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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

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

Bantry: 10am – Cyril & Madge McCarthy – London & Bantry

Tues. 29th September: SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels:

Bantry 10am John & James Cotter - Snav

Wed. 30th September: 26th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am Liam & Deirdre Clarke – Dromkeal Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm John Peter Kearney & his son Johnny Kearney - London

Thurs. 1st October: 26th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Deceased members of the O'Brien Family (Newtown) & the O'Donovan family (Keelovenogue, Bantry) & the Sweeney family of Gort, Co. Galway. Also Jerry Widger (Waterford).

Friday 2nd October: 26th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Ted Cronin – Lahern, Bantry & Tramore
Bantry: 7.30pm Shared Mass

Sat. 3rd October: 26th Week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am: Martha O'Connor - Rooska.
Bantry: 6.15pm: Noel Kearns & Angela McGrath-Cadogan – Church Road

Sun. 4th October: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am Ann O'Keeffe - Donemark
Coomhola: 10am: Tom & Bridie Triggs - Borlin
Kealkil: 11am: Hannie Cronin - Cullinaght
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Mary Kate Spillane -
(Gurteen, Bantry)

Roisín Catherine O'Callaghan
(Ahilmore, Kealkil)

We welcome them into our Christian Community

First Friday: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday, 2nd October next, after 10am Mass until 7.30pm Mass & 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

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio
www.heavensroadfm.com is a new online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience – they also broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from the website

www.heavensroadfm.com.

Follow too on FB or twitter.

Died Recently:

We extend our prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of;

Charlie Bevan – Snav, Bantry

Timothy Anthony (Teddy) Collins – London & late of 'Red River', Scart Road, Bantry.

May they rest in peace.

Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate Sinead Minehane (Lisheens, Bantry) & Eoin Carroll (Kilcormac, Birr, Co.Offaly) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Saturday. 12th September, 2015.

We wish Sinead & Eoin long & happy lives together.

Many congratulation also go to Teresa O'Sullivan (Baurgorm, Bantry) & Michael O'Mahony (Maughanaclea, Kealkil) who were marring in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Saturday 19th September, 2015. We wish Teresa & Michael long & happy lives together.

Autumn Station Masses 2015

Tuesday 29th September @ 11am

The Murray Family – Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonegan, Goreemore, Dromdaniel, Crossogue, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig.

Saturday 3rd October @ 11am

Eileen & Alan Hennell – Donemark, Lahaden, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapail, Dromduneen

Saturday 10th October @ 11am

John Patrick & Nora Harrington – Derrynakilla, Coomhola, Farranfada, Kealanine, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Inchinagown

Stations will continue from now until Saturday, the 31st 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.

Would you like to be a volunteer?

For "ST. JOSEPH'S UNIT" BANTRY HOSPITAL

To assist with meaningful activities on a regular basis- Art, Music, Knitting, craft, baking, games, cards, day trips, shopping, life story, reflection, talking, pet therapy, reading, festival celebration-party, meal times, exercise, flower arranging, computer, movie time, or any other.

Please contact the ward to get details. Sandhya Joy T (CNM 2- St Joseph's Unit) 027-52904

The Legion of Mary are holding a recruiting afternoon on Sunday 4th Oct. with a view to getting members. They will call on as many homes as possible around the town area. Weekly meetings are now at 7 p.m. on Monday for winter months

Kealkill Community Alert - 'Keeping our community safer'

Last September, our Community Alert group offered free membership to people living in the Kealkill area who wanted to join the new **text alert scheme**.

The **crime text alert service** was set up by an Garda Siochana and Muintir na Tire. Its aim is to prevent and reduce crime in the region, and alert people to criminal or suspicious activity which may be happening in their area. Once you have signed up to the text alert service, you will receive regular texts with information relating to any suspicious activities in the area. 'Prevention is better than cure', and the more aware we are the better. There is a nominal fee of 5 euro per year when you join the text alert service. If you wish to become part of the text alert scheme, please contact any of the Kealkill Community Alert Group. Please be assured that all mobile numbers will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

Please contact : Garda Anne Marie O'Sullivan 086 1909432, John O'Sullivan 086 3297555, Margaret Peters 086 1292558

Offertory Collection:

Bantry Church: Weekend 19th/ 20th September: €1800
Special collection for Priesthood Education will take place this weekend - 26th/27th September

45 PROGRESSIVE CARD DRIVE WILL TAKE PLACE AT MEALAGH VALLEY HALL ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD. AT 9.00P.M. START. NEW PEOPLE ARE MOST WELCOME.

CANCER SURVIVORS: An informal gathering in a relaxed setting for anyone who has had a cancer diagnosis. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29 September in The Maritime Hotel, Bantry, from 11am to 12:30. Come for tea, coffee and peer group discussion. Free of charge.

Minor Football Country semifinal replay Bantry Blues V Fr O'Neills on Sunday Sept. 27th at 7pm in Cloughduv. Please support.

Comfort the sorrowful –Fifth Spiritual work of Mercy Monsignor Charles Pope

Out of all the spiritual works of mercy, comforting the sorrowful requires the greatest patience and sensitivity. This is because sorrow often has a life and logic of its own; often it must be allowed to run its course. Sometimes there is not a lot a person can say or do when grief is present. Grief is something we can rarely get around; we must simply go through it. Thus, comforting the sorrowful often involves a kind of silent accompaniment more so than words or actions.

St Augustine once observed that that tears in prayer often accomplish more than words. It is when people are sorrowful, that their grief and tears become their prayer and we do well to honour that, rather to say "Don't be sad" or "Cheer up". A respectful silence can be a way of honouring grief and signalling a true trust. St Paul says "weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). Strange though it may seem, a dog often presents a god model, teaching us that when someone is having a bad day, the best thing to do is just to sit close and nuzzle them gently.

If one notices a person getting "stuck" in his grief, not making the progress of moving through it in stages, more will be needed – but not straight away. People need time and room to grieve. Some take longer than others and there is no single "right" way to grieve. To comfort the sorrowful requires a sensitivity on our part to discover what the person needs on his terms, not ours. If there are signs of true depression, or a serious lack of progress, this may be an indication that we should become more active in our comforting, perhaps getting the person out for activities or even recommending professional help. The tender comforting of those who are sorrowful and grief stricken, or the more vigorous sense of strengthening the afflicted is a work of mercy that can enable a fellow brother or sister get back to the normal Christian state of being joyful, confident and strong.