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PARKING AT BANTRY CHURCH

An ambulance had great difficulty getting up to the side door of Bantry Church recently when a parishioner became ill. We have been previously advised by a Health & Safety Inspector that the parking situation in Bantry Church at Mass times is a danger to the public.

We cannot allow this situation to continue.

We ask parishioners to please park their cars only in the designated areas and not to block the access around the Church. We ask for your co-operation in this as we will be forced by the authorities to close the church grounds to vehicles of all but the infirm and elderly, if the present parking situation does not improve.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:
LAUNCH OF DIOCESAN PREPARATION
PROGRAMME**

On Thursday 4th May Bishop Buckley will launch the Cork and Ross Diocesan programme of preparation towards this international event being hosted in Ireland year. This launch will coincide with the talk by Fr Timothy Bartlett, the General Secretary for the World Meeting of Families. All are welcome to come to one of these gatherings
2:30pm to 4:00pm Clonakilty Parish Centre.
7:30pm to 9:00pm Blackrock Parish Centre
Details: Sr Karen 021 4537601

Diocesan Priesthood: Come and See afternoon

On Sunday 7th May from 2:30pm to 5:00pm men who are interested in knowing more about the formation, training and life as a Diocesan priest are invited to the Pastoral Development Office in Ballyphehane where there will be priests and students to discuss this vocation and way of life. Contact in confidence: Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537603; Mgr Aidan O'Driscoll 023 8833165; Fr Tom Deenihan

Rosary at the Grotto: For the month of May, each evening at 9pm the rosary will be recited at the grotto outside St Finbarrs Church. Everyone welcome.

Blessing with **First Class relic of St Pio** will take place on Fri May 5th in Sacred Heart Church, Glengarriff. The evening begins with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 1st May: 3rd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am:

Paul O'Shea – Ardnageeha – 1st anniversary

Tues. 2nd May: 3rd week of Easter: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church:

Bantry: 10am: Consolacion Martir

Wed. 3rd May: SS Philip & James, Apostles:

Bantry: 10am:

Gary Sheehan – Castletownbere & Bantry – 3rd anniv.

Hospital: 5.30pm:

Ena McGrath – Newtown East – 5th anniv.

Thurs. 4th May: 3rd week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Owen O'Sullivan - Glencreagh

Friday 5th May: 3rd week of Easter: Bl. Edmund Rice

Bantry: 10am: Ellen Collins (Parade Field) &

Nora O'Donoghue (Gurteenroe)

Bantry: 7.30pm: Shared Mass

Sat. 6th May: 3rd week of Easter:

Hospital: 10am:

Jimmy O'Shea – Caherdaniel West – 2nd anniversary

Kealkil: 10.30am: 1st Holy Communion Mass

Bantry: 6.15pm: Kevin Lynch Snr. – Dromleigh Nth

Sun. 7th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am : Mary Keane - Caherdaniel

Coomhola: 10am: Michael Maguire – Coorycommade, Coomhola

Kealkil: 11am: Michael O'Riordan - Cousane

12 noon: People of the Parish

Died Recently:

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

**Mary Spillane (née Hazel)
Blackrock Road, Bantry**

May she rest in peace

First Friday:

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday, 5th 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

ALIVE free Catholic paper (May edition) available at church porches. Please take one for family members and friends.

DROMCLOUGH N.S. Fundraising Events:

We will be holding a Cake Sale at the Bantry Market on Friday 5th of May from 8-2. We will be holding a fundraising recycling event on Monday 8th of May. Bags can be dropped to the school from 9.30am. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Offertory Collection: weekend of 23rd / 24th April: Bantry:€1620; Coomhola:€225; Kealkil:€330. A *Special collection for Diocesan Needs will take place this weekend, April 29th/30th*

Date for your Diary: St Finbarr's BNS

are holding a "**Captains Couch**" fundraising night in the Westlodge Hotel on Friday May 12th. The night will see Local, National and International Sports Stars being interviewed in groups allowing for fun & interaction. Great night guaranteed. Doors open 7pm. Tickets: €10

Cork County Council's litter challenge runs from May 8th – June 15th. Residential areas in Bantry submitted for judging are **Slip Park (8th - 17th May)**, **St. Caniers Place 22nd – 31st May** and **Slip Grove (6th – 14th June)**. In addition, 6 areas of town will be judged during each judging period as will a service/school area and a stretch adjacent to a green area. This is solely a litter challenge: cigarette butts, paper, cans, coffee cups etc. Tidy Towns would urge everybody to make a special effort in keeping their areas clean of litter. If anybody wishes to clean an area near them please contact Winnie on [0872513732](tel:0872513732) to collect bags, pickers and vests. Our Tuesday clean-up will take place at Hospital Road corner at 7.30pm

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 & through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God & man & 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

Fundraising Bingo to be held at 8pm in Collins Bar on Friday 05th May. All welcome. In aid of Kealkil Parkland, in association with Carriganass Castle.

Spring Station Masses 2017:

Mass for **TOWN AREAS** will be held on Monday, 15th May 2017 at Bantry Church at 7.30pm

Mass for outstanding **BANTRY STATION AREAS** will be held on Tuesday, 16th May at Bantry Church at 7.30pm.

Seskin Lw/Caherdaniel West, Dromclough, Glencreagh, Cahernecrin, Drombroe Derrincaolig, Parkanna, Scart, Gortacloona, Ardra South, Beach, Cappanaloha, Dromreig, Dunbittern, Shanavalla, Dromacusane, Gorteen, Dromclough, Ardihoulihane, Aghagoheen, Coomanore, Glenbanoo, Shandrum, Gortroe, Baurgorm, Milleeney, Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonegan, Goremore, Dromdaniel, Crossoge, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig, Ard na Gaoithe, Whiddy, Ardra North, Derrygrenagh South, Cahergullane, Raheen, Caherdaniel, Derrygreanaugh M & E, Ardnagaoithe Beg

Outstanding Station Areas in Coomhola—Mass in Coomhola Church on Thurs. 18th May at 7.30pm.

Baurnagearagh, Reendesert, Dromcaol, Esknafeelna, Derrycreha, Ardnatrush Beg, Snave, Ardnagashel, Ardnatrush, Dromgarbh, Drograne, Ardnaclooughy, Baurnagearagh, Borlin, Cappadourdil, Cooleenlemane, Coorloun, Corrycomade, yleary, Corran, Derryduv, Dromduv, Farranfada, Inchinagown, Kealanine, Millbeg, Rangeroo

Outstanding Station Areas in Kealkil—Mass at Kealkil Church on Friday 19th May at 7.30pm

Ahil, Ardra, Ards, Ballinamought, Breenybeg, Cahermounteen, Cahermuckee, Cappabui N & S, Carriganass, Coomleigh, Cousane, Cullinagh, Curryglass, Derryfada, Dromsullivan, Geragh, Glounycarney, Gortlachra, Gortnacowley, Inchaclough, Incharoe, Kealkil, Kielnacnappogue, Lacavane, Lahernsheermeen, Leachareigh, Maugha, Maughnaclee, Moularaha, Moulavanig, Moulakieve, Skehana

The Parish dues may be returned on the night

Appeal for unwanted wearable spectacles
Bantry Bay Lions Club will have collection boxes in the Porches of Bantry, Kealkil & Coomhola Churches all day Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May 2017. This is as part of their ongoing recycle for Sight program and worldwide efforts to improve vision of people in developing countries and change their lives.

BantryAC/Fit4Life: Are you a fit walker who would like to try something new? New Walk to Run group starting Monday 8th May. Meet Mondays @The Lodge Leisure Centre @6:45pm. Details on BantryAC Facebook page & posters.