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You are welcome to a Eucharistic Holy Hour including Rosary and Divine Mercy devotions every Monday evening commencing at 8pm in the Hospital Chapel.

**February Feast Days**

**Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> – Feast of St. Bridget**

St. Bridget Crosses will be blessed at 10.00am Mass and at the 5.30pm Mass in the Hospital Chapel.

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Feast of the Presentation**

Candles will be blessed at 10.00am Mass

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Feast of St. Blaise**

Blessing of Throats after the 10.00am Mass and after the 7.30pm First Friday Mass.

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) will be administered during the 10am Mass at the Hospital Chapel. All who might be in need of the Sacrament are invited to receive it.

**Spring Station Masses 2017:** There are 40 Station areas in Bantry Parish but only 12 families hosted the Station Mass in Autumn 2016. It is in our own hands to either hold on to the practice of the Station or let it die. It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2017 starting on 1<sup>st</sup> February and continuing through February and March until 30<sup>th</sup> April. 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 2017**

Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm

**Danny & Noreen Coppinger** – Lisheens, Traenamaddree

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

**Monica Wiseman** – Dromleigh

**First Friday Communion**

**Calls:** Fr. Martin and Fr. Sean will make their First Friday calls during the coming week

**Coomhola National School** Enrolling pupils for school year 2017/18 on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 10.00 to 11.00. Enrolment forms are available from the school or may be downloaded from our website [www.coomholans.ie](http://www.coomholans.ie). All prospective pupils and parents/guardians are very welcome.

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

**Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> January: 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

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

**Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> January: 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**St. John Bosco, Priest. 1815-88**

**Bantry: 10am: John Thornton - Derrinkealig**

**Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> February:**

**St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland**

**Bantry: 10am: Annie Downey - Droumdubh**

**Hospital: 5.30pm:**

**Maureen O'Sullivan (Rancher) - Seskin**

**Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> February: The Presentation of the Lord:**

**Bantry: 10am: Jim Cadogan – Reenrour East**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am:**

**Gerald O'Sullivan – Marino Street – 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**Bantry: 7.30pm: First Friday Shared Mass**

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> February: 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am: Eileen McCarthy (Maughnaclea, Kealkil) & Mary Frances McCarthy (Slip Grove)**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: May Cronin – Lahern**

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> February: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am:**

**Kathleen Corridan (nee Kelly) – Church Road**

**Coomhola: 10am:**

**Cornelius & Michael Healy – Corran, Coomhola**

**Kealkil: 11am: Eileen Hurley – Ardra East**

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

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

All parents with children of school going age are invited to

**Our Lady of Mercy N. S. Open Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**February 2017 from 1.00 - 2.00 p.m. Parents & children**

are invited on a tour of the school's indoor & 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

afterwards. We look forward to meeting you. Further info. call Dympna Daly (Principal) on 027-50590.

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

**Nora O'Sullivan (née Downey)**  
– **Muswell Hill, London & formerly of Tower Hill, Bantry**

**Kathleen Victoire O'Riordan**  
– **Newtown, Bantry & formerly of Limerick & Ventry**

**May they rest in peace.**

West Cork Carers Support Group is hosting an **L.T. Security Course for Carers** A 2-week course covering how to secure your data and identity on laptops, tablets or phones, as well as issues such as hacking of emails and Facebook.

**Venue:** St. Gobans **Dates:** Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Times:** 10.30am to 12 noon **Cost:** No Charge

**Booking:** Essential by calling 027-53848

**All Family Carers welcome.** For more information,

**Bantry Cardiac Support Group** January monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st at the Christian Fellowship Church Tower Street at 8pm. Cardiovascular nurse Sarah Cashman attached to Bantry Bay Medical Centre and practice nurse Lorraine Geaney attached to Glengarriff Medical Centre will facilitate the meeting. The guest speaker is Mark Thurman chartered physiotherapist All welcome. Attendants may also have their blood pressure checked. Refreshments and chat will follow. For details contact: Catherine Cahalane (cardiovascular RHN) 0867871552 or John (group member) 0864048821

A 45 Progressive Card Drive will be held At Mealagh Hall on Saturday February 4th. at 9.00P.M. There will also be A Raffle for Cash & Other Prizes. Complimentary Refreshments will be Served. Your Support is Appreciated.

#### **Bantry Branch of The Irish Red Cross Society**

will Hold Their Annual General Meeting Today Sunday January 29th. at 7.00 P.M. in their Room at The Old Gael Scoil, Main Street, Bantry. All Members are Requested To Attend Please. New Members are Most Welcome.

**West Cork Cancer Support Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 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 peer group discussion. Free of charge.

**Coláiste Pobail Bheanntaí:** Limited places are available in the following courses which will commence on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 7.00 – 9.00 pm for a period of 6 weeks costing €85 - Beginners Bee Keeping, Polytunnel Growing and Practical Cooking. Email [adulteducationcpb@gmail.com](mailto:adulteducationcpb@gmail.com) or phone 027-56434.

#### **Recent Parish Baptisms:**

**Aoife Erin Masters**  
(Lutterworth, Leicestershire, U.K.)

**We welcome her into our Christian Community**

**Offertory Collection:** Weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Bantry: €1720; Coomhola:€255; Kealkil:€315.

**Parish Maintenance Fund:** We will have a second collection at all Masses next weekend February 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> to help pay the costs of the recent renovation works. We very much appreciate your generosity in contributing to all collections in the parish. Thank you.

#### **St. Brigid's Cross**

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is *St. Brigid's Day*. To mark the occasion, Bantry Library will be hosting a workshop about how to make the famous St Brigid's Cross. This workshop will be provided by the Activities Department from *Deerpark House Nursing Home* and takes place from 11am to 12 noon when people can watch a demonstration of how this traditional craft is done. All are welcome.

The library also has free booklets to give away which explain some of the customs, beliefs and traditions associated with *St. Brigid's Day*. For further information, contact Bantry Library on 027-50460.

#### **2018 World Meeting of Families**

The Catechism teaches; "In our own time... believing families are of primary importance as centres of living, radiant faith." Pope Francis describes the *World Meeting of Families* as a gift which the Irish Church can then share with others. Pope Francis has been invited and plans to attend the event in Dublin between 22 – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The theme chosen for the event is; *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*.

The World Meeting of Families takes place every three years, and was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1992 as a pastoral initiative, its aim is to strengthen the sacred bonds of the family unit across the globe. During a World Meeting, families come together to share experiences, to dialogue, to pray and work together to grow as individuals and as family units. Delegates participate in discussion groups on the role of the Christian family in the Church and society, and are addressed by distinguished speakers. The eighth and most recent World Meeting took place in Philadelphia in September 2015.

It is obvious that many families can find the present climate in society difficult to promote true family values. Therefore the pastoral care of families remains of the highest importance for the church. To help prepare for the WMOF2018, we are all encouraged to offer our support, prayers and prepare for the event. We are all encouraged to pray for the WMOF2018, or visit the website; [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)