

**BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER  
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

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

**Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> January: Before Epiphany:**

**Bantry: 10am Deceased members of the McCoy & Gallagher Families**

**Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> January: Before Epiphany:**

**Bantry: 10am Timmy & Joan McCarthy – St. Canners Place**

**Bantry: 6.15pm Canon John O'Donovan**

**Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> January: The Epiphany of the Lord:**

**Coomhola: 10am: Kealkil: 11am:**

**Bantry: 12noon: Bantry: 7.30pm**

**Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Bantry: 10am Jerry O'Donovan – Boston Bar**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Bantry: 10am: Victims of the Betelgeuse Disaster**

**Kealkil: 7.30pm: Kitty Collins – Kealkil**

**Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Hospital: 10am:**

**David Warner & Pauline Fossett-O'Connor**

**Bantry: 6.15pm:**

**Christy Crowley – Beach – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary**

**Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> January: The Baptism of the Lord:**

**Bantry: 9am:**

**Jeremiah Collins (Parade Field) & Denis O'Donoghue (Gurteenroe)**

**Coomhola: 10am:**

**Sheila Bevan - Snave**

**Kealkil: 11am:**

**Jack O'Mahony - Gortloughera**

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

**Feast of the Epiphany**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Mass schedule**

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Bantry: 6.15pm – Vigil Mass**

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Coomhola: 10.00 am**

**Kealkil: 11.00 am**

**Bantry: 12.00 noon**

**Bantry: 7.30 pm**

**MUSINGS**

Today's Entrance Antiphon recalls: 'when peaceful silence lay over all ... the all-powerful Word leaped down from heaven'. This image of the Word of God enthusiastically 'leaping' into the human condition was a favourite among early Christian writers. Ambrose of Milan once wrote: 'He came into this world in a kind of leap. He was with the Father, he came into a virgin, and from a virgin he bounded into a manger. He was in a manger ... he went down into the Jordan and up onto the cross, he went down to the tomb, rose up from the tomb, and sits at the right hand of the Father'.

Salvador Ryan. St Patrick's College, Maynooth

**Parish Calendar**

**2016 Parish Calendars are available at the Church Porches. Please take one for your home and for your family & friends.**

**Died Recently:**

**We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of:-**

**Maureen O'Mahony,  
Treinamaddree, Ballylickey**

**Noel O'Sullivan,  
Slip Park, Bantry**

**May they Rest in Peace.**

**Offertory Collection:**

Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> Dec:

Bantry Church: €1,600;  
Kealkil Church:€360;  
Coomhola Church: €280

**Dates for your Diary**

Sun, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1<sup>st</sup> Feb: Feast of St Brigid

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Feast of the Presentation of The Lord.  
Blessing of candles at Mass.

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats.

10<sup>th</sup> Feb: Ash Wednesday

**Rotas for Ministers:**

2016 Rotas (January-June) for Ministers of the Word and the Eucharist are now available.

We would be grateful if all Ministers would call to the Sacristy or the Parish Office to collect them.

**West Cork Carers Group this year are celebrating the New Year with two parties!**

All Carers are warmly invited to join us on: Thursday 21st January for dinner in Glengarriff, from 7.00 pm and/ or Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January for lunch in Skibbereen from 12.30pm. To book-Contact: 027 53848.

**Ceremony of Commitment:**

At all the Masses next weekend the young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in April, will take part in a ceremony of commitment, which will include the renewal of our baptismal promises.

**Spring Station Masses 2016**

**It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2016 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 (56398) to arrange a date.**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016**

**The Bantry Parish & Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'.**

**Spiritual Director: Fr. Martin Keohane**

**Booking forms available at Parish Office**

**Mass Cards from the Parish Office**

Due to an increase in cost prices, from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, the cost of Mass Cards sold in the Parish Office will go up to €2 each.