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Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Christopher Laurits Jakobsen O'Shea
– Slip Lawn, Bantry**

Hannah O'Sullivan – Beach, Bantry

**Eoin Richard Harrington –
Quarryvale, Drimoleague**

**We welcome them into our Christian
Community**

CAPPABUE N.S. OPEN DAY for new pupils has been rescheduled for Friday 16th March 2018 from 2 to 3p.m. All welcome.

The Pro Life Campaign will have a speaker at all Masses in Bantry Parish this weekend, 3rd & 4th March.

Spring Station Masses 2018:

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2018 during March & April. If you are thinking of hosting the Spring Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (tel. 56398)

**Months Mind Mass for Fr. Joe Spillane, RIP, has been re-scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 15th March in Kealkil Church.
All welcome**

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 5th March: 3rd week of Lent:

Hospital : 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: Maura Collins - Scart

Tues. 6th March: 3rd week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: Michael Dooley - Athy

Bantry: 7.30pm: The O'Mahony Family - Ards

Wed. 7th March: 3rd week of Lent:

Bantry: 10am: Jerome & Winnie Cotter - Seskin

Hospital: 5.30pm: John Keohane (Slip Lawn & Drinagh) &

deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family - Cahermore

Thurs. 8th March: 3rd week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: Declan Cronin – High Street

Bantry: 7.30pm: Margaret, Jer, John & Diarmuid O'Mahony - Castlehaven

Friday 9th March: 3rd week of Lent:

Hospital: 8am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 10am: James McGlinchey – Reenrour East

Kealkil: 7.30pm: People of the Parish

Sat. 10th March: 3rd week of Lent:

Hospital: 10am:

John & Olive O'Neill – Millbrook Lawn

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Esther Lyons – Loughadeveen & Cork

Joe Keane – Glengarriff Road – Months Mind

Sun. 11th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Bantry: 9am: Eileen Minehane – Dromleigh South

Maura Daly – Chapel Street

Coomhola: 10am:

Harry & Mary O'Leary - Inchinagown

Kealkil: 11am:

Helena (Nellie) Lynch – Maughnaclea – 20th anniv.

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Died Recently: We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of:

**Kathleen O'Sullivan – (nee Hodnett)
- Scart Road, Bantry & formerly Goleen**

**Donie (Daniel J.) O'Regan
- Droumaclarig, Bantry**

**Ena McGuirk (nee O'Donovan)
Dromleigh, Bantry & formerly of Kenmare
May they rest in peace**

BANTRY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND. 8TH – 16TH OCTOBER, 2018. EX CORK AIRPORT. COST: €1635.00. BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. Just 12 places now left.

Aer Lingus / Tuskar Rock Airplane Crash 50th Anniversary Mass on 25th March 2018 at 12 noon Church of the Assumption Ballyphehane, Cork. All Welcome

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in The Maritime Hotel, 3pm – 5pm & 7pm – 9pm Thursday 8th March 2018

Rally in Dublin to Save the 8th Amendment

**Date: Saturday March 10th
Rally commencing at 2.00pm
Coach will leave Bantry Square at 7.00am
Early booking is strongly advised.
Contact: Catherine Manning (083-8928299) or Gene Buckley (085-2146982)**

MUSINGS

'No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love. This is a never-ending vocation born of the full communion of the Trinity, the profound unity between Christ and his Church, the loving community which is the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the pure fraternity existing among the saints of heaven. Our contemplation of the fulfilment which we have yet to attain also allows us to see in proper perspective the historical journey which we make as families, and in this way to stop demanding of our interpersonal relationships a perfection, a purity of intentions and a consistency which we will only encounter in the Kingdom to come. It also keeps us from judging harshly those who live in situations of frailty. All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse.' **Pope Francis Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love), 325**

Annual Cancer Fundraiser: The annual fundraiser will be held in the former Super Valu Store, New Street, Bantry from Tuesday March 27th to Sunday April 08th. The proceeds will be divided equally between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect and Palliative Care West Cork, c/o Bantry Hospital. Enquiries to Nora Cremin (027) 51276.

West Cork Rapid Response Quiz on Fri 23rd March at 8.30pm all over West Cork. It would be much appreciated if you could organise one for your area in your club/pub/hall/nursing home or community. Funds needed for medical emergency kits for 12 volunteer responders working with Dr. Jason van der Velde. Please contact Betty 087 2414787 or email: katecrowley224@gmail.com to book your quiz and thank you."

**Offertory Collection: Weekend of 24th/25th Feb:
Bantry - €1680; Coomhola - €315; Kealkil - €440.**

A Special Collection for Irish Bishops Commissions will be taken up on March 10th/ 11th. Lourdes Invalid Fund will be taken up on March 24th/25th. Thank you for your generous support.

GROW World Community Mental Health Movement in Ireland.

A four week Introductory Programme entitled *Getting to Know Grow* begins on Monday 5th March at 8pm in the Dromleigh Resource Centre, Bantry. Everybody welcome to attend.
Please see Church notice boards for more information or contact Jerry at 086-0271990

Coming Soon - Lip Sync Battle In aid of Bantry Hospice and Cork ARC Cancer Support House.

If you wish to be a participant in this fun event and support these two local organisations, who do such great work in West Cork, please contact 027 50077 or 085 1743970 or email to lipsyncbantry@gmail.com

Lourdes 2018–Young Adult Helpers. The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18-25 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes. Closing date for applicants is 28th February 2018. Contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021-4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: charliekiely@gmail.com

Bantry Macra will be holding their annual charity 6K fun run/walk on the 11th of March with all proceeds going to the West Cork service "Cork ARC" Cancer Support House. Registration is at 12.30 outside the Westlodge with the race starting at 1pm. All are welcome to participate €10 euro for all entrants over 14 years. Under 14's free