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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-
Mon. 7th December: 2nd week of Advent: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church:

**Bantry: 10am Patrick & Annie Minehane –
Blackrock Road**

Bantry: 6.15pm People of the Parish

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

Coomhola: 10am Peg Murphy – Dromduve

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

Bantry: 12noon: Eileen O'Sullivan – Shountellig, Dunbeacon, Durrus

Bantry: 7.30pm James & Maggie O'Leary & their sons Jim & Danny – Whiddy Island

Wed. 9th December: 2nd Week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Kieran Lynch – Lower Watergate Street, Bandon

Hospital Chapel:

5.30pm: Tom Costelloe- Ardnageeha – Months Mind

Thurs. 10th December: 2nd Week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am Timothy & Carmel Harrington - Summerhill

Friday 11th December: 2nd Week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am James & Mary Ellen Wiseman - Dromleigh

Kealkil: 7.30pm – John O'Sullivan - Gortnacowley

Sat. 12th December: 2nd Week of Advent:

Hospital: 10am:

Maisie McCarthy – St. Cainir's Place (7th anniv.)

Bantry:6.15pm: Michael Connolly - Cahernacrin

Sun. 13th December: Third Sunday of Advent:

Bantry: 9am:

Annie Keane – Kealkil & Slip Grove

Coomhola: 10am:

Peg Murphy –Dromduve (3rd anniversary)

Kealkil: 11am:

Catherine O'Rourke - Incharoe

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Opening of Holy Door – the Jubilee Year of Mercy

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join with Bishop Buckley as he opens the Holy Door in our Diocese for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This will take place on Saturday 12th December at 6:30pm Mass at Saint Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.

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

John Goggin

Cúl na Gréine, Newtown East, Bantry

May he rest in peace.

Year of Mercy:

Pope Francis has announced An Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy which will be inaugurated on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and will run until November 20th of 2016 the Feast of Christ the King. This Holy Year will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, which called the Church to proclaim the Gospel to the world in new ways, bringing God's mercy to everyone. The Bishops commend the special prayer for the Year of Mercy which was written by Pope Francis and is available on www.catholicbishops.ie. Bishop Buckley has written a Pastoral Letter on the Year of Mercy copies of which are available in church porches. We will light a special Year of Mercy candle in St. Finbarr's Church on December 8th to mark the beginning of this special year. The candle will burn at special celebrations throughout the year.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 8th December - Holy Day of Obligation

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

Tuesday 8th December

Coomhola Church: 10.00am

Kealkil Church: 11.00 am

Bantry Church: 12noon

Bantry Church: 7.30pm

Santa at McGees in Kealkil Friday December 11{7 pm until 8.30 approx}4 euro per child. All welcome with free mulled wine, finger food, fruit punch and tea. Free face painting. Raffle on the night with lots of prizes.

Proceeds to Bantry care of the age.

It is the beginning of Advent and Trócaire has launched its Christmas gift range that will directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries. From olive trees for farmers in Palestine (€5/£4) to business support for women in Ethiopia (€250/£200), when you buy a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice. Further info at www.trocaire.org/gifts

St Colum's GAA club are hosting their AGM in St Colum's hall on Friday December 11th at 7:30pm sharp. All members are asked to attend. The final scrap metal collection of 2015 takes place this weekend, contact Tony on 086-8337724 for further info.

West Cork Choral Singers are holding their annual concert to celebrate Christmas on Sunday the 6th of December at 8.00 p.m. in Abbeystrewery Church Skibbereen. Admission free but voluntary retiring collection. Mince pies and mulled wine at the interval for all.

Carol singing on Whiddy Island

In aid of Bantry Hospice on this Sunday the 6th of December. Boats leaving at 2&2.30 from Bantry returning @5.30 & 6. There will also be a raffle for a bumper Christmas hamper .Zenith industries are providing their ferry for the day the price of the ferry which includes a hot drink when you arrive on the island is €10 all funds will go directly to Bantry Hospice Project All support would be greatly appreciated.This will be an outdoor event so wear warm clothes.

Banrty active retirement are holding their annual pre Christmas lunch on Sunday December 13th at 1.30 pm . The cost is 20 euro and bookings by Wednesday Dec.9th to Terri Erdphol on 02763708.

Cork Samuel Group: Last year, following the example of the Archdioceses of Milan & Westminster, a Samuel Group was set up in Cork to great success. Open to men & women (18-35) who are wondering where God is calling them in their lives. It looks at questions around vocation to marriage, priesthood & religious life, as well as supporting people making other life decisions around issues like work, emigration & relationships. Through monthly meetings between December & May there is an opportunity to listen to the word of God & put it into action. The group will meet in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Western Rd, Cork. Facilitated by Fr. Alan Neville & Sr. Jennifer MsAler. If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact (086) 7857955.

Confessions for Christmas in Bantry Parish

**Penitential Service in Bantry Church
Monday 21st December at 7.30 pm**

*A number of priests will be available
for Confessions.*

In aid of **Bantry Hospice**- John Spillane & friends, Sean O Se & John Crowley with Support Act Pa Curran. Westlodge Hotel Dec 11th @ 8.30pm. Tickets €10 are available from Rowa Pharmaceutical, Westlodge Hotel & Wiseman's Bantry

**Bantry Lifeboat Carol Concert in
Bantry House on Sunday December
13th at 8pm. All welcome. Tickets €10.
Children & Senior Citizens €5**

The Bantry Bay Lions will be holding their Christmas Food Appeal at SuperValu in Bantry on December 11, 12 and 13. They are hoping to collect enough food to fill 80 hampers. Non-perishable foodstuffs and money will be collected. The hampers will be distributed to needy families by Saint Vincent De Paul volunteers. Please come on out and give your usual support to this important initiative

Offertory Collection: Weekend 21st/22nd Nov:
Bantry Church: €1710; Kealkil Church:€290;
Coomhola Church: €200

Christmas 45 Progressive Card Drive at Mealagh Valley Hall on Saturday December 12th. at 9.00P.M. Sharp. €15 Per Person to Play. Also Raffle on the Night. A Christmas Party after this Game.
Reserve Saturday December 26th. ST. STEPHENS NIGHT FOR 45 PROGRESSIVE CARD DRIVE.
Thank you for your continued support during 2015 and it would be much appreciated for 2016.