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Abbey Graveyard Mass

Tuesday, 8th August at 7.30pm.

In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry.

**Mass Schedule for 15th August
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Monday 14th August – Vigil Mass
Bantry Church – 6.15pm**

Tuesday 15th August – Holy Day

10am Coomhola

12 noon Bantry

3pm Kilmacomogue

(Mass in Kealkil Church
in the event of bad weather)

7.30pm Beach Mass Rock

(Mass in Bantry Church
in the event of bad weather)

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Lourdes is a place of universal meeting and sharing, prayer and celebration of life. Lying in the foothills of the Pyrenees, the small town of Lourdes is famous for the Marian Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858. It is the largest Catholic pilgrimage destination in Europe, which is known as a place that offers hope and consolation to all who are in need of healing and peace.

The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th September 2017 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'.
Spiritual Director: Canon Martin Keohane P.P. **Booking forms:** Available in the Parish Office, St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry, or see Church porches for details.

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 7th August: 18th week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Denis Sugrue – Slough, UK & late of Glengarrif Road – 1st anniversary

Tues. 8th August: 18th week in Ordinary Time: St. Dominic, Priest, a Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) :

Bantry: 10am: Dr. T.P. O'Connor & Dr. Rex O'Connor
7.30pm: Mass in the Abbey Graveyard

Wed. 9th August: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe:

Bantry: 10am: Maria O'Sullivan – Gortloughera, Kealkil
Hospital: 5.30pm:

Christy & Nellie, John & Joan O'Sullivan - Adrigole

Thurs. 10th August: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr:

Bantry: 10am: Con & John Cronin – Blackrock Road

Friday 11th August: 18th week in Ordinary Time:

St. Clare, born at Assisi in 1193, followed St. Francis:

Bantry: 10am: Donal Hyde – Slip Park
Kealkil: 7.30pm: Alan Manning - Carriganass

Sat. 12th August: 18th week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am: Barry O'Sullivan – Seskin Park

Bantry: 6.15pm: Tommy O'Sullivan – Georges Row

Sun. 13th August: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am : Breda, Michael, Eileen & Sheila O'Leary – Church Road and Whiddy

Coomhola: 10am: John O'Flynn – Coorloun West

Kealkil: 11am: Mary O'Sullivan & Timothy O'Sullivan – The Rise, Bishopstown & Ballinamought, Kealkil

12 noon: People of the Parish

Died Recently:

We extend our prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of;

Sheila Goggin (née Cronin)

Reenrour East & formerly of Donemark, Bantry

**Margaret (Peggy) O'Sullivan (née McCarthy)
Ardnatrush, Glengarriff**

**Elizabeth (Liz) O'Sullivan (née O'Donoghue)
Rooska, Bantry**

May they rest in peace

Autumn Station Masses 2017

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Autumn 2017 beginning after 15th August & continuing through the months of September & October.

If you are thinking of hosting the Autumn Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (56398) to arrange a date.

Autumn Station Masses 2017

Saturday August 19th @ 11am

**The O'Sullivan Family –
Moulavanig, Cahirmuckee**

Adult Day Courses in Coláiste Pobail Bhéantraí
Enrolment is now open for our full-time QQI Level 5 courses in Office Administration, Healthcare Support and Nursing Studies which commence in September 2017 and run to June 2018, Monday to Thursday from 8.50 am to 2.25 pm and on Friday from 8.50 am to 1.05 pm. Each course is approved for ETB Grant Applicants and VTOS places.

Offertory Collection: weekend of 29th / 30th July:
Bantry:€1695; Coomhola:€335; Kealkil:€328.

Parish Maintenance Fund: We will have a second collection at all Masses on the weekend September 9th & 10th to help pay the costs of the roof renovation works. We very much appreciate your generosity in contributing to all collections in the parish. Thank you.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Isla Rose Kelly

- Quincy, Massachusetts, USA

Evan Eiley Thomas

- Torrance Blvd, Los Angeles, USA

We welcome them into our Christian Community

Attention all 18-35 year olds – Youth 2000

Join over 1,000 other young Irish people for the magnificent Summer Festival Weekend in Roscrea, Co. Tipp from August 17-20th. Loads of *great craic, excellent speakers, inspiring workshops & talks, fantastic music, group activities, youth Masses, adoration, reconciliation, prayer, drama, games....and plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!!* Free return buses from Cork. Go to www.youth2000.ie for more info or call **01 6753690**. **This is a donation only event.**

Myross Wood Garden Fete will take place on Sunday, August 13th, from 2 pm - 5 pm. Admission free! Attractions include instrumental music and choral singing, exotic animals and dog show, various stalls, tea rooms and draws. Donations of books, cakes, bottles, plants and bric-a-brac gratefully received! Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

Bantry Regatta & BBQ Festival 11th – 13th August 2017 - Friday 11th August Official opening of Bantry Bay Marina

Saturday 12th August

10.00am Try Sailing with Bantry Sailing Club, Abbey Road 1.00pm – 5.00pm Family Fun Day Bantry Marina
2.00pm – 4.00pm Try Kayaking with Atlantic Sea Kayaking, Abbey Slipway
3.00pm – 6.00pm Bouncy Castles on the Square
4.00pm Longboat Racing 5.00pm – 11.00pm Music in Bantry Town.

Sunday 13th August

11.00am Whiddy Cup Boat race around Whiddy Island 1.00pm – 6.00pm Family Fun Day Bantry Square
2.00pm – 4.00pm Try Kayaking with Atlantic Sea Kayaking, Abbey Slipway 4.00pm – 8.00pm Music in Bantry Town.

THE DEEP END: The Mountain Top

In the Scriptures, the mountains are often places where people encounter God. Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top to pray, to a quiet place, away from all the attention and the crowds. They have the most wonderful experience as we read in the Gospel today.

Can you recall a place where you have felt deep peace or a sense of experiencing God? In nature or in the places you go for some 'time-out' for yourself? Perhaps it is in special moments with family and friends; times of joy or sorrow. These 'mountain-top' experiences nourish us, can bring us insights or help us to deal with difficult periods in our lives. They can bring feelings of euphoria, deep joy and blessing and often sustain us in life. No wonder the disciples wanted to build 'three dwellings' so that Moses, Elijah and Jesus would stay with them like this forever. However, we cannot remain in those experiences forever. Jesus' way involves both time for encounters with mystery but also coming down from the mountain and continuing on life's journey and mission.

Can we carve out these moments of quiet in our busy days to be with the Word, to create the space to listen and make room for these encounters with the Lord? This week, imagine yourself in this story as you read 'Jesus took me with him and went up on the mountain to pray ...'

'To pray the scriptures is to descend to the level of the heart and find God'

Michael Casev OCSO