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Parish Office times: Weekdays: Mon. Weds. Thurs. & Fri. 9.30am – 11.30am. Fridays only 1.30pm-3.30pm

Feast Day of St. Finbarr

The feast day of St. Finbarr, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Cork is celebrated on the 25th of Sept.

This year pilgrims will gather on Sunday, September 24th, to celebrate 'Gougane Sunday'. Rosary will be recited in the Oratory at 2.00pm and Mass will be celebrated in the Oratory at 2.30pm. Bishop David G. O'Connell, Episcopal Vicar of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will preach the homily this year.

Encountering Family in the Gospel:

Three sessions exploring family in the Gospels as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families – Wednesdays 27th September and 4th & 11th October from 8:00pm to 9:15pm in the Parish Room, St. Finbarr's Church. The sessions will be facilitated by Fr Charlie/Sr Karen from the Pastoral Development Office. All are welcome.

Any enquiries - please phone 086-8454412.

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

Moira Deasy (née Breen)

Bantry

Patrick Hurley

Ballylickey, Bantry & Drimoleague

May they rest in peace

Date for Your Diary

Our Lady is coming to our aid again. On November 5th join with thousands of Irish people doing the 33 day consecration prayer to Our Lady, finishing on her feast December 8th. The launch of this will be in Cork St Augustine's Sunday October 8th at 7:30pm, where you can get the free 33 day booklet for you and for others. Guest speaker Fr Michael Gaitley From USA. Please spread the word as everyone welcome.

Members of Viatores Christi will speak at Masses in this parish during the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Masses on 30th September and 1st Oct

Viatores Christi, an association of Catholic lay missionary development workers, was founded in 1960 and recruits, prepares and facilitates the placement of lay people who wish to serve in areas of need in Africa, Asia and South America. There will be a collection in aid of their work.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 25th September: 25th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Liz Hurley – Market Street

Tues. 26th September: 25th week in Ordinary Time:

St. Cosmas & Damian: Syrian Martyrs:

Bantry: 10am: Curley Keohane (Newtown) & his daughter Ann O'Toole

Wed. 27th September: 25th week in Ordinary Time:

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest:

Bantry: 10am: People of the Parish

Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish

Thurs. 28th September: 25th week in Ordinary Time

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Bantry: 10am: Nono Keogh - Droumleigh

Friday 29th Sept.:

SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels:

Bantry: 10am: Liam Clarke - Dromkeal

Kealkil: 7.30pm:

Jeremiah Connolly – Reendesert, Ballylickey

Sat. 30th September: 25th week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am:

John Cotter & his son James Cotter - Snav

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Hannah O'Connor – Barrack Road–1st anniversary

Sun. 1st October:

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am :

Maura Collins – Caherogullane, Scart –1st anniv.

Coomhola: 10am:

Shannon Keohane – Corran, Coomhola

Kealkil: 11am: Sean Lynch - Maughanaclea

12 noon: People of the Parish

The 1st of October is traditionally the Feastday of St. Thèrése of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church. Parishioners are welcome to bring roses for blessing at the 9am & 12noon Masses in Bantry

Recent Parish Baptisms:

May Lucy Donovan - Georges Row, Bantry

We welcome her into our Christian Community

Munster Pioneer Gathering takes place on 1st October 2017 in Woodlands House Hotel in Adare, Co Limerick. Registration is at 10.30 a.m. Tickets for the Gathering cost €30 each and the closing date for the purchase of tickets is Monday 25th. For further details or queries contact 0863642619 sorchaol@gmail.com

Recent Parish Weddings

We congratulate **Bernadette O'Mahony** (Deasys Cross, Kealkil) & **Michael Patrick Murphy** (Cappabue North, Kealkil) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Saturday, 9th September 2017. **We wish Bernadette & Michael long and happy lives together**

Congratulations also go to **Aisling Lynch** (Bantry) & **Thomas Herlihy** (Rosscarbery) who were married in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Saturday 16th September 2017.
We wish Aisling & Thomas long and happy lives together.

The Cursillo - A Walk with Christ for Men & Women of the Cork & Ross Diocese. Cursillo is a lay movement in the Catholic Church formed by a group of lay men & priests in Spain in the 1940s. This group looked closely at the state of Christianity & were concerned at the state of the church & secularisation of society. You are invited to an encounter with Christ - meeting from Thursday night until Sunday evening at Myross Wood where there will be talks, a chance to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation & the Eucharist.

Further information and booking forms are available in the Parish Office.

Offertory Collection: weekend of 16th / 17th September: Bantry:€1,675; Coomhola:€290; Kealkil:€450. **A Special Collection for will be taken up for Priesthood Education this weekend 23rd/24th September**

Notices for Bulletin

Please ensure that notices for the bulletin are sent into the Parish Office on or before last thing Wednesday evening to office@bantryparish.com
Notices sent in late may not be placed in bulletin.

Basic first aid course in dunmanway hospital meeting room on Tue sept 26th from 9-30-1-30. a follow on from the cfr training course, certificates of completion will be provided. FAR COURSE(First aid responder) will be held in the same location on Tue wed and Thurs 17,18,19 oct from 9-5pm this is a p.h.e.c.c registered course and certificates are provided. For more information please contact Noreen on 086 8986014 for prices and bookings

Bantry Blues U18s contest the Cork West A Football Final on today Sunday 24th against Sam Maguires at 4pm in Aughaville. Please come along to show your support for these young Bantry athletes. #futurestars

Fundraiser in Aid of Irish Community Air Ambulance On Fri 29th Sept at The Celtic Ross Hotel Rosscarbery. Dancing from 9pm to Trudi Lalor, Joe Cooke & Sheila Fitzgerald, & The Michael Collins Band MC John Collins. Tickets €15. Pre Show Meal & B & B Phone Hotel on 023 8848722 or Ted on 083 0483540. Please support this very worthy cause.

Autumn Station Masses 2017 : It is hoped to have Station Masses for Autumn 2017 beginning after 15th August & continuing through the months of September & 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.

Autumn Station Masses 2017

Thursday 28th September @ 8.00pm
Johnny & Toxi Gilhooley – Donemark, Lahaden, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapaill, Dromaduneen

Friday 29th September @ 8.00pm
Gene & Joan Lynch – Dromdaniel, Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonegan, Goremore, Crossogue, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig

Saturday 30th September @ 11am
Garrett & Christine Fitzgerald – Gurteenroe

Friday 13th October @ 8pm
John & Kathleen O'Leary - Borlin

Friday 20th October @ 8pm
Neilie & Ann O'Leary – Inchinagown, Farranfadda, Kealanine, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Coomhola

Friday 27th October @ 8pm
Connie Manning – Ardnacloughy, Dromdubh, Bournagearagh

Mealagh Valley Community Hall A.G.M.
Monday 25th September at 8.00p.
Please attend. All welcome

Bantry Cardiac Support Group September 2017 meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th September at the Christian Fellowship Church, Tower Street, Bantry at 8pm. Cardiovascular Nurse Sarah Cashman from Bantry Bay Medical Centre and Lorraine Geaney Practice Nurse from Glengarriff Medical Centre will facilitate the meeting. The meeting is for anyone who has experienced any cardiac event or has any related concerns. Family members, spouses or carers are also welcome. Attendants may also have their blood pressure checked during the evening. Refreshments and chat to follow. For more details on the meeting please contact: Sarah on (087) 3186443 or John (Group Member) on (086) 4048821'

West Cork Cancer Support Group: The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 26th, 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.