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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 29th February: 3rd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am John Minehane – Whiddy Island

Tues. 1st March: 3rd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am:

Timothy & Mary O’Sullivan – Reenrour East

Bantry: 7.30pm:

Margaret O’Sullivan – Dromleigh South

Wed. 2nd March: 3rd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Patrick Daly - Raheen

Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish

Thurs. 3rd March: 3rd Week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am Mary Sugrue – Market Street – 6th anniversary

Bantry: 7.30pm: Kevin McCarthy - Seskin

Friday 4th March: 3rd Week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Elizabeth Wren – Market Street

Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass

Sat. 5th March: 3rd Week of Lent:

Hospital: 10am:

Christopher O’Reilly - Gurteenroe

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Jack & Esther Lyons – Bantry & Cork

Sun. 6th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Arthur & Hannah O’Connor & their daughter Catherine O’Connor – Barrack Rd

Coomhola: 10am:

Patrick & Mary Murphy – Derryduve More

Kealkil: 11am: Stephen & Mary O’Sullivan and Ann McDevitt

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Important Notice Re. Coeliac Hosts

We have been advised by Fr. John O’Donovan on behalf of Altar Bread Supplies Ltd that in order to comply with the requirements of the general instruction of the Roman Missal, production of hosts that are totally gluten free is discontinued. ‘(320) *The bread for celebrating the Eucharist must be made only from Wheat, must be recently made, and according to the ancient tradition of the Latin Church, must be unleavened.*’

For this reason, only low gluten hosts, containing a tiny trace of gluten, will be supplied to all churches.

Stations of the Cross – 5pm – Sundays of Lent – St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry: In this Year of Mercy, members of the Parish Assembly and others will lead us in the Stations of the Cross on each of the six Sundays of Lent. We will gather at 5.00pm each Sunday in St. Finbarr’s Church and invite you to pray and reflect with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

CoAction Summer Camp: CoAction would like to hear from adults, 2nd. & 3rd. level students interested in volunteering in their Summer Camp in **July**. Applicants must be **over 16yrs**. For further info. and registration pack contact the volunteer coordinator at 027- 54027/50114 or winnieosullivan@coaction.ie Late applications cannot be guaranteed inclusion in camp. **Closing date Friday March 11th.**

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Fionnán Francis O’Brien – Birr, Co.Offaly
We welcome him into our Christian Community

Wedding Congratulations:

We congratulate **Sandra Hurley (Dromlickacruie, Kealkil) & Daniel Murray (Reenrour East)** who were married in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kealkill on Saturday, 20th February, 2016. We wish Sandra & Daniel long & happy lives together.

Died Recently: We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of;
Celia Villiers (née O’Neill)
– Bantry & formerly Gearhies
May she rest in peace.

Offertory Collection: Weekend 20th/21st Feb: Bantry Church: €1805; Kealkil Church: €285; Coomhola Church: €230
Special collection for Irish Bishops Commissions will take place on March 12th & 13th

First Friday: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday, 4th March 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

Spring Station Masses 2016

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2016 through February, 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 (56398) to arrange a date.

Spring Station Masses 2016

Saturday March 5th @ 11am

Vincent & Mary Cronin – Treanamaddreee, Lisheens

Saturday March 12th @ 11am

Mark & Esther Kearns – Caher, Gories, Leacadiomhaoin, Capanavar

Friday 18th March @ 8pm

Pat & Eileen Holland – Kealanine, Coomhola, Derrynakilla, Farranfadda, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Inchinagown

Saturday 9th April @ 11am

Dan Joe Holland – Derrycreha, Esknafeelna, Ardnatrush Beg

Bantry active retirement March monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd at BARA house at 3pm. The guest speaker is Mr. William Swanton from Bantry Garden Centre & he will be advising on suitable plants, flowers, and vegetables, for spring sowing & answering any member's queries. New members welcome.

Bantry Macra will also be holding a charity 6km fun run/walk in aid of charity (Cork ARC and MS Ireland) on Sunday the 13th of March starting at the Westlodge Hotel. Registration at 12:30, race starting at 1pm. All are welcome.

Link-Ring at the rural transport office is a friendly call service for older people & those living alone. We are having an event at the Ouvane next tuesday 1st march 1pm-4.30pm. Refreshments and music with john white. There will be bus pick up at the Bantry Bay Hotel at 12.30

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic held at the Bantry Primary Care Health Centre, Maritime Hotel, Bantry on Wednesday, March 2nd 2016 from 2.30pm to 4pm. All are welcome to attend this free, confidential service being offered by the Health Service Executive and your local Public Health Nurse. It is important for people of all ages to have their blood pressure checked.

Cork and Ross Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016 – Young Adult Helpers Needed.

Young Adults 18 – 30 year olds are invited come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June on the annual Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage. Limited number of places. Closing date for completed applications is 29th February 2016. For application and further details contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 – 4537603 or email: charles.kiely@corkandross.org

This week we welcome to our parish Tim Flynn a member of the Volunteer Mission Movement (VMM) who are presently visiting parishes throughout the Diocese of Cork and Ross. Currently they are supporting more than 50 volunteers in 10 countries on a variety of missionary and development programmes. To help support the missionary work of VMM an exit door collection will take place at the masses this weekend.

Day of Praise, Worship & Healing – Celebrating the Year of Mercy. Guest Speaker: Maria Vadia

Sunday 28th February at Rochestown Park Hotel. Start at 9.30am with lunch at 1pm. Holy Mass at 5pm. Rosary, Praise, Worship, music, talks and Eucharistic Adoration. For info. Tel Mary on 087-2898518

Coffee Morning: Help support Aoife Spillane's fundraising project for the Street Children in Calcutta. I will be travelling to Calcutta in May for 6 weeks to work as a volunteer with the Hope foundation. My work will include teaching English, and basic life skills to the children of Calcutta as well as volunteering in the protection homes. In order to make this trip possible I am required to fundraise 3,000 euro and am looking for your support. I will be holding a "Coffee morning" on the 5th of March from 10am-4pm at our house in Seskin Bantry. All proceeds will go directly to the Hope foundation. All are welcome and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Ray Murnane Rehab Fund: Tickets available in shops and from the committee for Race Night fundraiser on 26th March in the Maritime Hotel. Last September Ray suffered a severe spinal injury as result of an accident and is now confined to wheelchair for the rest of his life.

DROMCLOUGH N.S. We hold an Enrolment Day for new pupils on March 3rd from 10.30-12.30. Dromclough N.S. is a child centred, family friendly school. Call 027-50868 or email drumcloughns.ias@eircom.net for further info.

Beginning Experience is a specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process in a safe and confidential environment. The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 8th April to Sunday 10th April 2016. For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or email beginningexperience@gmail.com

Gaelscoil Parents Association Quiz Night: A fantastic fun filled quiz night taking place at the Quay's Bar, Bantry on Friday the 4th of March at 8.30pm. €40 for a table of 4. Everyone is welcome and your support is greatly appreciated.