

**BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> January:**

**The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle:**

**Bantry: 10am Jeremiah & Mary Griffin & family - Gearhies**

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am Jim O'Leary – Whiddy Island**

**Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Stephanie Cotter - Newtown**

**Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm:**

**Con O'Sullivan - Enniskeane**

**Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of Church**

**Bantry: 10am Jerry & Hannah Murphy - Raheen**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: James & Margaret O'Mahony –  
Reenrour Road & London**

**Kealkil: 7.30pm: People of the Parish**

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am: Paddy O'Shea – Chapel Street**

**Bantry: 6.15pm:**

**Joe & Kathleen Coughlan - Scart**

**Sun. 31st January:**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am:**

**Maureen O'Sullivan (Rancher) - Seskin**

**Coomhola: 10am:**

**Carrie Moore - Ardnagaoithe**

**Kealkil: 11am:**

**Margaret McCarthy - Curraglass**

**Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish**

What is God calling you to in Life?  
Married Life, Religious Life, Single Life,  
or priesthood?

You are invited to an informal discussion in  
"The Crypt" in Dennehy's Cross Church  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew  
you, before you were born I set you apart" Jer 1,5

**Eucharistic Holy Hour every Monday evening in the  
Hospital Chapel from 8 pm to 9 pm.**

**All are very welcome**

**Dates for your Diary**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**1<sup>st</sup> Feb: Feast of St Brigid**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Feast of the Presentation of The Lord.**

**Blessing of candles at Mass.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb: Ash Wednesday**

**11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes –  
World Day of the Sick**

**Merciful like the Father –**

**Pope Francis on the year of Mercy – Part II**

God's mercy is very real and we are all called to experience it firsthand. When I was 17 years old, it happened one day that, as I was about to go out with friends, I decided to stop in a church first. I met a priest there who inspired great confidence, and I felt the desire to open my heart in Confession. That meeting changed my life! I discovered that when we open our hearts with humility and transparency, we can contemplate God's mercy in a very concrete way. I felt certain that, in the person of that priest, God was already waiting for me even before I took the step of entering that church. We keep looking for God, but God is there before us, and he finds us first. Maybe one of you feels something weighing on your heart. You are thinking: I did this, I did that... Do not be afraid! God is waiting for you.

God is a Father and he is always waiting for us! It is so wonderful to feel the merciful embrace of the Father in the sacrament of Reconciliation, to discover that the confessional is a place of mercy, and to allow ourselves to be touched by the merciful love of the Lord who always forgives us! I find inspiration in the prayer of St Faustina, a humble apostle of Divine Mercy in our times: (Pope Francis)

*"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I will never be suspicious or judge by appearances, but always look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and be of help to them; that my ears may be merciful, so that I will be attentive to my neighbours' needs and not indifferent to their pains and complaints; that my tongue may be merciful, so that I will never speak badly of others, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all; that my hands may be merciful and full of good deeds; that my feet may be merciful, so that I will hasten to help my neighbour, despite my own fatigue and weariness; that my heart may be merciful, so that I myself will share in all the sufferings of my neighbour."* (Diary, 163)

## **Coomhola National School**

Enrolling pupils for school year 2016/17 on Friday 5th February from 10.00 to 11.00. Enrolment forms are available from the school or may be downloaded from our website [http://www.coomholans.ie./](http://www.coomholans.ie/) All prospective pupils and their parents are very welcome.

**St Colum's GAA club** are organising a 'Spring Clean', from 9-12, on Saturday morning next the 6th of February, to get the hall back in shape for the coming season. If you can spare an hour or 2 please call down & lend a hand. Everyone is warmly welcomed!!

**West Cork Cancer Support Group (formerly Cancer Survivors):** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26 January 2016 in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, from 11.00am – 12.30. This is an informal gathering in a relaxed setting for anyone who has had a cancer diagnosis. Come for tea, coffee and peer group discussion. Free of charge.

On behalf of The Irish Blood Transfusion Service our thanks to all who contributed to the running of this Clinic. **163** Donors attended our **BANTRY** Blood Donor Clinic. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. It is a precious gift that brings life & hope to the patients and to their families & friends.

**Bantry Meals on Wheels.** - Volunteers needed to help in kitchen on Saturday mornings for approx 2 hours once a month. No experience needed. Tel 027 52144.

**COLLECTION OF UNWANTED CLOTHES & LINENS on January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 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 Thursday or Friday (Jan 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>) THANK YOU!**

**Warmer Homes Scheme 2016:** Warm up your home and reduce your heating bills! West Cork Development Partnership is currently accepting applications for the Warmer Homes Scheme for 2016. The scheme which has been in operation in West Cork since 2008 is for the installation of attic and cavity wall insulation, the service is **free of charge** for all eligible households. To be eligible for the scheme, you must own your own home, it must be built before 2006, and you must be in receipt of one of the following;

- \* The Winter fuel allowance, or
- \* Family Income Supplement, or
- \* Job Seeker's Allowance for over six months and with a child under 7 years of age.

To apply for the scheme or if you have any queries please ring 027 52266 or email [finbarr@wcdp.ie](mailto:finbarr@wcdp.ie) For further information you can also see our web site [www.wcdp.ie](http://www.wcdp.ie)

## **Offertory Collection:**

Weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> January 2016:  
Bantry Church: €1,660; Kealkil Church:€350;  
Coomhola Church: €260

***Special Collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up on this weekend – Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>***

## **Adult Education Night Classes in Coláiste Pobail Bheantraí**

Limited availability exists in the following classes, due to start on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Beginners Digital Photography, Practical Cookery, Watercolour Landscapes, Beginners Bee Keeping and Meditation, Relaxation and Mindfulness. Contact 027-56434 or [adulteducationcpb@gmail.com](mailto:adulteducationcpb@gmail.com) for further information.

## **Our Lady of Mercy N.S. - Open Day / Enrolment Day**

**An invitation to all parents with children of school going age to Our Lady of Mercy National School Open Day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 1.00 - 2.00 p.m.**  
**Parents and children are invited on a tour of the school's indoor and outdoor facilities, as well as all the classrooms. You are welcome to enrol your child on the day. If you wish to do so, please bring your child's birth certificate and P.P.S. number with you. Enrolment forms can be filled in on this day or anytime afterwards. We look forward to meeting you. For info. call Dympna Daly (Principal) on 027-50590.**

## **Bantry Cardiac Support Group**

January monthly meeting will be held on Tues 26th at the Christian Fellowship Church Tower Street at 8pm. Cardiovascular nurse Sarah Cashman will facilitate the meeting. The guest speaker is Fiona Keohane Registered Dietitian. The topics are sugar and its impact on cardiac health, and how to read food labels for sugar salt and fats etc. The meeting is for people who have suffered a cardiac event such as Heart Attack, Angioplasty with or without Stents inserted or who have had cardiac surgery (by-pass surgery mitralvalve surgery etc.) or any Cardiac related concerns .Family members spouse or carers are also welcome. For details contact: Catherine Cahalane (cardiovascular RHN)0867871552. John (group member)0864048821

**Glengarriff Theatre Group Announcement:** There will be a screening of the Panto DVD with refreshments in the Hall, Glengarriff on Saturday 30th January at 2pm. This is an open invitation for all those who took part in the Panto, principals, cast, directors and helpers. The screening should be over before 4pm. We hope to see you all.

**West Cork Underwater Search and Rescue Team** will hold an illustrated talk on "50 years of diving in the Irish Navy" by Martin Buckley in The West Cork Hotel Skibbereen on Tuesday 26 th January 2016 at 8 pm. Fundraiser for urgent equipment for the team. Tickets € 10.Team Members & Thornhill's Electrical