

**BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER  
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**Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**

**Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> November: St Andrew, Apostle:**

**Bantry: 10am Kathleen Cronin –  
Coomanore**

**Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> December: First Week of Advent:**

**Bantry: 10am Denis O'Mahony - Glandore**

**Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> December: First Week of Advent:**

**Bantry: 10am: Eileen & Michael O'Sullivan  
& Noreen O'Sullivan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**

**Hospital Chapel:**

**5.30pm: Myra Swann (nee O'Driscoll) –  
Dromreigh, Durrus**

**Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> December: First Week of Advent:**

**St.Francis Xavier, Priest**

**Bantry: 10am Nora Riordan (New York) &  
Eileen Harrington (Drimoleague)**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December: First Week of Advent:**

**Bantry: 10am Michael Moloney - Ards**

**Bantry: 7.30pm – Shared Mass**

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> December: First Week of Advent:**

**Hospital: 10am: Phillip Spillane –**

**Derrygrenough**

**Bantry:6.15pm: Nessa McCarthy - Newtown**

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> December: Second Sunday of Advent:**

**Bantry: 9am:**

**Donal McCarthy – Seafield, Bantry**

**Coomhola:10am:**

**Maura Holland – Kealanine, Coomhola**

**Kealkil: 11am:**

**Mary & Catherine O'Sullivan – Newtown,  
Bantry**

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

**Youth 2000**

Youth 2000 hold a prayer meeting on the First Saturday of the month in All Saints Church, Drimoleague at about 8.20pm (after the 7.30pm Vigil Mass) The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 5th December. We meet in the prayer room to the back of the altar. If you are aged 16 - 35 please join us for adoration and prayer followed by tea and a chat.

Visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) for more information.

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

**Kathleen McCarthy  
Reenrour East, Bantry**

**May she rest in peace.**

**First Friday: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December next, after 10am Mass until **7.15pm** & 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

**Advent Reflection**

Tomás O'Sullivan will lead an Advent Reflection entitled 'They Said There'd be Peace on Earth: Why we celebrate Christmas' in the Westlodge Hotel on Wednesday night next December 2nd at 8pm. Tomás is a native of Bantry, is Assistant Professor of Theology at Saint Louis University (Missouri, USA) and a specialist of Medieval Christianity in Ireland and Europe. All are welcome.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Holy Day of Obligation**

**Bantry Church: Vigil Mass at 6.15pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Coomhola Church: 10.00am  
Kealkil Church: 11.00 am  
Bantry Church: 12noon  
Bantry Church: 7.30pm**

On Thursday 3rd December at 7pm Bru Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton will officially switch on their Christmas Lights and launch their "Sponsor A light" Campaign. Sponsoring a light is a unique gift whereby a light can be sponsored for a loved one. Lights can be sponsored from now until Christmas and will shine throughout the festive season. The switching on of the lights will be performed by Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Chris O'Leary. St. Mary's Choir Pope's Quay will also give a short concert. For further details 021-4345754

It is the beginning of Advent and Trócaire has launched it's Christmas gift range that will directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries. From olive trees for farmers in Palestine (€5/£4) to business support for women in Ethiopia (€250/£200), when you buy a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice. Further info at [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts)

**For those who avail of the blood pressure clinic at the Health Centre, Bantry, apologies, but the December Blood Pressure clinic is cancelled. The next Blood Pressure clinic will be on the 6th January 2016.**

The Glengarriff Theatre Group will be performing the second series of Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs shows at the Glengarriff Parochial Hall on the weekend of Dec. 4, 5 & 6. The shows on Dec. 5 & 6 are sold out but tickets are still available for the show on Friday, December 4 (start time 8pm). Contact John at 087-9460739 to reserve tickets.

Bingo With A Jackpot will be held at Mealagh Valley Hall on Thursday December 3rd. at 8.00P.M. Your Support is Greatly Appreciated. Hall Fundraising Draw and Dancing on Saturday December 5th. from 8.30P.M. Music by Blackwater Sound. There is no Cover Charge and all are most Welcome.

Bantry Hospice: There will be a Coffee Morning held at the Maritime Hotel on Friday 4th December between 10am – 3pm in Aid of Bantry Hospice. All welcome

**Car boot sale this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Kealkil Charity Shop at 1130am. All welcome**

**The Bantry Hospice A.G.M. Will take place on December 14th. 7.30pm in the Maritime hotel. All welcome.**

**Embrace FARM are building a Support Group Network to help farmers and farm families following fatal and non-fatal farm accidents. There will be an Open Information Evening this Sunday, the 29th of November, in Vienna Woods at 8pm. All welcome. Inquiries to [majellaphil@yahoo.com](mailto:majellaphil@yahoo.com)**

#### Carol singing on Whiddy Island

In aid of Bantry Hospice on Sunday the 6th of December. Boats leaving at 2&2.30 from Bantry returning @5.30 & 6. There will also be a raffle for a bumper Christmas hamper .Zenith industries are providing their ferry for the day the price of the ferry which includes a hot drink when you arrive on the island is €10 all funds will go directly to Bantry Hospice Project All support would be greatly appreciated.This will be an outdoor event so wear warm clothes.

**Offertory Collection:** Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22nd Nov:  
Bantry Church: €2168; Kealkil Church:€230;  
Coomhola Church: €175

Sally Ann Fitzgerald, Claire Hayden and the West Cork school of voice will hold a charity concert in aid of Down Syndrome Cork, on Thurs. December 10th 7pm tickets 10euro. St. Brendan's church. Tickets available at door.

#### **SANTALAND**

meet **Santa** in his Grotto and help Mrs. Claus in her kitchen. Play with the elves in their magical snow garden. A photo with Santa and a gift for every child. €6 per child. Express line for babies and toddlers this year. **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Raffle, Bottle Stall, Festive Gifts, Christmas produce, Cakes, Lucky Dip, Lucky Ducks, Games – Crazy golf, Paintball Sharpshooting, Sure shot Santa, Hook Hoopla, Mr. Potato Head Bowling, Frozen snow search, Guess weight of cake and many more! Teas and Coffees **Our Lady of Mercy N.S. Bantry - Sunday 29 November 12.00 – 4.00p.m.** Entry: €2 at the door to include prize draw ticket

**Advent as I Consider the World Situation - God of comfort, these times seem so uncertain, so scary. The world seems darker than it has in the past and I am less sure of myself. Let me not forget all of those around the world who are frightened at this moment. Help those who are victims of terrorism and war.**

**Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to heart the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**