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Parish Office times: Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday

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9am - 11am. Thursday & Fridays 9am - 12noon

Rosary at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine each evening at 9pm during the month of May. All who can attend are very welcome.

National Day of Reparation: Afternoon of Prayer: Please join us for an afternoon of Prayer and Reparation for the protection of the Unborn & in Reparation for the ways Ireland has turned away from God on Sunday May 13th (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima) from 1.30pm - 4.30pm (Mass included) in St. Joseph's Church, S.M.A Wilton road, Cork City. Please come along, urgent prayer is needed. For more info contact: Human Life International (Ireland), Knock. Tel: 094-9375993.

Spring Station Masses 2018:

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

Spring Station Masses 2018

Friday 11th May @ 8pm
Angela & Seamus O'Mahony
- Lisheens, Traenamaddree

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

On Saturday 12th May 2018

Departs at 4.15am

From Bantry Blues GAA Pitch to the Abbey & back.

Register now for the 5km walk at darknessintolight.ie

or at the Bantry Tourist Office

Darkness into Light

Pieta House

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 7th May: 6th week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Jimmy O'Shea - Caherdaniel

Tues. 8th May: 6th week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Nora O'Donoghue (Gurteenroe) & Ellen Collins (Parade Field)

Wed. 9th May: 6th week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Pdraig O'Grady - Derryginagh East Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish

Thurs. 10th May: 6th week of Easter:

Bantry: 10pm: Protection of Life

Friday 11th May: 6th week of Easter:

Bantry: 10am: Protection of Life
Kealkil: 7.30pm: Michael O'Riordan - Cousane, Kealkil
Daniel O'Riordan - Newtown West & Kealkil

Sat. 12th May: 6th week of Easter:

Hospital: 10am: Daniel & Maura Burke - Moulakieve
Bantry: 6.15pm:
Richard Coughlan - Derryvahalla
Mickey McCarthy (Dawley) - St. Canneras Place
Bob Murnane - Letterlickey - Months Mind

Sun. 13th May: The Ascension of the Lord:

Bantry: 9am:
John Harrington - Skehana - Months Mind
Mark Hutchinson - Crossogue
Coomhola: 10am:
Catherine & Tim Keohane - Farranfadda
Nora & Andrew Davio - Farranfadda
Paddy & Nell Keohane - Coomhola Bridge
Kealkil: 11am:
John & Kit O'Leary - Crossogue & late of Cousane
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

MUSINGS:

Jesus' light is a humble light. It is not a light that imposes itself, it is humble. It is a gentle light, with the strength of meekness; it is a light that speaks to the heart and it is also a light given by the cross. If we, in our inner light, are gentle people, we hear the voice of Jesus in our heart and look fearlessly at the cross in the light of Jesus ... We must always distinguish: where Jesus is there is always humility, gentleness, love and the cross. We will never find Jesus without humility, without gentleness, without love and without the cross. He was the first to travel this path of light. We must walk fearlessly behind him, because Jesus has the strength and the authority to give us this light.

Pope Francis, Homily at Domus Sanctae Marthae, 3 Sept. 2013

Brenda Drumm of WMOF 2018

Stiochana in conjunction with Lisheens House.

Rural Isolation

- Mental Health & Learning to Cope.

West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen

Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 8pm

Admission is free - Refreshments Served

Info. call 028-51950 or www.lisheenshouse.ie

Parish Dues Envelopes: We ask those who kindly distribute the parish dues envelopes in Bantry Town to please call to the Sacristy/Parish Office as they are now available for distribution. Thank you.

Kealkil National School Family Fun Day & Ballrun Sunday 13th May. 2pm-5pm at the school. Lots of Fun and Games for all the family.

Bantry Tidy Towns: Cork County Council's Litter Challenge runs from May 14th to June 20th. Residential areas in Bantry submitted for judging this year are St. Caniers' Place (May 14th - May 23rd), Ard na Greine (May 28th - June 6th) & Slip Lawn (June 11th - June 20th). In addition to these residential areas 6 areas of the Town will be judged during each judging period, as will a Service/School Area & a stretch adjacent to a Green Area. Anywhere within the 50km area can be judged. This is solely a litter challenge so everything from cigarette butts to paper, cans & coffee cups etc. are classed as litter. It is very important that Bantry do much better than we did last year. Residential areas are always of a very high standard, the town areas will hopefully do much better this year. Bantry Tidy Towns would urge everyone to make a special effort in keeping their areas clean of litter this year. If anybody wishes to clean an area near them please contact 087 2513732 to collect bags, pickers & hi-vis jackets.

8.30pm in the Mealagh Valley Community Hall. May Madness, extra prizes on the night...ALL WELCOME. Your support as always is greatly appreciated. MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL Progressive 45 cards Sat May 12th at 9pm. €10 per person, raffle and refreshments on the night. ALL WELCOME

Fundraiser: Dance At The Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery Friday May 11th in aid of Special needs athlete John Hayes (Teds son) with The fabulous Louise Morrissey, The Michael Collins Band & The Kieran Cooke Band. Tickets €15 now on sale at the Hotel, Paddy Meades, Leap & Rosscarbery Service Stations or Phone Ted 087 0605779.

Daffodil Day which was held recently in town was another great success for the organising committee in Bantry. Proceeds from the event amounted to €6,000 which has been forwarded to the Irish Cancer Society.

A special thank you to all those who contributed so generously, to all who volunteered their time on the day and to the businesses who facilitated the collection for this worthy cause.

Historical Journal launch marks 40 yrs of Society

Bantry Historical & Archaeological Society Journal volume III will be launched on Thursday next 10th May at 8 pm in the Westlodge hotel. This journal is a collection of historical and archaeological essays on Bantry and its hinterland and will be available for purchase on the night. This occasion will also mark the 40th birthday of the Society, with special guests. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Irish Water Safety Date for diary Irish Water Safety classes will run from the 30th July - 4th August. More information from Noelle 0861223323

Offertory Collection: W/E of 28th /29th April: Bantry:€1905; Kealkil:€380; Coomhola:€220.

Annual collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office will be taken up at all Masses next weekend - Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th May. Your generosity to this collection enables the office to continue to offer training and formation for pastoral groups and parish ministries, adult faith development opportunities, and the preparatory programme towards the World Meeting of Families

Recent Parish Weddings

We congratulate Marie O'Mahony (Blackrock, Cork) & Tom Collins (Ringsed, Dublin) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Friday, 6th April 2018.

We wish Marie & Tom long & happy lives together.

Congratulations also go to Victoria Flynn (Illane, Kealkil) and Jamie Tooher (Cul na Greine, Bantry) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Saturday, 14th April, 2018.

We wish Vicky & Jamie long and happy lives together

Congratulations also go to Emma Sever (Lincolnshire, UK) and Timothy O'Brien (Coomleigh East, Bantry) who were married in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Saturday, 21st April, 2018.

We wish Emma & Timothy long and happy lives together