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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

Legion of Mary: Acies (Annual Act of Consecration) led by Fr. Jerry Cremin will be held in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on this Sunday 25th March at 3 p.m.
Members both past, present and auxiliaries are invited to attend.

Communion Calls

Fr. Martin will make his Easter & April Communion calls on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday in Holy Week. Fr. Sean will make his calls during the week after Easter.

Holy Week Ceremonies: The schedule of ceremonies for Holy Week is available in all church porches this weekend. Please take one. Join us as we celebrate the death & resurrection of JESUS.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Robert Hughie Stout – Seafield, Bantry

Jack Stephen O' Donovan – Snave, Ballylickey

Ellie Kate McSweeney – Coorloun North, Coomhola

We welcome them into our Christian Community

Confessions for Easter in Bantry Parish

Penitential Service in Bantry Church Monday 26th March at 7.30 pm

A number of priests will be available for Confessions.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 26th March: Monday in Holy Week:

Hospital: 8am:

Pat & Lily McSweeney & Ann Gallen – Coomanore, Bantry
Bantry: 10am: Daniel & Nora O'Connor – Glengarriff Road

Tues. 27th March: Tuesday in Holy Week:

Hospital: 8am: Protection of the Unborn

Bantry: 10am: Una, Edwin, Edward Cussen & Alastair & Donald Tait

Bantry: 7.30pm: Christy O'Shea – Lisheens, Kealkil

Wed. 28th March: Wednesday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am:

Joseph & Catherine Lynch – Marian Terrace

Hospital: 5.30pm: Jimmy Coakley - Inchigeela

Thurs. 29th March: Holy Thursday:

Bantry: 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Bantry: 10pm: Holy Hour – Eucharistic Adoration

Coomhola: 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Kealkil: 8.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 30th March: Good Friday:

Bantry: 12noon: Stations of the Cross

Kealkil: 12noon: Stations of the Cross & Liturgy

Bantry: 3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Coomhola: 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross & Liturgy

Sat. 31st March: Holy Saturday:

Bantry: 12noon: Confessions

Kealkil: 8pm: Easter Vigil

Bantry: 9pm: Easter Vigil

Sun. 1st April:

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord:

Hospital Chapel: 8am (extra Mass)

Bantry: 9am: Coomhola: 10am:

Kealkil: 11am: Sean & Barry Murphy – Breenybeg

John & Bridie Cronin – Cahirmuckee

Bantry: 12 noon:

Collection for Priests: The collection at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday & on Easter Sunday is for the priests of the parish. The Bishop only allows two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the Priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Parish.

Míle buíochas for your generosity.

Fr. Martin Fr. Sean Fr. James

Lenten Petitions: As next Wednesday is the last day of Lent the Lenten Petitions from the 3 Churches in the Parish will be presented at the Offertory Procession at the 10am Mass in St. Finbarr's Church

Recent Parish Weddings

We congratulate **Joanne Cremin** (Seskin, Bantry) & **Michael Murphy** (Gortroe, Bantry) who were married in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Friday, 16th March 2018.

We wish Joanne & Michael long & happy lives together.

Congratulations also go to **Lisa Healy** (Ardfert, Tralee) and **Sean Reilly** (Snave, Ballylickey) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Friday, 16th March, 2018.

We wish Lisa & Sean long and happy lives together

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.

Spring Station Masses 2018

Saturday 5th May @ 11am

**Joe & Mary Sharkey – Gories, Cahir,
Leacadiomhaoin, Capanavar**

Lenten Trocaire Boxes.

Boxes can be returned at any time during Holy Week

West Cork Cancer Support Group

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 27th, 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.

Bantry Cardiac Support Group will meet on Tuesday 27th of March 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 who also will give a talk she will be 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

Pilgrimage to Fatima Ex Cork. 19th - 25th September. Spiritual director is Fr. Marius O' Reilly. Half Board, All day trips included. Price €699.00. Contact Marian 087- 9370529 / Damien. 087- 2049048

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: St Colums Overnight Pilgrimage to Knock Sat 30th Jun/Sun 1st July. More details nearer the time.

Bantry G.A.A. U21A Football Championship Quarter Final. Bantry V Ahan Gaels in Dunmanway this Sunday March 25th at 3pm.

Offertory Collection: St.Patrick's Day: Bantry:€1190; Kealkil:€265; Coomhola:€190
Weekend of 17th/18th March: Bantry - €1740; Coomhola - €205; Kealkil - €305.

A special collection for the Lourdes Invalid Fund will be taken up this weekend March 24th/25th. Thank you for your generous support

Anam Cara West Cork:Anam Cara, an organisation that supports parents after the death of a child, will host its monthly West Cork meeting for bereaved parents in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry on Tuesday 3rd from 7.30pm-9pm. One bereaved mother who attends Anam Cara meetings said: "I value simply the feeling of not being the only one trying to live on... the best healing comes from being around other people who understand our loss and grief." The meeting is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age a child dies, the circumstances of the death or whether this was recent or not. For more information or to order a free copy of the Anam Cara Information Pack, email info@anamcara.ie or ring their Information Line on 085 2888 888.

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 (10.00am to 5.00pm). **Donations:** Any items surplus to requirements welcome – unwanted gifts, unused purchases, jewellery, bags, ornaments, statues, bric –a- brac, household and nursery items, arts and crafts, pictures, paintings, glass, ware and china, good toys and games, exercise equipment, radios, music centres, musical instruments, cds and dvds etc etc. (no clothes, shoes or books). Items for sale for this very worthy cause would be very much appreciated. Donated items will be collected at the shop on Sunday and Monday, March 25th, 26th (10am – 4 pm). 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.