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Mount Melleray Youth Day

Mount Melleray Abbey

Tuesday 2nd May (5.30pm-9.30pm)

With Most Rev. Frank Caggiano,

Bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut

**For the attention of Parents, teachers,
priests, parish representatives seeking
new ways of building faith communities
in their local areas.**

Parish Maintenance Collection Box

During the last week a collection box has been placed at the back of St. Finbarr's Church. As you know, the maintenance of the Churches in the parish is an ongoing responsibility. We know that many visitors, and locals, drop in to the church during the day and some may want to donate to the fund. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Our Lady of Mercy NS Parents

Association Presents **FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT** in the School Halla on Wednesday March 29th from 5pm to 8pm Admission is €3 per child. Fun for all the family. Raffle on the night!

Spring Station Masses 2017: It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2017 continuing through March until 30th 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 2017

Friday 31st March @ 11am

John & Marian Minehane – Donemark, Lahadane, Carrigbui, Dromfinchin, Dromachapail, Dromaduneen

Friday 21st April @ 11am

Eileen O'Mahony – Dromlickacruie, Breenymore, Cappanaboul, Derryarkane, Dromaneasa

Extra Masses during Lent:

There will be Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Bantry Church for Lent.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 27th March: 4th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Christy Crowley - Beach

Tues. 28th March: 4th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am:

Joseph & Catherine Lynch – Marian Terrace

Bantry: 7.30pm:

Christy O'Shea – Maughnaclea, Kealkil

Wed. 29th March: 4th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Steve O'Donoghue – Market Street

Hospital: 5.30pm: Dominic & Mary Breslin

Thurs. 30th March: 4th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Paddy Casey – Slip Lawn

Bantry: 7.30pm: Helen & Jeremiah Whooley & their grandchild Dermot Whooley - Derrinkealig

Friday 31st March: 4th week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Kathleen O'Riordan - Newtown

Kealkil: 7.30pm:

Mary & Danny McCarthy – Cappabue, Kealkil & Danny & Jerry O'Shea - Moulavanig

Sat. 1st April: 4th week of Lent: St. Ceallach:

Hospital: 10am: Margaret Sullivan (7th anniversary) & the Sullivan Family – Bere Island

Bantry: 6.15pm: Mary Milner - Newtown

Sun. 2nd April: Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am:

Donnacha O'Donoghue – Caherdaniel West

Coomhola: 10am:

Con O'Leary – Currakeal, Borlin

Kealkil: 11am:

John & Kit O'Leary – Crossogue & Cousane

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Offertory Collection: St. Patricks Day:

Bantry: €1580; Coomhola: €155; Kealkil: €295

18th /19th March: Bantry: €1545; Coomhola: €185;

Kealkil: €345

In preparation for Holy Week and the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord, the Stations of the Cross will be held on Palm Sunday at 5pm in St. Finbarr's Church.

What better way to start Holy Week than attending the Stations of the Cross, praying and reflecting on Jesus and His journey to Calvary. All welcome.

Naíonra Bheanntaí will be holding their Open Day on Monday 3rd April at 12noon. All are welcome.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Agata Anna Jochimowia
Riverway, Ballylickey, Bantry**

We welcome her into our Christian Community

**Please take a Trocaire Box this Lent.
Trocaire Boxes / Envelopes can be collected
at the Church Porches.**

Tidy Towns AGM.: Bantry Tidy Towns will be holding their AGM in the Maritime Hotel on Tue.28th.March 8pm. Having retained Silver Medal standard and gained a further four marks in 2016 it is important that this progress be continued in 2017. This can only be achieved with public support throughout Bantry. New members welcome and essential to continue this work.

**Bantry Inshore Search & Rescue Association
AGM at The Lifeboat Boathouse on
Thursday 30th March at 8pm. All welcome**

YMCA Bantry Parents And Kids Together programme is hosting a Parents Plus parenting course for parents of children aged 6-11 years on Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm for 6 weeks, starting on 23rd March (break for Easter)
Cost: €4/session or €20 for whole course.
For more information & to sign up, contact Viki on 0864562544.

The Red Cross Bantry Defibrillation Group
sincerely thank all the parishioners who contributed so generously to their Church Gate collection last weekend. The collectors are thanked for all their help. The total collection amounted to €931.04. It will be used towards upgrading essential equipment and ensuring all 12 community Defibrillators are always ready if needed. All maintenance is carried out free of charge by the Group's Maintenance Officers Matt Keane and Peter Marren.

West Cork Cancer Support Group
The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 28th, 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.

The Lenten Reflections are continuing each Wednesday night at 8pm in the room over the Sacristy.

**Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving – March 29th;
The Spirit led Him into the Wilderness – April 5th.
A tale of two gardens or It's all about Easter –
April 12th All Welcome.**

Bantry Cardiac Support Group

March monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th at the Christian Fellowship Church Tower Street at 8pm. Sarah Cashman Cardiovascular Nurse attached to Bantry Bay Medical Centre and Lorraine Geaney Practice Nurse attached to Glengarriff Medical Centre will facilitate the meeting. The guest speaker is Nuala Carey Pharmacist at Glengarriff Pharmacy. The topic covers the benefits of medication and any possible side effects. It is advisable to bring a list of your medication on the night. The meeting is for people who have suffered any Cardiac event or have any related concerns. Family members spouse or carers are also welcome. Attendants may also have their blood pressure checked. Refreshments and a chat will follow. For details contact: Sarah Cashman Cardiovascular Nurse 0873186443. John (group member)0864048821

**UIBH LAOIRE PARISH PILGRIMAGE to FATIMA
CENTENARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS
10TH – 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

**EX CORK AIRPORT
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: FR. MARTIN O' DRISCOLL
FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE
CONTACT: PREMIER TRAVEL AT 021-4277700**

Bantry Historical Society hosts a fascinating Talk by well-known Archaeologist Áine Brosnan, this Monday night at 8.00pm in Maritime Hotel. The title is "Sile ni gig - midwife of the soul " These evocative stone carvings which caused such consternation to the early antiquarians, have long been misunderstood. This talk will discuss some new ideas in relation to their meaning and use. Please note venue.

Youth 2000 will be hosting a Catholic youth retreat in St. Brendan's College, Killarney, Co. Kerry from 7th-9th April for ages 16-35. The weekend will consist of inspiring talks, music, prayer, workshops & time to chill out & meet new people. Please bring a sleeping bag if staying on site. Donation only event. For more information contact Marie [0879361812](tel:0879361812) or www.youth2000.ie

The Annual Parkinson's Mass for People With Parkinson's, their families and friends will take place at St. Patricks Church, Rochestown Road, Cork on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.00 pm. The ceremony will include The Sacrament Of The Sick.

Derrycreeha National School will have an Open Day on Friday 31st March 2017 between 1.30 and 3pm. All are very welcome