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### Dates for your Diary

**Children's Mass:** The 9.00am Mass on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> will be a special Children/Family Mass. A special invitation is extended to all children and families.

### **Celebration for Ministers of the Eucharist and Word in the Parish:**

We invite all Ministers of the Eucharist and Word of the parish, past present and future, to a celebration in the Westlodge Hotel on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm. This evening will be an opportunity to get together, to chat and be thanked by the parish for your vital contribution to the parish. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you all there and please encourage anyone you know who might like to become a minister to come along.

### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. World Day of the Sick:

The Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) will be administered during the **6.15pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** in St. Finbarr's Church. All who might be in need of the Sacrament are invited to receive it.

### Ash Wednesday – February 14<sup>th</sup>:

#### Day of Fast & Abstinence: Start of Lent

<u>Mass Times</u>	10.00am	Bantry
	11.30am	Kealkil
	5.30pm	Hospital Chapel

There will be a Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola at 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday.

### Mass Schedule for Lent

There will be **Mass at 8am in the Hospital Chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 5.30pm on Wednesdays & 10am on Saturdays during Lent.**

As usual there will be weekday 10am morning Mass and evening **Mass at 7.30pm** on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Bantry Church during Lent.

Mass in Kealkil will be at 7.30pm on Fridays (except the First Friday of March). Any of these Masses can be booked for the intentions of a deceased loved one.

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

#### Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> February: 5<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: James Flynn - London

#### Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> February: 5<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: John & Molly Scully - Kealkil

#### Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> February: 5<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: John & Jane Kelly - Scart

Hospital: 5.30pm: Special Intention

#### Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> February: 5<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Maureen O'Mahony- Traenamaddree

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Michael O'Riordan - Cousane

Kealkil: May Cronin – Lahern, Ballylickey

#### Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> February: 5<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am: Con Keane - Kealkil

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Mickey O'Donoghue – Tower Street

#### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bantry: 9am Pat Murnane – Letterlickey

Hannie Murnane – Letterlickey

Pat O'Sullivan – Dunmanway

Susan O'Donoghue – Scart Road – 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Coomhola: 10am: Michael Healy & Cornelius Healy –

Corran, Coomhola

Mary Harrington – Cooryleary, Coomhola

Kealkil: 11am:

Pat Joe & Mary O'Connor - Dromore

Pat & Lil O'Connor - Curramore

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

### Date for your Diary:

Following from the recent initiative of the "Rosary on the Coast", we are encouraged to gather at our Mass Rocks to pray for the preservation of life and family in our country. On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:30pm we will gather at the Mass Rock at Beach to pray the

rosary. For more information;

[www.costalrosaryireland.ie/](http://www.costalrosaryireland.ie/)

### Stations of the Cross for Lent:

There will be Stations of the Cross in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry after the 6.15pm Vigil Mass during Lent.

**Dromclough N.S. ENROLMENT DAY  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14th  
10am-2.30pm**

**Dromclough N.S. is a mixed, rural National school.  
We are a child-centred, family friendly school.  
Phone: 027- 50868.  
Email: drumcloughns.ias@eircom.net**

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service**  
Are hosting an information evening in the Westlodge Hotel, Bantry on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm. Accord are looking for people who would be interested in being involved in facilitating Accord Marriage Preparation Courses in the Bantry area.

**Please note this meeting is NOT a pre-marriage course.**

Survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer, their families and friends are welcome to a SURVIVORSHIP MEETING in the Clayton Hotel Cork City at 5.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. This meeting is to discuss the health concerns and long-term follow-up of survivors. For info.-Patricia McColgan at 086 2532819 or [info@cancare4living.ie](mailto:info@cancare4living.ie). [www.cancare4living.ie](http://www.cancare4living.ie) or Julianne Byrne:041 9836041: [admin@boyneresearch.ie](mailto:admin@boyneresearch.ie). [www.boyneresearch.ie](http://www.boyneresearch.ie)

**MACROOM PROLIFE (PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF THE UNBORN).** A meeting will be held in The Castle Hotel Macroom on Friday 9th February at 7.30 pm on the forthcoming referendum on the 8th Amendment. A national canvass is underway and speakers will include Alan Daveron (Renua) and Joe Walsh who have travelled nationwide promoting awareness on the importance of the 8th Amendment. They will speak on what needs to be done to save the 8th Amendment in our Constitution. We encourage as many people as possible to attend at this critical time.

**Please take a Trocaire Box this Lent.**

**Trocaire Boxes / Envelopes can be collected at the Church Porches next weekend.**

With the support of people in Ireland, Trócaire will deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million people in crisis this year.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 443 4510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

**Cake Sale in Aid of Kealkil St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place in Collins Bar, Kealkil after 11am Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February.**

**St Colum's GAA Hurling & Football Club:** Registration takes place on Sunday the 11th of February from 11am - 1pm in St Colum's hall. Registration is compulsory for all players & trainers.

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**-Pilgrimage to San Giovanni, Pietrelcina, Rome Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2018**

**Direct Flight Dublin to Bari / Rome to Dublin (Return Coach from Cork to Dublin included)  
For details contact: Premier Travel, 2 Grand Parade, Daunt's Square, Cork  
Tel: 021 - 427 77 00  
Email: [norardy@premiertravel.ie](mailto:norardy@premiertravel.ie)**

**Offertory Collection:** Weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January: Bantry - €1550; Coomhola - €315; Kealkil - €335.

**Parish Maintenance Fund:** We will have a second collection at all Masses on this weekend, February 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> to help pay the costs of ongoing repairs. We very much appreciate your generosity in contributing to all Parish collections. Thank you.

**February: Month of the Holy Family:** Because of Christmas we know that Jesus was born into the Holy Family of Nazareth. The month of February is traditionally dedicated to honor the Holy Family. It bridges the seasons of Christmas and Easter. There is a time of transition between the events of Christ's birth and the beginning of His public ministry. At this time the Church holds up the Holy Family as the example to be more closely followed in our Christian family life. As Pope Benedict said in 2006; *"The Holy Family is truly the prototype of every Christian family"*.

The reason for this seems due to the feast of; "The Presentation of the Lord," celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. God wishes to show the world a family as a perfect model of domestic life, and of all virtue and holiness. Young and old can look to the Holy Family and see in them an example on which to model our lives.

Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by You into everlasting dwellings: who live and reign world without end. Amen.