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Dates for your Diary

Children's Mass

The 9.00am Mass on Sunday, February 11th will be a special Children/Family Mass. A special invitation is extended to all children and families.

Celebration for Ministers of the Eucharist and Word in the Parish

We invite all Ministers of the Eucharist and Word of the parish, past present and future, to a celebration in the Westlodge Hotel on Wednesday, February 7th at 8.00pm. This evening will be an opportunity to get together, to chat and be thanked by the parish for your vital contribution to the parish. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you all there and please encourage anyone you know who might like to become a minister to come along.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: Sunday 11th February. World Day of the Sick:

The Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) will be administered during the **6.15pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 10th February** in St. Finbarr's Church. All who might be in need of the Sacrament are invited to receive it.

Ash Wednesday – February 14th:

Day of Fast & Abstinence: Start of Lent

<u>Mass Times</u>	10.00am	Bantry
	11.30am	Kealkil
	5.30pm	Hospital Chapel

There will be a Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola at 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday.

Mass Schedule for Lent

There will be **Mass at 8am** in the **Hospital Chapel** on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 5.30pm** on **Wednesdays & 10am** on **Saturdays** during Lent.

As usual there will be weekday 10am morning Mass and evening **Mass at 7.30pm** on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** in **Bantry Church** during Lent.

Mass in Kealkil will be at 7.30pm on Fridays (except the First Friday of March). Any of these Masses can be booked for the intentions of a deceased loved one.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 29th January: 4th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Paddy O'Shea – Chapel Street

Tues. 30th January: 4th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: James & Margaret O'Mahony – London & Reenrou Road

Wed. 31st January: 4th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: John Thornton - Derrinkealig

Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish

Thurs. 1st February:

St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland:

Bantry: 10am: Margaret O'Sullivan – Marian Terrace

Friday 2nd February: The Presentation of the Lord:

Bantry: 10am: Mary Sugrue – Market Street

Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass

Sat. 3rd February: 4th week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am: Timothy O'Shea - Crossogue

Bantry: 6.15pm:

John O'Mahony – Market Street – 1st anniversary

Brian McAuley - Seskin

Kathleen O'Riordan – Newtown

Sun. 4th February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bantry: 9am : Kathleen Corridan – Church Road

Coomhola: 10am: People of the Parish

Kealkil: 11am: Mort Cronin – Borlin

Joan Manning – Gurteenroe & Kealkil- Months Mind

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Coomhola National School

Enrolling pupils for 2018/19 school year on Friday 2nd February from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. Enrolment forms are available from the school or may be downloaded from our website <http://www.coomholans.ie/> All prospective pupils and parent/guardians are very welcome.

Recent Parish Baptism:

Ashling Angela Hourihane

- Kealkil Village

Eoin Gerard Connor

- Gortroe, Bantry

We welcome them into our Christian Community

Open / Enrolment Day Our Lady of Mercy N.S.

Thursday 1st February from 1.00-2.00p.m.

An invitation to all parents with children of school going age to Our Lady of Mercy National School Open Day on Thursday 1st February from 1.00 - 2.00

p.m. Parents and children are invited on a tour of the school's indoor and outdoor facilities, as well as all the classrooms. You are welcome to enrol your child on the day, if you wish to do so please bring your child's birth certificate and P.P.S. number with you. Enrolment forms can be filled in on this day or anytime afterwards. We look forward to meeting you. For further information please call Dymnpa Daly (Principal) on 027-50590.

West Cork Cancer Support Group: The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 30th, 2018 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. Come for a confidential chat and peer group discussion. Free of charge.

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 20th/21st January:
Bantry - €1500; Coomhola - €220; Kealkil - €375.

Special collection for Diocesan needs last weekend:
Bantry:€1160; Kealkil:€325; Coomhola:€225

Parish Maintenance Fund: We will have a second collection at all Masses on the weekend of February 3rd/4th to help pay the costs of ongoing repairs. We very much appreciate your generosity in contributing to all Parish collections. Thank you.

Bantry Blues GAA are hosting a 7 a side Gaelic Football Competition on the Astro Turf in the GAA Grounds on Saturday 27th January and Saturday 3rd February from 6pm-7pm. This competition will take place over the two weekend's and it will be panels of 12 with 6 teams in total in the competition. All spectators welcome to come along. For more information contact Mark O' Donovan on 086 1750764 or Richard Harrington on 086 8750001. Thank you.

FAR course taking place in the parkway hotel next tuesday wed and thurs inclusive. 9am-5pm. this is replacing the old occupational first aid course. for any one who is interested in this course certificates are provided from the pre hospital emergency care council(P.H.E.C.C.) This course is designed to a high national standard and certificates are valid for 2 years. Please call noreen on 086 8986014 for further details.

MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE.

PROGRESSIVE 45 CARDS Saturday 3rd February at 9pm. €10 per person, refreshments and raffle on the night. All welcome. JACKPOT BINGO Thursday 8th February at 8.30pm, €10 full book w/sheet, €5 half book w/sheet. Raffle and refreshments on the night. Your is appreciated.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES

2018: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 443 4510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Cake Sale in Aid of Kealkil St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place in Collins Bar, Kealkil after 11am Mass on Sunday 4thFebruary.

Bantry Cardiac Support Group monthly meeting will recommence on Tues 30th January at 8 pm at The Christian Fellowship Church Tower Street Bantry.

This month we will be discussing the benefits of yoga on hearth health and will have a chance to try out some gentle yoga practices with a qualified instructor. If requested blood pressure can be checked on the night followed by an informal chat & refreshments. The meeting is for people who have suffered a cardiac event such as Heart Attack, Angioplasty with or without Stents inserted or who have had cardiac surgery (by-pass surgery mitralvalve surgery etc.). For details contact:Sarah 0873186443 or John 0864048821

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 6th February at 7:30pm in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork.** This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 5th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Cork Scripture Group would like to invite anyone who is interested in Scripture to join us for the following course.

Title: *The Gospel of Mark: Exploring the earliest of the Gospels*
Facilitators: Mons Ned Goold, Marian Mortell, Fr Seán O'Sullivan and Phil Mortell
Mondays 19th, 26th Feb, 5th and 12th March 2018 from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. in Scala Centre, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle)

Saturday Workshop: *Gospel Perspectives on Family* facilitated by Dr Jessie Rogers (Maynooth) Sat Feb 24th from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop] For those who wish to attend the workshop only, the cost will be €10. To book a place or find out more please email corksripturegroup@gmail.com or phone 021-4295144 before 12th Feb 2018

MACROOM PROLIFE (PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF THE UNBORN). A meeting will be held in **The Castle Hotel Macroom** on **Friday 9th February at 7.30 pm** on the forthcoming referendum on the 8th Amendment. A national canvass is underway and speakers will include Alan Daveron (Renua) and Joe Walsh who have travelled nationwide promoting awareness on the importance of the 8th Amendment. They will speak on what needs to be done to save the 8th Amendment in our Constitution. At this critical time we would encourage as many people as possible to attend.