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**Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**

**Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> November: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent:**

**Bantry:10am Dennie Spillane – Blackrock Road**

**Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> November: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent:**

**Bantry:10am:**

**Patrick Cadogan – Market Street & Dromore**

**Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> November: St. Andrew, Apostle:**

**Bantry:10am:**

**Phillip Spillane – Derrygrenaugh East**

**Hospital: 5.30pm: Mary McAuliffe (nee Murphy)  
& Christy Murphy (Kealkil)**

**Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> December: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent:**

**Bantry:10am: Denis O'Mahony – Glandore**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent:**

**Bantry:10am: Michael Moloney – Ards**

**Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass**

**Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> December: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent:**

**St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

**Hospital: 10am:**

**Catherine & Mary O'Sullivan - Newtown**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Pat Cronin - Gurteenroe**

**Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> December: Second Sunday of Advent:**

**Bantry: 9am: Kitty McCarthy - Scartbawn**

**Coomhola: 10am:**

**Patrick & Elizabeth Holland - Kealanine**

**Kealkil: 11am: Ted Murnane – Maughnaclea, Kealkil**

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

**Recent Parish Baptisms:**

**Lujza Isabella Puszko &**

**Tomasz Laszlo Puszko**

**– Slip Grove, Bantry**

**We welcome them into our Christian Community**

**The Bantry Hospice Committee will hold their annual AGM on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry. All are welcome**

**Blood Donor Clinic. The Maritime Hotel, Bantry.**

**3- 5pm & 7– 9pm. Thursday. 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie) or telephone 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

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

**First Friday Communion Calls**

Fr. Martin & Fr. Sean will make their calls during the coming week

**Thanks to all who hosted the Station Mass in their homes and to all who supported the Priests by giving their station offering and Parish Dues. We appreciate all your support & generosity. Fr. Martin & Fr. Sean**

**Parish Maintenance Fund**

We wish to say thank you for further donations received during the past week for our Parish Maintenance Fund. Donations of €10, €20 & €50 were received along with two donations of €500. A total of €1,290 was received.

**Bantry Parish Assembly Meeting – 21/11/2016**

The Assembly met on Monday last and the following were among the items discussed:

- A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Simon Collection. The response exceeded all expectations.
- Reflection on the November Novena and the Holy Hour for the Feast of Christ the King and the assembly involvement in both.
- The Assembly have now taken responsibility for proofreading the Parish Newsletter and as and from last Friday two members will proofread it before it goes to print.
- Further discussion on welcoming families to our churches.

If you want to comment on any of the above or to contact the Assembly please email [bantryparishassembly@gmail.com](mailto:bantryparishassembly@gmail.com)

**Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat**

**Date: 16th to 18th December 2016**

**Venue: Newbridge College, Co.Kildare**

**Cost: Donation only (The retreat costs Youth 2000 €50 per person. If you genuinely cannot afford this, we ask that you donate what you can afford. Do not let money be an obstacle for you attending this retreat). Ages: 16 – 35 year olds**

**This promises to be a special retreat!!**

### **Bantry and District Cardiac Support Group:**

The November meeting of the Bantry and District Cardiac Support Group will take place on next Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. There is a change of venue this month as the group have been invited to the Maritime Hotel by Diabetes Ireland to an education meeting in conjunction with the staff of Bantry General Hospital.

The main speaker will be Dr. Mark Hannon Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist at Bantry General Hospital. Also Nurse Catherine Cahalane Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse. Senior HSE Community Physiotherapist Ms. Clair Heseldine and Ms. Fiona Keohane Registered Dietician at Bantry General Hospital. All are welcome and admission is free. Tea /coffee will be served during a break. The annual Christmas dinner takes place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> at the West lodge Hotel at 8pm.

### **St. Stephens Day Walk**

On St. Stephens Day 2016, a charity walk will take place in aid of 3 West Cork Cancer Support Charities namely; Bantry Hospice, Cork ARC Cancer Support House and Cancer Connect.

Cancer Connect which is a free and flexible service which operates from West Cork to Cork Hospitals for patients receiving cancer treatment.

Cork ARC Cancer Support House, located at Gories Bantry Co. Cork is a safe haven for people with cancer and their families where you can find information, practical help and emotional support. It is now open two days a week in Bantry on Tuesday & Thursday 10am-4pm

Bantry Hospice provides support and comfort throughout the West Cork area. Bantry Hospice also supports the palliative care team in West Cork with homecare equipment, training, home sitting service and a night nurse services.

**All these charities are voluntary organisations and any money raised in West Cork Stays in West Cork.**

The walk will take place from the Tourist Office from the Square in Bantry. The walk is being organised to raise much needed funds for each of the above charities and there will be no entry fee on the day but people are free to make a donation.

The charity walk will be broken down into 3 categories. Walk A which would be for the more experienced walkers and will take approximately 2 ½ hours to complete. Starting from Trawlebane via Seskin and back into Bantry.

Walk B which is a 5 km walk, will start from Bantry Square, go through Bantry House and out to the Mass Rock in Beach and then back to Bantry.

Walk C will be approx. 2.5 km and will be a "family friendly" walk, which will start at Bantry Square, along the Beicin, through Reenarour East and back into the Centre of Bantry.

Registration for all walks will start from 12 noon at the Bantry Tourist Office with buses going regularly to Trawlebane. All walks will commence at 12.30 pm

Throughout the duration of the walks, historical information of key points will be included.

It is important to ensure that adequate clothing & footwear should be worn.

All walks will end at the Bantry Bay Hotel, where refreshments will be served.

### **SANTALAND**

Meet **Santa** in his Grotto and help Mrs. Claus in her kitchen. Play with the elves in their magical snow garden. A photo with Santa & gift for every child. €6 per child

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Raffle, Bottle Stall, Festive Gifts, Christmas produce, Cakes, Lucky Dip, Games – Crazy golf, darts, Guess weight of cake, Target soccer, Pancakes, Teas and Coffees

**Our Lady of Mercy N.S. Bantry – Sunday 27th November 12.00 – 4.00p.m.**

Entry: €2 at the door to include prize draw ticket.

### **Educating local people on Diabetes:**

**Maritime Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork  
Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8pm.**

Diabetes Ireland in conjunction with the staff at Bantry Hospital and HSE staff in the community will hold a public education meeting in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8pm. All are welcome and admission is free. There will be a tea/coffee break during the meeting. This will give attendees the opportunity to visit the meter and information stands. For information contact 021 4274229 or Pauline Lynch on 087 270 9418 or email [corkcarecentre@diabetes.ie](mailto:corkcarecentre@diabetes.ie).

**Offertory Collection:**Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> November:

Bantry: €1,915; Coomhola €195; Kealkil €430.

Special Collection for Catholic Marriage Support last weekend; Bantry Parish: €1530

**West Cork Cancer Support Group -** The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 29, 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 beer around discussion. Free of charge.

**Gaelscoil Bheanntraí** will be holding their annual Christmas Craft Fair on 6<sup>th</sup> December between 6:00 and 8:00. Admission is FREE. Children can visit Daidí na Nollag for €5.00 and this includes entry to Santa's Grotto and present, activities and a picture taken with the man himself. Lots of crafts, home baking and fun activities for the children on the night. We have some fabulous prizes donated to us for the popular Wheel of Fortune which is a big attraction on the night.

### **Bantry Lifeboat Christmas Carol Concert**

taking place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in Bantry House. Kick off the festive season with this rousing sing along of all your favourite carols. Enjoy mulled wine & mince pies & be in with a chance to win one of the many great raffle prizes

MEALAGH VALLEY NEWS. Our Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday November 29th. at 8.00 P.M.. All Valley Households are requested to attend as Your Community Hall needs Your Support. There is A Cead Mile Failte for everybody who wants to attend Our Annual "Thank You" Night which is a Free Event on Saturday December 3rd. at 9.00 P.M.. Music on the night is by Lee Valley Sound. It is Your Community Hall and it depends on Your Help to Survive.