

# BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

**Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> December: The Holy Innocents,**

**Martyrs:**

**Bantry: 10am Joe Hegarty, Kit Murphy  
& Nora o'Mahony**

**Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> December: 5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of  
Christmas:**

**Bantry: 10am The Sisters of Mercy-Avila, Bantry**

**Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> December: 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of  
Christmas:**

**Bantry: 10am: Rita O'Donoghue - Caherdaniel  
Hospital Chapel:**

**5.30pm: Denis Gilley - Caher**

**Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> December:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas:**

**Bantry: 10am John Cronin**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January:**

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God:**

**Bantry: 10am John Hanley - Scart**

**Bantry: 7.30pm: Special Mass to mark the Feast  
of Mary, Holy Mother of God and World Day of  
Peace**

**Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> January: Before Epiphany:**

**Hospital: 10am:**

**Ann Dennehy – Market Street - 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary**

**Bantry: 6.15pm:**

**Jerry & Mary Holland - Feenagh**

**Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Second Sunday of Christmas**

**Bantry: 9am:**

**Fr. Denis Murphy – Glengarriff Road**

**Coomhola: 10am:**

**Molly O'Sullivan – Cappadyourdil, Coomhola**

**Kealkil: 11am:**

**People of the Parish**

**Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish**

### Mass on World Day of Peace

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 is the Feast of Mary, The  
Holy Mother of God and World Day of Peace.**

**At the 7.30pm Mass in St. Finbarr's Church  
on that day we will pray especially for the gift  
of peace at home and around the world.**

**First Friday:** There will be Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday,  
1<sup>st</sup> January next, after 10am Mass until  
**6.30pm** & you are invited to spend an hour  
in adoration. Please note change to usual  
time which is due to the special Mass  
commemorating World Day of Peace at  
7.30pm.

### Thank you

As we celebrate Christmas and look forward to the New  
Year ahead we remember and thank all of you who have  
contributed to and participated in the life of Bantry Parish  
over the past year.

There are many ways through which you contribute, by  
your prayers, your participation in ministry, your  
financial support and the many different tasks and roles,  
however small, you take up in the parish. We would not  
have a parish without you and we very much appreciate  
your help and support. We wish you and yours a very  
happy Christmas and every blessing during 2016.

*Fr. Martin & Fr. Seán*

### Mass Cards from the Parish Office

Due to an increase in cost prices, from  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, the cost of Mass Cards sold  
in the Parish Office will go up to €2 each.

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

**Mary Agnes Sullivan - Broadale, Cork late of Seskin, Bantry &**

**Clogheen, Allihies.**

**May she rest in peace.**

### Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016

The Bantry Parish & Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'.  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Martin Keohane  
Booking forms available at Parish Office

UCC Mature Student Office Would you like to study a full-time undergraduate degree in UCC as a Mature Student? If so, then don't miss your chance to apply. The UCC Mature Student Office will be holding a 'CAO Application and General Information Presentation' on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in Boole 2, Main Campus, UCC. For more information or to make an appointment with an adviser, ring us on 021 4901873, email us on [mso@ucc.ie](mailto:mso@ucc.ie) or check out [www.ucc.ie/mature](http://www.ucc.ie/mature). We are also on Facebook (*UCCMatureStudentOffice*) and Twitter (*@UCC\_MSO*). Remember: the deadline for Mature Student applications is February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

**2016 Rotas (January-June) for Ministers of the Word and the Eucharist are now available. We would be grateful if all Ministers would call to the Sacristy or the Parish Office to collect them.**

**2016 Parish Calendars are available at the Church Porches. Please take one for your home and for your family & friends.**

**Work of Christmas Begins**  
*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...  
And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in  
all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins. -  
Howard Thurman, adapted*

### **Feast of the Epiphany Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Bantry: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at  
6.15pm – Vigil Mass**

#### Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Coomhola: 10.00 am**

**Kealkil: 11.00 am**

**Bantry: 12.00 noon**

**Bantry: 7.30 pm**

#### Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Peggy Mae O'Sullivan**  
(Queensland, Australia)

**We welcome her into our Christian  
Community**

#### Offertory Collection:

Weekend 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Dec:

Bantry Church: €1815; Kealkil Church: €300;  
Coomhola Church: €285

#### **MUSINGS**

It is a temptation, especially during the Christmas season, for us to romanticise. Today's feast is often an occasion in which the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) is held up as perfectly functioning, beautifully harmonious and a model to be imitated. And yet ... it is easy to overlook what must surely have been the real-life angst behind what we tend to dress in tinsel every Christmas: an unmarried mother betrothed to a man who is not the child's father; a bewildered Joseph who makes the decision to trust and to stay; a precarious prelude to the child's delivery and a subsequent flight to Egypt as refugees. Salvador Ryan St Patrick's College,

#### ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses 2016

Upcoming Courses run over 2 days in Bantry  
(Fri 7-10pm & Sat 10am-4pm)

Jan 29th/30th, February 19th/20th,

March 18th /19<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup>,

May 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup>

Couples should attend a course at least 3 months  
before they intend to marry

Book direct through [accord.ie](http://accord.ie).

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