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**Gougane Barra Sunday, Year of Mercy,
25th September 2016.**

Schedule:

Rosary will be recited at 2.00 pm

Concelebrated Mass will be begin at 2.30 pm.

Cardinal Seán Brady, Archbishop Emeritus of
Armagh, will preach the homily.

*To commemorate the Year of Mercy a Gate/Door of
Mercy will be created at the entrance to
St Finbarr's Island.

Prayer for Our Lady

**On Saturday 8th of October in the Parish
Church there will be a time of prayer at 2pm in
honour of Our Lady Mediatrix of all Grace.
This will include; Adoration, prayer, and
consecration to our Lady.**

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Isabelle Maria Foley
Seafield, Bantry

We welcome her into our Christian Community

**Training for Parish Catechists –
Certificate in Catechesis**

Following the successful completion of the first two year Certificate programme and commissioning of Parish Catechists we are now inviting applications for the course to begin in January 2017. The Certificate in Parish Catechesis is offered in partnership with Maryvale Institute over two years with four course days per year and supported study using the distance learning model. Participants complete 12 assignments over 2 years and are then commissioned by the Bishop to take on the ministry of Parish Catechist. The course may also be of interest to those wanting to deepen their understanding their faith. for those interested we are offering two information sessions at the Blackrock Parish Centre on Wednesday 12th October 2:30pm to 4:00pm and 7:30pm to 9:00pm you are welcome to attend either of these to find out more about the course and the ministry.

Enquiries: Sr Karen at the Pastoral Development
Office 021 4537601

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 26th Sept: 26th week in ordinary time:

Bantry: 10am: Liz Hurley – Market Street

Tues. 27th Sept: 26th Week in Ordinary Time: St.
Vincent de Paul, Priest:

Bantry: 10am:

Michael & Pat Cadogan – Church Road

Wed. 28th Sept: 26th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Nora Keogh - Dromleigh

Hospital: 5.30pm: Mary O’Sullivan – Baurgorm

Thurs. 29th Sept:

SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels:

Bantry: 10am:

Cyril & Madge McCarthy – London & Bantry

Friday 30th Sept: 26th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Jeremiah Griffin – Marino Street

Kealkil: 7.30pm:

Pat O’Leary - Cahirmounteen

Sat. 1st Oct.: 26th Week in Ordinary Time:

St Therese of Lixieux: Declared Doctor of the
Church in 1997: Died at the Carmel in Lisieux 1897

Hospital: 10am: Martha O’Connor - Rooska

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Hannah O’Connor – Barrack Road– 1st anniversary

Sun. 2nd Oct: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am:

Benny & Nono Keogh – Dromleigh North

Coomhola: 10am: Tom & Eileen Ingram –

Curramore, Borlin & Bermigham

Kealkil: 11am: Sean O’Shea – Ahil, Kealkil

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

Pro Life Amendment Meeting

Bishop Crean will address talk on "How to argue in defence of the Pro Life Amendment" at the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow on Monday Sept 26th at 7:30pm. Speakers include Margaret Hickey and Patrick Carr of Family & Life. Former TD/Senator Paul Bradford will chair the event. All welcome!

St. Therese of the Little Flower – Feast Day 1st October.

‘When I die I will send down a shower of roses from heaven. I will spend my heaven by doing good on earth.’
There has been a request to bless roses on the Feast day of St. Therese. People may bring roses to the 10am Mass on Saturday 1st Oct. in the Hospital Chapel for the blessing.

The Red Cross Bantry Defibrillation Group wish to express a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent Street collection and to all volunteers who helped collect. The amount raised was €1004.70. The Group are in the process of purchasing two more lifesaving Defibrillators; one will be located by St. Finbarr's RC Church in Bantry and the other by Cronin's Shop in Ballylickey.

The Bantry Defibrillation voluntary Group was formed 11 years ago. Since then, 10 Defibrillators were purchased. They are situated outside the following premises: SuperValu, Bantry Boys Club, Dr. Denis Cotter's Surgery, Bantry Blues GAA Pitch, The Sailing Club, Outside Willie Pa's Restaurant at Colomane, Coomhola Bridge, St. Colum's GAA Pitch, Kealkil, Bay Rovers Soccer Pitch, Lisheens, Kealkil and the Mealagh Valley Community Hall. The Defibrillators are checked regularly to ensure that they are fully functioning when needed.

Sincere thanks go to the local Charity Shops, Businesses, and to the wider community who have made all this possible by donations and contributing so generously to the annual Church gate and Street collections.

The Defibrillation Group hold monthly training and practice sessions. Next practice will take place at the Mealagh Valley Community Centre on Wednesday 12 October at 8pm.

On Wednesday 2nd November at 8pm, practice will take place in the old Gael Scoil premises in Bantry. Training includes Adult and Infant CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), how to use a Defibrillator and how to treat an adult or child who is choking. This is a great opportunity for everyone who would like to learn those essential skills and help save a life. Three members of the Group who are certified Cardiac First Responders have saved lives because of their training, regular practice, knowledge and prompt actions. With this in mind, it is essential that as many people as possible will avail of training and practice. New members are very welcome.

Further details are available from Ruth Tel: 086 1086076 or Mary Tel: 086 2363344, Matt Tel: 086 3987937.

Offertory Collection: Weekend 17th / 18th September:
Bantry: €1850. Kealkil: €305. Coomhola: €205.
Special collection for Priesthood Education will take place on this weekend September 24th/25th.

Bantry Cardiac Support Group meeting takes place on Tuesday 27th of September at 8 pm at The Christian Fellowship Church Tower Street Bantry. The meeting will be facilitated by cardiovascular nurse Sarah Cashman. Anyone attending if they wish can have their blood pressure checked.

West Cork Cancer Support Group: The next meeting will be on Tuesday Sept 27, 2016 from 11am to 12:30pm in the Bantry Bay Hotel (back room), 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.

West Cork Junior A Football Final: St Colum's Vs Gabriel Rangers, Sunday (25th) in Bantry with a 2pm throw in. This is a massive achievement for the Colum's men, reaching 2 West Cork Finals in 3 weeks, so please come & shout on the lads. Best of luck to all involved!!

Fundraiser for Muintir Bháire Parish Church Renovations - Durrus, Kilcrohane, Rusnacahara churches & Gortalasa
Cookery Demonstration with celebrity Chef Nevan Maguire
Date Wednesday 5th October at the Westlodge Hotel
Time: 8pm Doors open 7pm
Tickets €20 from the Westlodge Hotel, Bantry

The Parent Association of Our Lady of Mercy National School would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to their church gate collection last weekend which raised a total of €935.26. This money will be put towards the refurbishment of the school halla. Go raibh míle maith agat

Autumn Station Masses 2016

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Autumn 2016 during 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. Thank you.

Saturday September 24th @ 11am
Breda McCoy – Dromleigh

Saturday 1st October @ 11am
Val & Geraldine Whooley – Derrinkealig, Drombroe, Cahernacrin

Friday 14th October @ 8pm
Helen Triggs - Borlin

Saturday 29th October @ 11am
Gerard & Jacinta Barry - Newtown

Monday 31st October @ 11am
Joan Murphy – Donemark, Lahadane, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapaill, Dromaduneen

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