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Easter Ceremonies

We would like to say a special word of thanks for all your involvement in our recent Easter Ceremonies. We are particularly grateful to all those who participated, and to everyone who contributed in any particular way.

This time of the year gives a particular opportunity to give thanks for the many blessings we have received. Our wish and prayer is that this time of year has found you fulfilled and healthy in life.

We also wish every blessing especially to all the children in the parish who are to receive the sacraments; that you can be strengthened by God's Holy Spirit and you can be nourished by the gift of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

The priests of the Parish are grateful for your support in the Easter collection.

Fr Martin & Fr Sean

The Scripture Group wishes to thank Canon Martin Keohane for facilitating the Lenten Series and Tomás O'Sullivan for presenting it. We would like to thank all who attended, and remind you the Scripture Group continues to meet each Wednesday night at 8pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 23rd April

All Saints Church Drimoleague from 2:30 to 4:30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Talk on Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Via Lumen

Coffee Morning on Friday 28th April

11am-1pm in Bantry Garda Station
 In aid of Irish Community Air Ambulance
 & 'An Feileachain' (Stillbirth & Neonatal
 Death Association)
 All Welcome

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 2nd week of Easter: St.Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Bantry: 10am: John Sullivan - Reendonegan

Tues. 25th April: St. Mark, Evangelist:

Bantry:10am: Betty Hunt – Slip Park

Wed. 26th April: 2nd week of Easter:

No 10m Mass in Bantry Church due to Gaelscoil Confirmations

Hospital: 5.30pm: Mass of Thanksgiving

Thurs. 27th April: 2nd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am:

Cornelius & Catherine O'Sullivan - Adrigole

Friday 28th April: 2nd week of Easter: St.Peter Chanel

Bantry: 10am: John Hurley – Market Street

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Ned McSweeney - Kealkil

Sat. 29th April: St. St.Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe:

Hospital: 10am: Neily Johnson – Gilhooley Terrace

Bantry: 6.15pm: Tim Riordan – Glengarriff Road

Sun. 30th April: Third Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am : Anne O'Sullivan - Newtown

Coomhola: 10am:

Catherine & Tim Keohane - Farranfadda

Kealkil: 11am: Mary Murphy - Cahirmounteen

12 noon: People of the Parish

Died Recently:

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

**Tonny Peters – Cappanaloha, Bantry &
 formerly from Amsterdam, Netherlands.**

May they rest in peace

Confirmation Day: Msgr. Kevin O'Callaghan will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of The Gaelscoil at 10:30am on Wednesday 26th of April next. Please note that there will be no morning Mass at 10am and there will be limited parking only on the Church grounds on the day.

Cards for Confirmation and First Holy
 Communion now available at the Parish office.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: All parishioners are invited to attend one of two gatherings with Fr Timothy Bartlett, the General Secretary for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland will tell us more about this international event to be hosted in Ireland next year at the request of Pope Francis. At these sessions we will also launch our Diocesan programme of preparation towards the World Meeting. The two sessions are on Thursday 4th May. From 2:30pm to 4:00pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre and from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Blackrock Parish Centre. For more details contact 021 4537601

Rota for Ministers of the Eucharist in Kealkill.

The new rota for Ministers of the Eucharist is available for collection from the Sacristy this weekend.

Offertory Collection: Special collection for Holy Places on Good Friday: Bantry:€660; Coomhola:€215; Kealkil:€280. *A Special collection for Diocesan Needs will take place on April 29th/30th*

Calling All Card Players to Mealagh Valley Hall on Sat. April 29th. @ 9pm for 45 Progressive Card Drive. It is €10 well spent and You could be lucky and win a Substantial Cash Prize. A Raffle for Cash & Other Prizes will be held. As is always the case at Mealagh Hall Complementary Refreshments will be served. There is A Cead Mile Failte for all.

Bantry Tidy Towns will be meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th April by The Abbey to finish tidying up the memorial garden area. We will then be moving on Hospital Road corner. We are relying on the support of the community to help with these local projects so please come along if you are free. If you can make it please bring along any gardening tools that might be useful (shovels, sweeping brushes, clippers etc.).

Bantry Cardiac Support Group April meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th at the Christian Fellowship Church Tower Street at 8pm. Cardiovascular nurse Sarah Cashman attached to Bantry Bay Medical Centre and practice nurse Lorraine Geaney attached to Glengarriff Medical Centre will facilitate the meeting. The guest speaker is Mark Thurman chartered physioapist.. Attendants may also have their blood pressure checked. Refreshments and chat will follow. The annual regional walk takes place in Kinsale on Friday May 12th with lunch & evening meal at the Blue Haven Hotel followed by entertainment. For travel arrangements & RSVP by April 26th contact John 0864048821. Contact: Sarah 0873186443.

West Cork Cancer Support Group The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 25th, 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.

Spring Station Masses 2017:

**Friday 28th April @ 11am
- Deirdre Kingston - Newtown**

Mass for TOWN AREAS will be held on Monday, 15th May 2017 at Bantry Church at 7.30pm

Mass for outstanding BANTRY STATION AREAS will be held on Tuesday, 16th May at Bantry Church at 7.30pm.

Seskin Lw/Caherdaniel West, Dromclough, Glencreagh, Cahernecrin, Drombroe Derrincaolig, Parkanna, Scart, Gortacloona, Ardra South, Beach, Cappanalooha, Dromreig, Dunbittern, Shanavalla, Dromacusane, Gorteen, Dromclough, Ardihoulihane, Aghagoheen, Coomanore, Glenbanoo, Shandrum, Gortroe, Baurgorm, Milleeney, Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonegan, Goreemore, Dromdaniel, Crossoge, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig, Ard na Gaoithe, Whiddy, Ardra North, Derrygrenagh South, Cahergullane, Raheen, Caherdaniel, Derrygreanaugh M & E, Ardnagaoithe Beg

Outstanding Station Areas in Coomhola—Mass in Coomhola Church on Thurs. 18th May at 7.30pm.

Baurnagearagh, Reendesert, Dromcaol, Esknafelna, Derrycreha, Ardnatrush Beg, Snave, Ardnagashel, Ardnatrush, Dromgarbh, Drograne, Ardnaclooughy, Baurnagearagh, Borlin, Cappadourdil, Cooleenlemane, Coorloun, Corrycomade, .yleary, Corran, Derryduv, Dromduv, Farranfada, Inchinagown, Kealanine, Millbeg, Rangeroo

Outstanding Station Areas in Kealkil— Mass at Kealkil Church on Friday 19th May at 7.30pm

Ahil, Ardra, Ards, Ballinamought, Breenybeg, Cahermounteen, Cahermuckee, Cappabui N & S, Carriganass, Coomleigh, Cousane, Cullinagh, Curryglass, Derryfada, Dromsullivan, Geragh, Glounycarney, Gortlachra, Gortnacowley, Inchaclough, Incharoe, Kealkil, Kielnacnappogue, Lacavane, Lahernsheermeen, Leachareigh, Maugha, Maughnaclee, Moularaha, Moulavanig, Moulakieve, Skehana

The Parish dues may be returned on the night

Just 4 Fun Kids Camp is in **Bantry Colaiste Pobail Bheanntrai** from the 3rd – 7th July 2017 Fun activities for boys and girls from the ages of 5-13 years. **Book online or by brochure** For more information contact the **Just 4 Fun Kids Camp Office 087 182 1594 or 029 70640** checkout website www.just4funkidscamp.com