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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 5th December: 2nd week of Advent:

Bantry:10am: Kathleen Cronin – Coomanore

Tues. 6th December: 2nd week of Advent: St. Nicholas

Bantry:10am: Nessa McCarthy - Newtown

Wed. 7th December: 2nd week of Advent:

St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church

Bantry:10am: Eileen Harrington - Drimoleague

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Cornie & Mary O'Driscoll – Gilhooleys Terrace

Thurs. 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Coomhola:10am:

Sean & Catherine Healy – Corran, Coomhola

Kealkil: 11am: The O'Reilly Family - Kealkil

Bantry: 12 noon:

Eileen O'Sullivan – Shountellig, Dunbeacon

Bantry: 7.30pm: Maisie McCarthy – St. Cannaras Place – 8th anniversary

Friday 9th December: 2nd week of Advent:

Bantry:10am: Kathleen Cronin – Coomanore North

Kealkil: 7.30pm: John & Patrick O'Sullivan - Gortnacowley

Bantry: 12 noon:

Eileen O'Sullivan – Shountellig, Dunbeacon

Bantry: 7.30pm: Maisie McCarthy – St. Cannaras Place – 8th anniversary

Sat. 10th December: 2nd week of Advent:

Hospital: 10am: Daniel Burke - Derryvahalla

Bantry: 6.15pm: Donal McCarthy - Seafield

Sun. 11th December: Third Sunday of Advent:

Bantry: 9am: John P. McCarthy - Scartbawn

Coomhola: 10am:

Dan & Annie Murphy - Dromdubh

Patrick & Elizabeth Holland - Kealanine

Kealkil: 11am: Catherine O'Rourke - Incharoe

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 8th December

- Holy Day of Obligation

**Bantry Church: Vigil Mass at 6.15pm on
Wednesday 7th December**

**(Please note there will be no Mass in the Hospital
Chapel on Weds. 7th December)**

Thursday 8th December

Coomhola Church: 10.00am

Kealkil Church: 11.00 am

Bantry Church: 12noon

Bantry Church: 7.30pm

**'Christmas Mass at Derrycreha National
School Wednesday 14th December 2016 at
10am. All are Welcome'**

Died Recently:

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

Martin Buckley - Ardnatrush, Bantry

May he Rest in Peace.

Cork priest Fr Bernard Cotter has co-written a book on parish life, called "How to Survive Working in a Catholic Parish". Members of pastoral councils or assemblies will find it very helpful, as will parish volunteers and those thinking of helping out. The book is on sale in Veritas, Carey's Lane, Cork for €15.95 or you can order it from the publishers on-line at www.rpbooks.co.uk for £12.95 (you can also see a sample chapter on that website). Or directly on frbernard@eircom.net

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Joseph Timothy Whooley

Ardra, Scart, Bantry

&

Siún Eileen Ní Shuilleabháin

Friars Walk, Cork City

We welcome them into our Christian Community

St. Vincent de Paul Appeal

St. Vincent de Paul Bantry will hold its annual Christmas Appeal collection at all churches next weekend 10th and 11th December. Your generosity is much appreciated as it helps greatly in our endeavours to help those in need.

December Devotion:

December is dedicated to Advent and the coming of Christ the Divine child. This refers to the preparation for the celebration of remembering Christ's birth 2000 years ago, but also the prayerful, spiritual preparation for the second and final coming of the Lord. Also this Month is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first moment of her conception, by a singular privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and hers, was preserved from all stain of original sin. This age-old belief of the Church was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 as an article of revealed truth. Mary was in need of redemption and she was uniquely redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

The annual Ecumenical Community Service of Lessons and Carols is once again being held in St. Brendan's Church of Ireland on Sunday 18th December at 8pm. Singers from St Finbarr's, Bantry; Sacred Heart Church, Glengarriff; and St Brendan's, Bantry will be taking part and congregational carols will be aplenty. Many people consider this beautiful service to be the start of their Christmas. Come and join us and make it a part of yours!"

St Colum's GAA club are hosting their AGM

on Sunday the 4th of December, in St Colum's hall, @ 4:30pm sharp. All members urged to attend. The club would like to take this opportunity to thank any officers who are stepping down from their position this year, for all their help & endless time they have given to the club.

Christmas 45 Progressive Card Drive at Mealagh Hall on Saturday December 10th. at 9.00 P.M. Sharp. This is a €15 Game Per Person. A Raffle will also be held and Prizes will include Cash. Complimentary Refreshments will also be served. All are Most Welcome. We Greatly Appreciate Your Continued Support During 2016. Gods Blessing on Each of You for Christmas & the New Year.

Santa comes to McGees in Kealkill village on Friday the 9th Dec From 7pm to 8.30pm. €5 per child and family of three and over €4 per child including on the night free face painting, mulled wine, finger food. Good fun Hampers and prizes to be won in our raffles. All are welcome. All proceeds raised goes to Bantry hospice and care for the age. Contact eleanor at 0868658212

Kealkill village lighting of Christmas Tree will take place on Thursday 8th December at 7pm. Bingo to follow at 8pm in Collins Bar. Raffle prizes. All welcome. In aid of Kealkill Parkland, in association with Carriganass Castle.

This year St Finbarr's Boys School are holding their Christmas Variety Show in the Westlodge Hotel on Dec. 7th. We are hoping to attract Family & friends of the School and beyond to enjoy a night of Music Song & Christmas Performances by the Children. Admission on the night is €5 for adults and €2 for children. Fundraiser for the School.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 2nd November from 19:30 to 21:00 in Brú Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Enrolment is now open for Early Childhood Care and Education, QQI Level 5 which will commence in Colaiste Pobáil Bheanntaí, in Jan. 2017. This course will be run on a part-time basis, over two years leading to a Major Award in Early Childhood Education. The first two modules to be run are Early Childhood Education and Play, 5N1773 and Children with Additional Needs 5N2396. Courses will commence on Tues. 10th & Thurs. 12th January 2017, for a period of 12 weeks, costing €200 per module. Email adulteducationcpb@gmail.com

**Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat
– 16th to 18th December 2016**

Date: 16th to 18th December 2016

Venue: Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

Cost: Donation only (The retreat costs Youth 2000 €50 per person. If you genuinely cannot afford this, we ask that you donate what you can afford. Do not let money be an obstacle for you attending this retreat). Ages: 16 – 35 year olds.

This promises to be a special retreat!!

Launch of Information Booklet for People Bereaved by Suicide.

On Thursday December 8th, the HSE in partnership with local community organisations will launch a booklet, *Lighting the Way, West Cork: an information resource to support people who are bereaved by suicide*, at 12.30 - 2.00 in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry. The booklet contains information about supports that can be accessed both nationally & locally in the aftermath of a suicide, how to make contact with services and what to expect when you do. The launch is open to the public and all are welcome.

Offertory Collection: Weekend 26th / 27th November:
Bantry: €1698; Coomhola €210; Kealkil €305.

The Bantry Hospice Committee AGM on Tuesday December 13th at 7.30pm in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry. All are welcome

Gaelscoil Bheanntaí will be holding their annual Christmas Craft Fair on 6th December between 6:00 and 8:00. Admission is FREE. Children can visit Daidí na Nollag for €5.00 and this includes entry to Santa's Grotto and present, activities and a picture taken with the man himself. Lots of crafts, home baking and fun activities for the children on the night. We have some fabulous prizes donated to us for the popular Wheel of Fortune which is a big attraction on the night.

Bantry Lifeboat Christmas Carol Concert

taking place on Saturday 10th December at 8pm in Bantry House. Kick off the festive season with this rousing sing along of all your favourite carols. Enjoy mulled wine & mince pies & be in with a chance to win one of the many great raffle prizes

KEALKIL COMMUNITY ALERT GROUP WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU, THE OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, TO THEIR FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS SOCIAL. IT WILL BE HELD IN COLLINS BAR KEALKIL ON SUNDAY , DECEMBER 11TH AFTER 11 O'CLOCK MASS.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED & THERE WILL BE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT. A GREAT COUPLE OF HOURS OF FUN & LAUGHTER GUARANTEED. PLEASE COME ALONG AFTER MASS. TRANSPORT CAN BE PROVIDED IF REQUIRED. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL