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Parish website: [www.bantryparish.ie](http://www.bantryparish.ie)

### Dates for the Diary:

#### Graveyard Masses

#### Cilléanach Mass:

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**

In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in  
St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry.

#### Whiddy Island Graveyard Mass

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 12noon**

#### Abbey Graveyard

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.**

In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in  
St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry.

### A DAY OF PRAYER

At St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry

On Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>

**14.30-16.00: Eucharistic Adoration  
& Holy Rosary**

**18.15: Holy Mass**

Organised by The Community Prayer Crusade  
(CPC) Europe with the West Cork Filipino  
Community

### First Friday:

There will be Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday,  
7<sup>th</sup> July next, after 10am Mass until  
7.30pm & you are invited to spend an  
hour in adoration

### Died Recently:

We extend our prayers & sympathy to  
the family, relatives & friends of;

**Colette O'Donovan (née Gleeson)  
Dromleigh South, The Snug, Bantry  
& late of Ennis, Co. Clare**

**May she rest in peace**

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

#### Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> July: St. Thomas, Apostle:

**Bantry: 10am: Dan & Sheila O'Shea & deceased  
members of the O'Shea Family - Caher**

#### Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> July: 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

#### St. Elizabeth of Portugal: 1271-1336

**Bantry: 10am:**

**Con & Eileen O'Callaghan – Bantry Bay Hotel**

#### Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> July: 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

**Bantry: 10am: John & Ellen McGrath – Church Road  
Hospital: 5.30pm: Vinnie Walsh, his brother Joe Walsh  
& sister Mary Walsh – Church Road**

#### Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> July: 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

**Bantry: 10am: James Cronin – Tooreen, Coomanore**

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

#### St. Maelruain, Bishop & Abbott:

**Bantry: 10am: Annie & John O'Connell – Tower Hill**

**Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass**

#### Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> July: 13<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:

**Hospital: 10am: Peggy McCarthy - Seskin**

**Bantry: 6.15pm:**

**Tim O'Leary – St. Martins, Newtown East**

#### Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> July: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

**Bantry: 9am : Elizabeth Burke – Glengarriff Road**

**Coomhola: 10am: Johnny Desmond**

**Kealkil: 11am: Neilus Manning – Pearsons Bridge**

**12 noon: People of the Parish**

**Dromclough N.S. re-opens on Friday  
September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9.20am. The school is actively  
seeking new enrolments and would welcome  
new entrants at any time.**

### Recent Parish Baptisms:

**James Davitt Vaughan**

**- Ardnacloughy, Ballylickey, Bantry**

**Michael Robert James Sheehan**

**- Chapel Hill Court, Kealkil**

We welcome them into our Christian Community

**Rotas for Lay Ministers – Bantry Church: 2017 Rotas  
(July-Dec) for Ministers of the Word and the Eucharist  
are now available. Please call to the Sacristy or the  
Parish Office to collect your copy. Thank you.**

**The World Meeting of Families comes to Ireland!** Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Started by Saint John Paul II, and held every three years, this major world event celebrates family as the cornerstone of our lives, and the fundamental building block of society and the Church.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for WMOF2018 is *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*.

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/>

**Cork County Older Peoples Council:** Cork County launched its Age Friendly strategy in April 2016, which aims to make Cork a more Age Friendly County. Older People themselves are an important part of the strategy and we would like to invite you to join our Older Peoples Council to ensure your voice continues to be heard and represented. Nominations are now being sought for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cork County Older Peoples Council (OPC) Executive. If interested in joining please contact Mairead on 021-4285900 or email [Mairead.mccarthy@corkcoco.ie](mailto:Mairead.mccarthy@corkcoco.ie) we encourage community involvement in this project.

**Bantry Blues Ladies Annual Peil Camp:**

Save the date - 31st July to 4th August from 10-1 each day. Suitable for boys and girls aged 4+. Any enquiries to Anne O'Grady on 0876310320

**Offertory Collection:** weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> June:  
**Bantry:€1675; Coomhola:€270; Kealkil:€345.**  
**Peters Pence Special Collection last weekend –**  
**Bantry:€1115; Coomhola:€165; Kealkil:€350**

**Bantry Care for the Aged Ltd** needs new volunteer Cooks for their Meals on Wheels service. Volunteer Drivers are also needed for this vital local service. Can you help by giving just a little of your time each week? Please contact Joe on 086-1717592 for information.

**BANTRY ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION**

In association with Bantry Development & Tourism Association will take place from **FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY – SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**AUGUST 2017.** In the Parochil Hall attached to St. Brendan's Primary School, Wolfe Tone Square, Bantry. Open Daily 10am-6pm) Admission FREE. Information & Entry Forms are available at the Bantry Library. All Artists are invited to Exhibit. For further details contact Eily Andrews, Chairperson, Bantry Art Exhibition. Tel: 50146 or Mary O'Regan-Barsum, Treasurer. Tel:086-2363344

**Michael English & His Band in Concert** appear at Rosscarbery Parish Church Wed 16th August 2017 in Aid of The Parish Hall Restoration Fund. Tickets €25 now on Sale at the usual outlets. Info from Ted at 0871508242. Please note this Concert is selling out very quickly.

**Mealagh valley Community Centre** recently held their annual Flag Day Collection in Bantry Town – We had a great response and collected a total of €1365.80. Thank you so much to all who supported it aswell as to all the volunteers who stood out with buckets.

**Cork ARC Cancer Support House in Bantry** are holding their Church Gate Collection at St Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July 2017. Any contributions are greatly appreciated. Cork ARC Cancer Support House Bantry is a special place for people with cancer and their families from the West Cork and South Kerry area to come for practical help and emotional support Free of Charge. All proceeds from this Church Gate Collection go directly to Cork ARC Cancer Support House in Bantry'.

**July: Month of Our Lord's Precious Blood**

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul in His Blood.

To better understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable. This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin.

*Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen*