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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 6th July: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am – Timothy O’Leary – Newtown East

Tues. 7th July: 14th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: James Downey - Droumduv

Wed. 8th July: 14th Week in Ordinary Time:

**Bantry: 10am Con & Eileen O’Callaghan –
Bantry Bay Hotel**

Hospital Chapel:

5.30pm Neilie Johnson – Gilhooley Terrace

Thurs. 9th July: 14th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Eamonn O’Leary – Scart Road

Friday 10th July: 14th Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am : Mary Milner - Newtown

Kealkil: Kitty & Danny O’Sullivan - Gortnacowley

Sat. 11th July: St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron Europe:

Hospital: 10am: Kathleen Corridan – Church Road

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Michael Thornton – Durrus &
Tipperary**

Sun. 12th July: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am Elizabeth Burke – Glengarriff Road

**Coomhola: 10am: Jeremiah. & Katie Lucey –
Courloun**

**Kealkil: 11am Tim Joe Murphy – Maughnaclea,
Kealkil**

Bantry: 12noon People of the Parish

Sr. Geraldine Henry DC of the **Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul** has written to sincerely thank the people of Bantry Parish for their warm welcome & support when they visited the Parish recently. A total of €4,687 was raised to go directly to the sisters in Africa for people who are poor and marginalised.

First Class Relics of Saint Pope John Paul II and other precious relics will be on display in St. Finbarr’s Church on Friday evening July 24th.

Full details in coming bulletins.

THE DEEP END • ‘WHAT IS THIS WISDOM?’

Can you think of a time when someone returned home after a life-changing experience, full of enthusiasm, and the response of the locals was mixed: ‘Who do they think they are?’ Perhaps it was you who had changed in some way, experienced a conversion or a new outlook on life and suddenly you were surrounded by the people who know you deeply and who are struggling to accept your new found wisdom. Often when these experiences happen, our family and friends do us a favour. They keep our feet on the ground and bring us on a journey back to everyday life. Like Jesus, we too can be amazed that this ‘wisdom’ is not shared by those around us. We should never crush the dreams or visions of others, but sometimes it is useful to keep one foot in reality while trying to achieve our dreams in small steps. Today, it is also worth asking how we treat our modern day prophets? Prophets are controversial, they swim against the tide; they tell people things that they don’t want to hear; they try to encourage change and transformation. They can be extremely unpopular. Can you think of one modern-day prophet who may be calling you to something different, to something greater, even if it is uncomfortable? We will always learn something, even if our viewpoint doesn’t change. We should challenge ourselves to listen, to grow. How often has Jesus come to us in the form of someone we know very well, but we did not recognise him?

Jane Mellett (Email janemellett@yahoo)

Graveyard Masses:

There will be Mass at the Abbey Graveyard on Tuesday, 4th August at 7.30pm.
In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry.

Cilléanach Mass:

Tuesday, 28th July at 7.30pm
In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry.

Whiddy Graveyard Mass

Saturday 29th August. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at Whiddy Island Graveyard.

Pope Francis has asked us all to pray for the upcoming Synod of Bishops taking place in Rome next October.

Prayer for the Synod on the Family

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
In you we contemplate
The splendour of true love,**

We turn to you with confidence.

**Holy Family of Nazareth,
Make our families, also,
Places of communion and cenacles of prayer,
Authentic schools of the Gospel,
And little domestic Churches.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth
May our families never more experience
Violence, isolation, and division:
May anyone who was wounded or scandalized
Rapidly experience consolation and healing.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth,
May the upcoming Synod of Bishops
Re-awaken in all an awareness
Of the sacred character and inviolability of the family,
Its beauty in the project of God.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Hear and answer our prayer. Amen.**

Autumn Stations 2015

We hope to have Autumn Station Masses from 17th August to 31st October this year. Please contact the Parish Office on tel. 56398 to arrange a date.

Offertory Collection:

Bantry: Weekend 27th/28th June: €1927

Special collection for Peter's Pence last weekend:

Bantry Parish: €1985

Special collection for Diocesan needs will take place on the weekend of July 11th & 12th

First Light – Supporting Suddenly Bereaved Parents and Families – regardless of the age of the child and the circumstances of death. All services provided by professional and qualified staff and free of charge to all users. For further information contact 01-8732711 or email info@firstlight.ie

45 PROGRESSIVE CARD DRIVE AT MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL ON SATURDAY JULY 11th. AT 9.30P.M.. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED.

St Colum's Gaa club are hosting an Independence Day Race night, with a FREE BBQ starting off **at 8:30pm on Saturday night** next **the 4th of July** in the Ouvane Falls, Ballylickey. It is sure to be a night not to be missed!!

Bantry Blues GAA Cul Camp is running in Bantry GAA park from 6th – 10th July. The camp is open to all boys and girls from 6-13 years, from 10am – 2.30pm. For registration please come to the park tomorrow Monday 6th at 9.30am. For more information call 086 3268978.

Died Recently:

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

**Mary O'Sullivan (née Holland)
New York & Glencreagh Bantry
May she rest in peace**

The Olden Way Weekend takes place on Whiddy Island on 11 & 12 July.

On Saturday 11th July a panel of islanders will tell the story and answer questions on their life experiences of growing up on the island and the island history event starts @ 2.30 boats leaving @ 1, 1.30 & 2.00.

On Sunday 12th boats will leave Bantry @ 11.30am for a guided historical walk. There will be old time dancing starting @ 3.30pm.

The Bantry Bay Lions and the Hibernian Antiques Group will be hosting an Antique and Art Show and Sale at the West Lodge Hotel on Saturday and Sunday July 11 and 12 from 11am to 6pm each day. There will also be a Roadshow from 9.30am to 12.30pm each day where you can bring antiques for evaluation by experts for €5 per item. Monies raised will be donated to the Lions Charity fund.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Ronan Mortimer Hodnett
(Droumleigh South, Bantry),**

**Hayley Jane McCarthy
(Cappabue North, Bantry)**

We welcome them into our Christian Community

West Cork Carers Support Group is hosting '**How to Grow and maintain your Wellbeing**' on Saturday 18th July in Skibbereen from 10.00am to 2.30pm (including lunch)

The course will focus on:

- What is holistic wellbeing,
- 5 universal elements of wellbeing,
- personal action planning,
- the difference that wellbeing makes
- understanding our thinking

Cost: €15 per Carer

All Carers welcome. **Booking essential.**

Call 027 53848 or westcorkcarers@eircom.net

Bantry Care for the Aged would like to thank all those who attended the Charity Day at Wisemans Gardens, Durrus. A total of €1,500 was raised for our new house in Ard Mhuire. Thanks to the Wiseman family for their generous hospitality and thanks to all those who donated spot prizes for the raffles, baked and helped in any way to make the day a success. We in BCA are most grateful.