephone 087-7999886

Fr. Sean Crowley C.C.

Tel. 027 50193

Parish office: Tel: 56398 email: office@bantryparish.com

Lenten Petitions: As next Wednesday is the last day of Lent the Lenten Petitions from the 3 Churches in the Parish will be presented at the Offertory Procession at the 10am Mass in St. Finbarr's Church

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday April 3rd 2016
St. Augustine's Church, Washington Street, Cork.

2pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Reconciliation, Confessions

3pm: 3 O'Clock Prayer, Chaplet 15.15pm: Talk on

St. Faustina's Diary. 3.30pm: Rosary

Spring Station Masses 2016

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2016 through March until 30th April.

However, if you wish to host a Station Mass outside of these dates, we will do our best to facilitate this.

If you are thinking of hosting the Spring Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (56398) to arrange a date.

Saturday 9th April @ 11am

Dan Joe Holland – Derrycreha, Esknafaelna, Ardnatrush Beg

Friday 15th April @ 8pm

Noreen O'Donovan – Lahadane, Donemark, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapaill, Dromaduneen

Friday 20th May @ 11am

The Keohane Family – Derrinkealig, Drombroe, Cahermacrin

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 21st March: Monday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am Michael McCarthy – Caher

Bantry: 7.30pm: Penitential Service

Tues. 22nd March: Tuesday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am: Betty Hunt – Slip Park

Bantry: 7.30pm: Mary Swanton - Maulakeve

Wed. 23rd March: Wednesday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am:

Margaret (Mags) Dineen – Milleeney, Baurgorm

Hospital: 5.30pm: Steve O'Donoghue – Market St.

Thurs. 24th March: Holy Thursday

– Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

See leaflet for details of services:

Friday 25th March: Good Friday

– Day of Fast & Abstinence:

See leaflet for details of services:

Sat. 26th March: Holy Saturday:

See leaflet for details of services;

Sun. 27th March:

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

See leaflet for details of services:

Kealkil: 11am: Sean Murphy - Breenybeg

Holy Week Ceremonies

The schedule of ceremonies for Holy Week is available in all church porches this weekend. Please take one. Join us as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

First Friday
Communion Calls

Fr. Martin will make his calls during the coming week

Collection for Priests:

The collection at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday & on Easter Sunday is for the priests of the parish. Christmas and Easter are the only occasions when the collection goes to the priests' income. Míle buíochas for your generosity.

Died Recently:

We extend our prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of;

Patrick (Paddy) Connolly

Reenrou East, Bantry

Eric McGuirk

Dromleigh, Bantry

May they rest in peace.

Confessions for Easter in Bantry Parish

Penitential Service in Bantry Church

Monday 21st March at 7.30 pm

A number of priests

will be available for Confessions.

Derrycreha National School Open Day is on 15th April 2016 from 1.30 to 3.30.

All are welcome

Come and See Information Day for Priesthood in the Diocese of Cork & Ross.

The Annual Cork and Ross Vocations Information Day will be held this year at The Pastoral Development Office, Ballypheane (Telephone 021-4537603) on Sunday April 17th from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. The afternoon allows prospective students to explore the possibility of a vocation and make enquiries in an informal setting. Seminarians for the Diocese will also attend. Further information from: Fr. Tom Deenihan (021) 4301717, Fr Charlie Kiely (021) 4537603 or Canon Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4371684.

Annual Cancer Fundraiser – Appeal The annual fundraiser will be held in the **“Timberland Shop”, Bantry (next to Bantry Book Shop, William Street) from Saturday March 26th to Monday April 04th inclusive (9.30am to 5.30pm).** **Donations:** Any items surplus to requirements welcome – unwanted gifts, unused purchases, jewellery, bags, ornaments, bric –a- brac, household and nursery items, arts and crafts, pictures, paintings, glass, ware and china, good toys and games, exercise equipment, radios, music centres, cds and dvds etc etc. (no clothes, shoes or books). Items for sale for this very worthy cause would be very much appreciated. **Donated items will be collected at the shop on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, March 23rd, 24th and 25th (10am – 4pm).** **Sale of donated goods at the shop from Saturday March 26th to Monday April 04th (9.30am to 5.30pm).** The proceeds will be divided equally between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect and Palliative Care, Bantry Hospital. Please help us to support these great causes. Further details please contact Nora Cremin (027) 51276.

Aoife Spillane would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported and donated to her Coffee Morning. An amazing sum of 3320 euro was raised which will go towards the Street children of Calcutta where Aoife will spend six weeks working on a voluntary basis.

1916 - A Reflection: within the national and Bantry contexts - A
Talk by Marcus Keyes, son of Ralph P. Keyes who was active in 1916, in Bantry Library on **Tuesday 22nd March 2016 @ 8.00pm. Everyone welcome**

Ray Murnane Rehab Fund Raffle tickets available in shops and from the committee for Race Night fundraiser on 26th March in the Maritime Hotel. Last September Ray suffered a severe spinal injury as result of an accident and is now confined to a wheelchair

Recent Parish Baptisms:
Sophie Christine Harrington
Vancouver, Canada & Ballylickey

Fionn Tadhg O’Sullivan
The Heights, Bantry

Mary Noelle Crowley
Dromaclarig, Ballylickey, Bantry
We welcome them into our Christian Community

Easter Bunny Fun Run in aid of St. Finbarr’s Boys’ N.S. on Easter Monday. Starting at Recycling Carpark to the Westlodge & back. Registration @ 10am for 11am start. Reg. Fee €5/person. €10/family. All welcome.

Offertory Collection:
Weekend 12th/13th March: Bantry Church: €1925;
Kealkil Church:€308; Coomhola Church: €200
Special collection Irish Bishops Commissions last weekend: Bantry Parish: € 1845
St. Patrick Day: Bantry:€1570, Kealkil:€255, Coomhola:€255. *Special Collection to support Holy Places takes place on Good Friday*

THE DEEP END • Playing our Part
We tend to be uncomfortable with audience participation, especially when it is sprung on us at the last minute. Many people get embarrassed or clam up when a microphone is thrust in their face. TV audience members can even look uncomfortable when expected to sing or clap along to a performance. I was once cajoled up on stage with a friend during a comedy show, and I still cringe at the memory.

More than most, today’s liturgy calls for our participation. First, we are caught up in the drama of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We are comfortable enough with this – holding up our palm branches and imagining ourselves celebrating and supporting Jesus as he arrives into town riding on a colt. But our participation takes on a darker tone during the reading of the Passion, and we soon find ourselves joining in with those who question and accuse Jesus. Before long we are shouting ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ and taunting Jesus on the cross to ‘save himself if he is the Christ of God’. It is enough to make even the most complacent among us uncomfortable.

Palm Sunday and Good Friday are the only two occasions when the congregation is invited to take part in the reading of the Gospel. What strikes you as you play your part today?

Tríona Doherty Email trionad@gmail.com