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**You are welcome to a Eucharistic Holy Hour including Rosary and Divine Mercy devotions every Monday evening commencing at 8pm in the Hospital Chapel.**

### **Vocations to Priesthood Weekend**

An invitation is extended to men between 18 and 40 who are interested in the Diocesan priesthood as a way of life to join with others for a weekend from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 3pm February taking place in Thurles. There is no charge to attend the weekend – please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537603 or at [charliekiely@gmail.com](mailto:charliekiely@gmail.com) for further details.

### **Spring Station Masses 2017**

There are 40 Station areas in Bantry Parish but only 12 families hosted the Station Mass in Autumn 2016. It is in our own hands to either hold on to the practice of the Station or let it die.

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2017 starting on 1<sup>st</sup> February and continuing through February and March until 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2017**

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

**Monica Wiseman - Dromleigh**

### ***'Come and See'***

***Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30pm***

***Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February***

For women discerning a religious vocation  
Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork

Check out: [www.poorclarescork.ie](http://www.poorclarescork.ie)

Email: [vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com](mailto:vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com)

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### **Booking of Masses 2018**

In every Mass we are invited to pray for loved ones who have gone to their eternal reward and for all the faithful departed. Until recently, we have had little trouble in this parish in accommodating peoples' wishes on an individual basis. However, this practice is becoming more difficult because of the number of funerals we have had over the last few years.

It is now proposed that each of the weekend Masses will be offered for 4 intentions. These will be shared Masses. This won't suit everyone, but we have no choice. As you are aware we have this practice already on the First Friday evening Mass and it is proving beneficial in accommodating peoples' wishes. We are not the first to have shared Masses as a number of Parishes in the Diocese have already introduced it.

We will, of course, continue to pray for our deceased in the Anniversary List at weekend Masses.

As this is not a money making exercise but a way of trying to facilitate everybody, one of the Mass offerings will go to the Priest who offers the particular Mass; the other Mass offerings will be donated to local charities.

Bookings will be taken for 2018 Masses at the Parish office when the new diary is available at the end of August.

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

**Thomas Hurley**  
– Chapel Road, Durrus & Barrack St.  
Bantry

**Finbar (Barry) Keane**  
– Seskin, Bantry

**Michael O’Sullivan**  
– Croft, Leicestershire & formerly of Rooska,  
Bantry

**May they rest in peace.**

The McGee Family, Kealkil would like to sincerely thank all those who supported their recent Christmas Light Exhibition. A total of €940 was raised for Bantry Hospice & Bantry Care of the Aged.

**Recent Parish Baptisms:**

**Davie Murphy**  
(Gortroe, Bantry)

**Laura Grace Kearney**  
(Droumsullivan, Bantry)

**Patrick Joseph O’Donoghue**  
(Farranfadda, Coomhola)

**Katie Rose O’Donoghue**  
(Farranfadda, Coomhola)

**We welcome them into our Christian Community**

**BINGO** at Collins Bar Kealkil on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm. Proceeds going to Kealkil Parklands Project. All welcome.

**CAPPABUE N.S.** are having a clothes collection. Please donate your unwanted clothes, bed linen, curtains, towels, bags, textiles, mobile phones & laptops to raise funds for the school. **PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS BEFORE** Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. **Cappabue N.S.** will be holding their **Open Day** on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 2p.m. to 3p.m. *All welcome.*

Cards for Beginners will re-commence at Mealagh Valley Hall on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>. at 9.00 P.M.. All are Most Welcome to Come Along where You will make New Friends, Have A Friendly Card Game, Enjoy A Cup of Tea & A Good Laugh. Free Event.

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes:**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.**  
**World Day of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) will be administered during the 10am Mass at the Hospital Chapel. All who might be in need of the Sacrament are invited to receive it.

**Offertory Collection:** Weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> January: Bantry: €1695; Coomhola:€225; Kealkil:€250. *Special collection for Diocesan Needs.* Bantry:€1265; Coomhola€270; Kealkil€300. There will be a special collection for church repairs on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**Annual Cancer Fundraiser – Appeal**

The annual fundraiser will be held in the “Timberland Shop”, Bantry (next to Bantry Book Shop, William Street) from Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> to Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> (10.00am to 5.00pm). Further Details in the Newsletter Later. Enquiries to Nora Cremin (027) 51276.

**Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**

**10am Mass in Coomhola on today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January is for the intentions of :-**  
Tade Cadogan – Coleenlemane, Coomhola.  
Apologies for incorrect surname in last bulletin

**Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**  
Bantry: 10am: Stephanie Cotter - Newtown

**Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**  
Bantry:10am:  
James Coppinger – Blackrock Road

**Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> January:**  
**The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle:**  
Bantry:10am: Debbie Downey - Reendonegan  
Hospital: 5.30pm: Pat & Joan Daly - Slip

**Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**  
Bantry: 10am: Jim O’Leary – Whiddy Island

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**  
Bantry: 10am: The Nagle Family – Tower Street  
Kealkil: Bernie O’Sullivan – Droumsullivan

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**  
Hospital: 10am: Paddy O’Shea – Chapel Street  
Nancy O’Sullivan – Newtown East  
Bantry: 6.15pm: Mary O’Mahony (nee Downey) – Tower Street – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> January: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
Bantry: 9am: John & Jane Kelly - Scart  
Coomhola: 10am:  
Michael Coppinger - Lisheens  
Kealkil: 11am:  
Margaret McCarthy – Curraglass, Kealkil  
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish