

BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 21st Sept.: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist:
Bantry: 10am – Sheila O'Brien – Lisheens, Kealkil

Tues. 22nd September: 25th week in ordinary time:
Bantry 10am Martha Pheur – St. Canneras Place

Wed. 23rd September: 25th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am Tommy O'Sullivan – Georges Row –
Months Mind
Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm Alice & Patrick Hourihan
– Marian Terrace

Thurs. 24th September: 25th week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: John & Nora Calnan.
Jeremiah Calnan. Eileen Lynch

Friday 25th September: 25th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Liz Hurley – Market Street
Kealkil: 7.30pm: Curley Keohane & his daughter
Anne O'Toole - Newtown

Sat. 26th September: 25th Week in Ordinary Time:
Hospital: 10am: Dick Donovan (High Street) & his
wife Mary Donovan who died in June.
Bantry: 6.15pm: Hannah Casey – Cahernacrin

Sun. 27th September: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 9am Matt & Margaret O'Sullivan
- Newtown

Coomhola: 10am: Shannon Keohane
– Corran, Coomhola
Kealkil: 11am: Con & Hetty Hanley - Lisheens
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Died Recently:

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

**Owen (Eugene) O'Sullivan –
Glencreagh, Bantry**

**Frank Harrington
Farranfadda, Coomhola, Bantry**

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection:

Bantry Church: Weekend 12th/13th September: €1919
*Special collection for Priesthood Education will take
place on 26th/27th September*

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Patrick John Connolly
(Pairc na Carraige, Newtown, Bantry)

Alfie James Stout
(Seafield, Bantry)

Roisín Catherine O'Callaghan
(Ahilmore, Kealkil)

Maria Helena O'Mahony
(Cahirmuckee, Kealkil)

We welcome them into our Christian Community

SONGS OF FAITH 2015:

A PROJECT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A music project of one band, two choirs,
three workshops, and sixteen liturgical songs
– culminating in one concert. An opportunity
for teenagers (13-18) and young adults (18-
35) who love to sing and play and music – we
are seeking singers and musicians to join us in
singing our Songs of Faith 2015. An
opportunity to work with professional
composers, musicians and conductor.
Workshops on Sunday 18th October, Sunday
8th November 2:30pm to 5:30pm followed by
third workshop and concert on Sunday 22nd
November – all at Our Lady Crowned Church
in Mayfield.

Enrolment forms for under 18's from Sr
Karen, if you are 18-35 and want to get
involved in singing (choir and/or soloist) or
join the band contact Sr Karen to put in your
name – telephone Pastoral Development
Office 021 4537601.

BINGO WITH A JACKPOT WILL TAKE PLACE AT
MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL ON
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH. AT 8.30P.M. YOUR
continued support is much appreciated.

Autumn Station Masses 2015

Tuesday 29th September @ 11am

The Murray Family – Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonagan, Goreemore, Dromdaniel, Crossogue, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig.

Saturday 3rd October @ 11am

Eileen & Alan Hennell – Donemark, Lahaden, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapail, Dromduneen

Saturday 10th October @ 11am

John Patrick & Nora Harrington – Derrynakilla, Coomhola, Farranfada, Kealanine, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Inchinagown

Stations will continue from now until Saturday, the 31st 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.

Would you like to be a volunteer?

For "ST. JOSEPH'S UNIT" BANTRY HOSPITAL

To assist with meaningful activities on a regular basis- Art, Music, Knitting, craft, baking, games, cards, day trips, shopping, life story, reflection, talking, pet therapy, reading, festival celebration-party, meal times, exercise, flower arranging, computer, movie time, or any other.

Please contact the ward to get details. Sandhya Joy T (CNM 2- St Joseph's Unit) 027-52904

Vintage Tractor Run from Durrus to Bantry on Sunday September 27th starting at Ross's pub Durrus at 3.00pm and finishing at the Ouvane Falls Inn Ballylickey at 5.30pm. The Tractor run will be followed by music at the Ouvane by Sean O Shea, Denis Moynihan and a host of local musicians. **Proceeds to Bantry Hospice**

Irish Society for Colitis & Crohn's Disease: Cork Public Meeting, Clarion Hotel, Lapp's Quay, Cork on Saturday 26th September 2015 (2pm to 5pm) . Key Speaker: Dr Lucina Jackson, Consultant Gastroenterologist (Bon Secours, Cork) The Irish Society for Colitis and Crohn's Disease is the national patient support group for people who live with Crohn's disease & colitis.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Information Evening in Dunmanway:

West Cork Carers Support Group are hosting an information evening for people who are caring for someone with, or who has an interest in, Alzheimer's Disease/dementia. Dr Brian Carey, consultant geriatrician, Bantry General Hospital and other speakers will help us to mark this fourth global World Alzheimer's Month, an international campaign to raise awareness, inform and challenge the stigma that can surrounds dementia.

Date: Wednesday 30th September **Venue:** The Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway

Time: 7.15pm to 9.00pm No charge, all welcome, but please book by calling 027-53848

Bear Wrongs Patiently – 4th Spiritual Work of Mercy Monsignor Charles Pope

This is perhaps the most revolutionary of the spiritual works of mercy. It is the one tied most directly to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. To decide to bear wrongs patiently is nothing less than to declare a revolution against this world and its economy of anger. In today's world there is a cycle of violence in which the devil seeks to engage us. The cycle begins with one person harming another, perhaps tempted to do so by the devil. Then when the harm has been worked the victim retaliates and the situation escalates. This is Satan's economy. Its currency is hatred and its coinage is revenge. So clever are Satan's marketers that those who are consumers and suppliers think that their vengeance is righteous – even holy. Therefore the economy of Satan grows and is fueled by vengeance.

Christ himself calls us to love not hated. When we look at Christ on the cross, we see that he bore patiently the venom and hatred of this world to the end. He bore it by not opening his mouth and retaliating, but by loving his enemies and enduring onto the end. The cross is a huge wrench cast into the gears of Satan's economy. Every Christian who bears wrongs patiently increases the size of that cross by the fact that Christ unites our sufferings to his. The Christian who bears wrongs patiently says, in effect, "It ends with me" I will take the blow (like my saviour on the cross) but I will not return it. This does not make one spineless but rather courageous. Jesus once said, "To one who strikes you on the cheek offer the other also." (Matthew 5:39)

Many may interpret this passage as weakness. It is not. It is revolutionary and strong. In effect, the one who turns the other cheek looks the perpetrator in the eye. He does not flee in fear. Rather, he refuses to enter into the world of the perpetrator, by escalating hatred. So let each of us throw a little revolution. We must never cooperate with evil, but where possible, we must bear wrongs patiently. By this we do the will of the Lord and Satan loses a little something every time.