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Farewell to Fr. Sean

On behalf of the Parish of Bantry, we would like to thank Fr. Sean Crowley for all his work in the parish for the past five years. We wish him every happiness and success in his new Ministry to the Irish Army in Collin's Barracks.

As Parish Priest, I would like to thank him for all the help and support that he gave me, before and after my arrival in Bantry and in the subsequent months that we worked together. I personally wish him every success in his new appointment.

Fr. Martin

Note of Gratitude

As I said last weekend change is inevitable in life, and I am found in the midst of change as we begin the summer. It can bring so many memories flooding back, or it can bring anxieties about the future, and we could miss what God gives us; the present moment. The present gives me great gratitude to one and all, for the time I was given in Bantry parish, a time that will be inscribed in my heart. May priests for many years to come find in this parish the same faith, love, welcome and support you gave to yours truly.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

*May God hold you in the palm of His hand
(Until Heaven).*

Love and God bless Fr Sean Crowley

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Shay Denis Odhigbo

Rath Oraigh, Tralee, Co. Kerry

We welcome him into our Christian Community

St Colums Overnight Pilgrimage to Knock Sat 30 June/Sun 1st July.

Cost €125 which includes - Bus, Evening Tea, Bed & Breakfast, Sunday Lunch. Bookings –

Matt O'Sullivan 66031,

May Murphy 56632,

Mary Holland 63384

Congratulations:

Our congratulations go to Canon Tom Deenihan, former Chaplain and Curate in Bantry Parish, on his appointment as Bishop of Meath.

Musings: Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian life is 'joy in the Holy Spirit' (Rom 14:17), for 'the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united to the beloved ... the effect of charity is joy'. Having received the beautiful gift of God's word, we embrace it 'in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit' (1 Th 1:6). If we allow the Lord to draw us out of our shell and change our lives, then we can do as Saint Paul tells us: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice!' (Phil 4:4).

Gaudete et Exsultate

Legion of Mary. Weekly meeting are held here in Bantry Sacristy each Monday evening at 7 p.m.
New members always welcome

Bantry Art Group Meeting

The Bantry Art Group are holding a meeting in the **Tourist Office, Bantry** on **Monday 25th June at 9 pm.**

All are welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th September 2018 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'. Cost: €765. 2018 is the 160th anniversary of the Apparition. Spiritual Director: Canon Martin O'Driscoll. Booking forms & Details available in the Parish office

West Cork Cancer Support Group The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 26, 2018 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 confidential chat and peer group discussion. Free of charge.

Just 4 Fun Kids Camp is in **Bantry** in **Colaiste Pobail Bheanntair** from the 2nd – 6th July 2018 for boys and girls from the ages of 5-12 years. **Book online or by brochure** For more information contact the **Just 4 Fun Kids Camp Office 087 182 1594** or **029 70640** checkout our website www.just4funkidscamp.com

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Coláiste Pobail Bheanntair are offering prospective students the opportunity to participate in QQI Level 5 full-time courses, commencing September 2018 in Healthcare Support 5M4339, Office Administration 5M1997 and Nursing Studies 5M4349. Walk-in interviews will be held on Thursday 21st June from 12.00 – 2.00 pm in the College. For further information on individual course content see www.colaiSTEPobailbheanntair.com or email bantryplcinfo@gmail.com.

West Cork Carers Support Group hold monthly **Male Carers Support Group Meetings** in our **Bantry office** from **10.30am – 12.30pm.**

The next monthly meeting will take place on **Wednesday July 4th.**

All male Carers are welcome to come and join us for a chat over a cuppa. Please call **027/53848** for further information.

Bantry GAA: Junior B Football Championship
Bantry V Newcestown
This Sunday June 24th at Ballincarriga
Time 3.30pm. Please support

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 25th June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am:

Diarmuid McCarthy – Lissareemig – 30th anniversary

Tues. 26th June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Thomas O'Sullivan -

Wed. 27th June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

The Irish Martyrs:

Bantry: 10am: Donald & Alastair Tait

Una, Edwin & Edward Cussen

Hospital: 5.30pm: XXXXz

Thurs. 28th June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

St.Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Bantry: 10am: People of the Parish

Friday 29th June: SS Peter & Paul, Apostles:

Bantry: 10am: Michael Cronn - Coomanore

Kealkil: 7.30pm:

Sarah Dullea & Marie Whelton – Pearsons Bridge

Sat. 30th June: 12th week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am:

Sr. Miriam O'Callaghan who takes final vows today.

Bantry: 6.15pm: Timothy O'Leary – Newtown East

Andrew Stanczek – Seskin, Bantry

Robert & Jennie Hoskin – Bridge Street

Sun. 1st July: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am: Matt Kingston – Newtown

Agnes McCarthy – Glengarriff & Cuan Mhuire

Mary & Robert Spencer - Rossmakeown

Coomhola: 10am: People of the Parish

Kealkil: 11am: Mary & Tim O'Sullivan (Cork & Ballinmought) & their brother Denis O'Sullivan (Chicago & Ballinamought)

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Bantry and District Cardiac Support Group:

The June meeting will take place on Tuesday the 26th for our annual walk and social evening. Meet at Harbour View car park at 7.30pm. If raining meet at the Christian Fellowship Church. Joan Mulgrew Cardiac rehabilitation nurse accompanied by a physiotherapist attached to Bantry General Hospital will attend and show how to safely and correctly use the exercise machines on The Beicin Walk This will be followed by tea, coffee, sandwiches, at a local venue. John (Group Secretary) 0864048821

Offertory Collection: W/E of 16th / 17th June:

Bantry: €1790; Kealkil: €335; Coomhola: €210.

There will be a Special collection for Peters Pence on this weekend, June 23rd/24th.

2018 Rotas (July-Dec) for Ministers of the Word & the Eucharist are now available. Please call to the Sacristy or the Parish Office to collect your rota. Thank you. Note: Ministers of the Eucharist are still needed for the hospital on Sundays.