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Lenten Reflections:

Bantry Scripture Group invites you to Lenten Reflections on coming Wednesday nights, 28th February, 7th March & 14th March, at 8.00 pm in the Sacristy Meeting Room. These nights will be facilitated by guest participants reflecting on the Sunday Lenten readings.

All are welcome.

Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie.

The Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo shall preside at Holy Mass at The Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road on Saturday 3rd March at 6.00pm. He shall deliver a Lenten Talk on: FAITH, FAMILY AND SOCIETY at 7.00pm. All are Welcome

The Pro Life Campaign will have a speaker at all Masses in Bantry Parish next weekend, 3rd & 4th March.

Spring Station Masses 2018:

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2018 during March & 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.

**Months Mind Mass for
Fr. Joe Spillane, RIP,
will be held on Thursday 1st March next
at 7.30pm in Kealkil Church**

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 26th February: 2nd week of Lent:

Hospital : 8am:

Special Intention: Protection of the Unborn in Ireland

Bantry: 10am: Con & John Cronin – Blackrock Road

Tues. 27th February: 2nd week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: Special Intention

Bantry: 10am: Florence McCarthy – High Street

Bantry: 7.30pm:

Jerry & Anna Daly – Seafield & Manchester

Wed. 28th February: 2nd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: People of the Parish

Hospital: 5.30pm: Michael Scully – New Street

Thurs. 1st March: 2nd week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: People of the Parish

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Fr. Joe Spillane – Months Mind

Bantry: 7.30pm: Mary, John, & Teddy O'Sullivan, Maughanaclea, Kealkil

Friday 2nd March: 2nd week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am:

Special Intention: Protection of the Unborn in Ireland

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass

Sat. 3rd March: 2nd week of Lent:

Hospital: 10am: Jimmy Coakley - Inchigeela

Bantry: 6.15pm: Patrick & Ellen McGrath & their daughter Mary – Newtown East

Sun. 4th March: Third Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: People of the Parish

Coomhola: 10am:

Harry & Mary O'Leary - Inchinagown

Kealkil: 11am:

People of the Parish

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

First Friday: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday, 2nd March next, after 10am Mass until 7.30pm & you are invited to spend an hour in adoration

First Friday Communion Calls

Fr. Martin will make his calls during the coming week. Fr. Sean will not be making his calls this week

March: Month of St Joseph. Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife (Matt 1: 20).

March is the month of devotion to St. Joseph, whose feast falls on March 19th. We know little about St Joseph only from scripture that he was; husband, foster father and a just man. The Church encourages us to be devoted to Joseph because he was a model in the heroic practice of all the virtues. The example of virtuous living that he gave in the exact fulfilment of the duties of his state of life is worthy of our reflection. The date of the solemnity of St. Joseph dates to the end of the 15th century; within the next few centuries, the entire month as a time for devotion to St. Joseph became part of tradition.

In a society where families experience new challenges St Joseph is a model. He protected Mary's virginity, as a model for chastity and support in the home. He formed and protected the person of Christ, as a model for Fathers to imitate their role on his. He completely did God's will, to encourage us to seek out God's will and better follow His will.

"Of all the people I have known with a true devotion and particular veneration for St. Joseph, not one has failed to advance in virtue; he helps those who turn to him to make real progress. When my request is not quite what it ought to be, he puts it right for my greater benefit."— *St. Teresa of Avila*

Rally in Dublin to Save the 8th Amendment

Date: Saturday March 10th

Rally commencing at 2.00pm

Coach will leave Bantry Square at 7.00am

Early booking is strongly advised.

Contact: Catherine Manning (083-8928299) or Gene Buckley (085-2146982)

CAPPABUE N.S. OPEN DAY for new pupils on Friday 2nd March 2018 from 2 to 3p.m. All Welcome.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING QUIZ on Fri. 2nd March 2018 at 8.30p.m. in Collins' Bar, Kealkill.

Daffodil Day is taking place on the 23rd March. We would also like to meet anyone who would be interested in helping co-ordinate it in each town. If you are interested please come along to the Snug, Bantry (upstairs) at 6pm on Mon 26 Feb.

St. Finbarr's Boys School would like to thank most sincerely everyone who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. €814 was raised and will be well used. Thank you all.

Gaelscoil Bheantraí: will be holding their Open Day on Wednesday February 28th from 12 - 1 pm. All new pupils and parents welcome. Please bring along your child's birth cert and PPS number on the day.

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 17th/18th Feb: Bantry - €1635; Coomhola - €260; Kealkil - €265. A Special Collection for Irish Bishops Commissions will be taken up on March 10th/ 11th.

Annual Cancer Fundraiser: The annual fundraiser will be held in the former Super Valu Store, New Street, Bantry from Tuesday March 27th to Sunday April 08th. The proceeds will be divided equally between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect and Palliative Care West Cork, c/o Bantry Hospital. Enquiries to Nora Cremin (027) 51276.

Bantry Cardiac Support Group will meet on Tuesday 27th of February at 8 pm at The Christian Fellowship Church Tower Street Bantry. The meeting will be facilitated by cardiovascular nurse Sarah Cashman attached to Bantry Bay Medical Centre and assisted by practice nurse Lorraine Geaney from Glengarriff Medical Centre. Anyone attending if they wish can have their blood pressure checked. This will be followed by an informal chat and tea or coffee. The meeting is for people who have suffered any cardiac event their partners spouses carers or concerned family members. For details contact: Sarah 0873186443 or John 0864048821

GROW World Community Mental Health Movement in Ireland.

A four week Introductory Programme entitled *Getting to Know Grow* begins on Monday 5th March at 8pm in the Dromleigh Resource Centre, Bantry. Everybody welcome to attend.

Please see Church notice boards for more information or contact Jerry at 086-0271990

Coming Soon - Lip Sync Battle In aid of Bantry Hospice and Cork ARC Cancer Support House.

If you wish to be a participant in this fun event and support these two local organisations, who do such great work in West Cork, please contact 027 50077 or 085 1743970 or email to lipsyncbantry@gmail.com

Lourdes 2018–Young Adult Helpers. The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18-25 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes. Closing date for applicants is 28th February 2018. Contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021-4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: charliekiely@gmail.com

In the Name of Love: Talking about Family

Have the Christian churches fallen behind in their understanding of family or can theologies of family offer new perspectives in a changing landscape? A talk and discussion about where Christian understanding meets modern family life. Dr Daniel O'Connell lectures in education and spirituality at Mary Immaculate College Limerick and is married and dad to two children. All welcome! (No previous experience required.) Saturday 3rd March, 10.00-1.00 St Luke's Education Centre, Mahon €10 at door. Cork Theology