

BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER  
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Parish Office times: Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday 9am – 11am. Thursday & Fridays 9am – 12noon

**Rosary at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine each evening at 9pm during the month of May. All who can attend are very welcome.**

**First Friday:** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**Cork Monster Pro-Life Meeting**  
**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm at Silver**

**Springs Hotel Cork.**

**Speakers: Prof Patricia Casey,  
Declan Ganley, John Waters,  
Becky Healy, Vicky Wall**

**Saving the 8 Amendment**

The Life Institute VOTE NO National Roadshow will visit Bantry on

Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Anyone free come along and give a Bantry welcome to the Pro-life convov of cars buses with music at the Square .

**Recent Parish Baptisms:**

**Ruby Lee Delaney**

**&**

**James Gerard Pio Delaney**

**The Pier, Bantry**

We welcome them into our Christian Community

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

**Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> April: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter:**

**Bantry: 10am: Philomena Hurley – Slip, Bantry**

**Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> May: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter:**

**Bantry: 10am: Joe Flynn - Durrus**

**Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> May: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter:**

**Bantry: 10am: Neily Johnson – Gilhooley's Terrace  
Hospital: 5.30pm:**

**Michael Maguire – Cooleenlemane, Coomhola**

**Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> May: SS Philip & James, Apostles:**

**Bantry: 10pm:**

**John & Kitty Cadogan – Old Barrack Road**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter:**

**Bantry: 10am:**

**Tess & Mick O'Leary – Kilmore, Whiddy – 20<sup>th</sup> anniv.**

**Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass**

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> May: 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter:**

**Hospital: 10am: Moira & Dick Deasy - Newtown**

**Bantry: 6.15pm:**

**Ita McCarthy – Barrack Street**

**Paul O'Shea – Ardnageeha – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary**

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May: Sixth Sunday of Easter:**

**Bantry: 9am: Christy Cronin – Gurteenroe**

**Mary Keane – Caherdaniel**

**Maria Murphy – Coomhola & Bantry**

**Margaret Murphy – Westpark, Bantry**

**Coomhola: 10am: Michael Maguire – Corrycommade**

**Donal Daly – Coorloun North**

**Kealkil: 11am:**

**Barry Murphy & Sean Murphy – Breenybeg, Kealkil**

**Christy Minehane – Lisheens – Months Mind**

**Kitty McSweeney – Maughnaclea – Months Mind**

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

*Apologies for error in last week's newsletter: 7.30pm Mass in Kealkil Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April was for the intentions of Ned McSweeney of Kealkil*

**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY: Sr. Mary Gallagher from the Holy Rosary Sisters will speak at all Masses this weekend about their work to promote Mission Awareness**

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

**Andrzej (Andrew) Stanczak - Poland and Seskin, Bantry**

**Daniel O'Riordan - Clashduff, Newtown West, Bantry & Kealkil**

**Kathleen Kearns (née Cadogan) - Church Road, Bantry**

May they rest in peace

**May: Month of Our Lady** “How have I deserved that the Mother of my Lord should come to me” Lk 1:43. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

May is the month of Mary; devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout May originated in Rome in the 18th century to counter immorality and infidelity among students at a college there. It has spread through most of the Latin Church now. Because the North American holiday of Mother's Day falls in May, Catholics take this time to recall and try to emulate Mary's role as mother. Therefore devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses both on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, and Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, and her fidelity to God's will.

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled. — Cardinal John Wright

**Parish Dues Envelopes:** We ask those who kindly distribute the parish dues envelopes in Bantry Town to please call to the Sacristy/Parish Office as they are now available for distribution. Thank you.

**Kealkil National School Family Fun Day & Ballrun** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. 2pm-5pm at the school. Lots of Fun and Games for all the family.

**PAPAL VISIT:** A Bus will be organised from Bantry to attend the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park, Dublin on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August. We ask those interested in attending to please hand their name in to the Parish office. Tickets will be allocated by the Diocese at the end of April and we will put in a request for tickets for the people travelling on the bus at that time

**Coffee Morning:** 5<sup>th</sup> LCVP Students, from Coláiste Pobail Bheantraí are holding a coffee morning in the Bantry Bay Hotel on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00 am to 12 pm. All proceeds will go directly to Irish Community Air Ambulance and Bantry Lifeboat. All are Welcome.

**Life Enhancement Workshop – Gougane Barra** Hotel 10.30am-4.30pm. Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Tea/coffee included Cost:€30, Suitable for all ages. Booking essential on 085-1215984 or [carthaigs@eircom.net](mailto:carthaigs@eircom.net) You only live once – Make it the best life you can

**Offertory Collection: W/E of 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> April:**  
Bantry:€1455; Kealkil:€305; Coomhola:€205.  
*Special collection takes place for Parish Pastoral Services on W/E May 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>*

**Bantry Cancer Fundraiser 2018:** The recent fundraiser held in the former Super Valu Shop, Bantry was a fantastic success. The organisers are deeply grateful to Mr Jim O’Keeffe for the use of his premises and for donating some items left behind when he relocated to the magnificent new Super Valu in Harbour View, Bantry. Many thanks to the members of the Community who generously donated items for sale and to those who purchased them or helped in so many ways to realise a grand total of €20,028. The proceeds will be divided equally at a later date, between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect and Palliative Care c/o Bantry Hospital.

**Anam Cara,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether recent or not.

**Bantry Rowing Club** have a table quiz in the Quays bar on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of May. 8.30 start. Teams of 4.  
Please help in clubs revival.

**Spring Station Masses 2018:**  
If you are thinking of hosting the Spring Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (tel. 56398) to arrange a date.

**Spring Station Masses 2018**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am**  
Joe & Mary Sharkey – Gories, Cahir, Leacadiomhaoin, Cappanavar

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 8pm**  
Angela & Seamus O’Mahony  
– Lisheens, Traenamaddree

### **Confirmation Thank You**

*Congratulations to all the Girls and Boys of Bantry Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Buckley during the past week. They are a credit to their parents and teachers and we pray they will be filled with the Holy Spirit always.*

*We thank their parents, teachers, special needs assistants and school staff who all helped prepare the children so well. Thanks also to the organist and musical directors who led the beautiful music during both ceremonies.*

*Many thanks to the sacristans, altar servers, the altar society and those who put up the bunting, tended the church grounds and CoAction & Mannings who clean the church.*

*Fr. Martin*

*Fr. Sean*

*Fr. James*