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First Friday: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday, 5th January next, after 10am Mass until 5.30pm & you are invited to spend an hour in adoration.

First Friday Communion Calls: Fr. Martin will make his calls during the coming week. Fr. Sean will make his calls on Friday next.

Shared Mass: The Shared Mass will be at **6.15pm** in January due to the Church Holiday. Please note there will be **NO 7.30pm Mass** for the first Friday of January. If you have names in for the shared Mass please inform families that the Mass time is changed to 6.15pm

Feast of the Epiphany
– Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, 6th January 2018

Bantry: Friday 5th January at **6.15pm**– Vigil Mass

Saturday, 6th January

Coomhola: 10.00 am

Kealkil: 11.00 am

Bantry: 12.00 noon & 7.30 pm

Please note there will be no 10am Mass in the Hospital Chapel on Saturday 6th Jan.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 1st January: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Bantry: 10am:

Paul Joseph O'Mahony- Ardnatrush – 1st anniversary

Tues. 2nd January: Before Epiphany:

Bantry: 10am: John Hanley – Kielnascarta

Wed. 3rd January: Before Epiphany:

Bantry: 10am: Myrna de la Peña

Hospital: 5.30pm: Dan & Peggy O'Shea - Adrigole

Thurs. 4th January: Before Epiphany:

Bantry: 10am: Maura O'Connor – High Street

Friday 5th January: Before Epiphany:

Bantry: 10am:

Joan & Timmy McCarthy – St. Cannaras Place

Bantry: 6.15pm: Vigil Mass (Shared Mass)

Sat. 6th January: The Epiphany of the Lord:

Coomhola: 10am:

Kealkil: 11am

Bantry: 12noon:

Bantry: 6.15pm:

James & Ellen Hegarty – Letterlickey

Dinny & Eileen O'Sullivan -Milleeney & Baurgorm

Sun. 7th January: The Baptism of the Lord:

Bantry: 9am : David Warner

Maureen Minehane – Crowangle, Whiddy Island

Pauline Fawcett O'Connor

Coomhola: 10am: Tade Cadogan – Cooleenlemane

Molly O'Sullivan – Cappadyourdil, Coomhola

Kealkil: 11am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Thank you:

As we look forward to the New Year ahead we remember and thank all of you who have contributed to and participated in the life of Bantry Parish over the past year. We thank you for your prayers, your participation in ministry, and the many different tasks and roles, however small, you take up in the parish. We particularly thank the following people: The Parish Assembly, the Sacristans, the Finance Committee, the Scripture Group, the Parish Secretary, the Eucharistic Ministers & Readers, the collectors & counters, the choirs & cantors, the altar servers, the altar societies, the parish safeguarding officers, the Procession committee & stewards, those who put up the cribs, those who look after the Grottos, those who fold the newsletters, those who cater for meetings/events, those who look after church grounds, the teachers of local primary & secondary schools, those who prepare young people & adults for the Sacraments outside of school times, Bantry Accord personnel & the Gardai.

Sincere thanks also for your financial support in the Christmas collection this year. We very much appreciate your help and support.

The Priests of the Parish would like to wish all the people of Bantry, at home & abroad and especially the sick, a very happy & holy New Year.

Fr. Martin, Fr. Seán & Fr. James

Feast of the Holy Family – Holy Hour

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, 22-26th August 2018, there will be a Holy Hour in the Hospital Chapel on today Sunday 7th January between 3pm & 4pm. This is an opportunity to pray for the wellbeing of all our families in 2018 and for the success of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin.

**God, Our Father,
We are brothers and sisters
in Jesus your Son,
One Family, in the Spirit of your Love.
Bless us with the Joy of Love.**

**Make us Patient and Kind,
Gentle and Generous,
Welcoming to those in Need.
Help us to live your Forgiveness and Peace.**

**Protect all Families with your Loving care,
Increase our Faith, Strengthen our Hope,
Keep us safe in your Love,
Make us always Grateful for
the gift of Live that we share.**

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen
Official Prayer for the World Meeting of Families 2018

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 23rd /24th

December: Bantry - € 1,745; Coomhola - €290; Kealkil - €315. Special collection for Diocesan needs will take place on January 20th & 21st.

2018 Parish Calendars are available at the Church Porches. Please take one for your home and for your family & friends.

BANTRY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND. 8TH – 16TH OCTOBER, 2018. EX CORK AIRPORT. COST: €1635.00. BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

2018 Rotas (Jan-June) for Ministers of the Word & the Eucharist are now available. Please call to the Sacristy or the Parish Office to collect your rota. Thank you. We ask that all Ministers arrange a sub if you cannot attend on your scheduled day

Lourdes Pilgrimage: The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th September 2018 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the ‘Agena Hotel’. 2018 is the 160th anniversary of the Apparition. Spiritual Director: Canon Martin O’Driscoll. Booking forms & Details available in the Parish office

Anam Cara West Cork, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 9th of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork. Anam Cara West Cork offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can ‘drop the mask’ and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

UCC Mature Student/QQI/FE (FETAC) CAO Information Evening

Wednesday 10 January, 6.00 p.m., Lecture Theatre Boole 1 (beside the Boole Library). Relevant for anyone making a CAO application or contemplating same. Personal Statement, budgeting, fees and finance, etc. All welcome

January: Month of the Holy Name & Divine Child

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain”, we are told in the second commandment. January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. The feast of the Holy Name originated in the 1500s and was formerly celebrated on the second Sunday of Epiphany. This devotion is rich with the addition of an indulgence, but honouring the name of Jesus is rich with blessings.

The devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus has been traditionally associated with the month of January, due to its celebration on January 3rd. The name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name is all-powerful because of the Person who bears it; we honour it because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: ". . . at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil. 2:10). In our broken world we are only too aware of the reality of the abuse of the Holy name. By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name.

Because of the feasts in January which pertain to Christ's infancy and childhood, January has also become a month dedicated to the Holy Childhood of Jesus.

May the Holy name of Jesus be always respected on our lips in our hearts and lives.