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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-
Mon. 8th February: 5th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am Mary & Ann O’Leary – High Street & London

Tues. 9th February: 5th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am
Padraig O’Grady – Derryginagh East

Wed. 10th February: Ash Wednesday
Bantry: 10am: Kealkil: 11.30am
Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm:
Coomhola: 7.30pm Prayer Service

Thurs. 11th February: After Ash Wednesday:
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Gobnait
Bantry: 10am William Donegan – Kilcrohane
Bantry: 7.30pm
Mary Griffin – Reenrour East & Ballylickey

Friday 12th February: After Ash Wednesday:
Bantry:10am: Pat & Lily McSweeney & Anne McSweeney Gallen – Coomanore
Kealkil:7.30pm:Mary O’Mahony– Cappabue Nth

Sat. 13th February: After Ash Wednesday:
Hospital: 10am: Kathleen Corridan – Church Road – 1st anniversary
Bantry: 6.15pm:
Kevin Lynch Senior

Sun. 14th February: First Sunday of Lent:
Bantry: 9am: Pat Murnane - Letterlickey.
Coomhola: 10am: Mary Harrington - Cooryleary
Kealkil: 11am:
Denis O’Sullivan – Breenybeg, Kealkil – 1st anniv
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

**Stations of the Cross – 5pm – Sundays of Lent –
St. Finbarr’s Church, Bantry**

This week we begin the Season of Lent, a season of prayer and reflection when we prepare ourselves for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. In this Year of Mercy, members of the Parish Assembly and others will lead us in the Stations of the Cross on each of the six Sundays of Lent. We will gather at 5.00pm each Sunday in St. Finbarr’s Church and invite you to pray and reflect with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Kaiya Mai O’Sullivan

- (High Street, Bantry)

We welcome her into our Christian Community

Dates for your Diary

Ash Wednesday – February 10th:
Day of Fast & Abstinence: Start of Lent
Mass Times

	10.00am	Bantry
	11.30am	Kealkil
	5.30pm	Hospital Chapel

There will be a Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes in St. Joseph’s Church, Coomhola at 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday.

There will be evening Mass at 7.30pm during Lent on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Bantry Church

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: Thursday 11th February. World Day of the Sick: The Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) will be administered during the 10am Mass & during 7.30pm Mass in St. Finbarr’s Church. All who might be in need of the Sacrament are invited to receive it.

LENTEN PETITIONS

Every year during Lent we recall that Jesus was beaten, whipped, mocked, crowned with thorns, and nailed to a cross. Our faith teaches us that He endured this agony and suffering, and died for us. By His suffering, Jesus gave meaning to all of our suffering. Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it; He came to fill it with His presence. This Lent we will unite our own personal suffering with His. Each one of us has some amount of suffering or hurt in our life, sometimes dating from our past. Petitions symbolise the hurt that is contained in our lives and community.

During Lent we invite anyone with any unresolved grief or pain, or any kind of hurt, to place their petitions in the basket at the side of the Sanctuary. Your petitions represent the pain, grief or hurt in your life. It may be associated with;

- ❖ Grief at death or separation
- ❖ The pain of broken relationships
- ❖ The pain of sickness
- ❖ The pain of being misunderstood
- ❖ The struggle of sexual identity
- ❖ The pain of failure
- ❖ Pain of living with an alcoholic partner, parent or child
- ❖ The hurt of the past

What is unique about this spiritual exercise is that you will be able to recognise your own grief and suffering and understand that so many others share similar worries. Please feel free during the coming weeks to place petitions in the basket.

**Please take a Trocaire Box this Lent.
Trocaire Boxes/Envelopes can be collected
at the Church Porches.**

ALIVE FREE CATHOLIC PAPER.(February edition) available at church porches. Please take one and some for family & friends.

Spring Station Masses 2016

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2016 through February, March until 30th April. If you are thinking of hosting the Spring Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (56398) to arrange a date.

Spring Station Masses 2016

Saturday March 5th @ 11am

Vincent & Mary Cronin – Treanamaddreee, Lisheens

Saturday March 12th @ 11am

Mark & Esther Kearns – Caher, Gories, Leacadiomhaoin, Capanavar

Friday 18th March @ 8pm

Pat & Eileen Holland – Kealanine, Coomhola, Derrynakilla, Farranfadda, Corran, Cooleenlemane, Inchinagown

Saturday 9th April @ 11am

Dan Joe Holland – Derrycreha, Esknafeelna, Ardnatrush Beg

Brian & Elenor Mcgee wish to thank all that came to visit santa, put money in box and bought tickets. A total of €680 was raised for Care of the Age. Thank You

Pioneer Lenten Challenge! Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

Kealkil Cake Sale

A Cake Sale will take place this Sunday, 7th February, after 11am Mass in Collins' Bar, Kealkil. Funds raised go to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kealkil

Thank you to all who supported kealkil charity shop Christmas raffle also to those who gave us prizes. If anyone has a spare hour or two in the week we are always looking for volunteers

Kealkill N.S. will host an enrolment evening for Junior Infants for September 2016 which will take place on Tuesday, 9th February next at 7pm. Any queries please contact the school at (027) 66298 or email kealkilns@eircom.net.

Died Recently:

We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of;
Michael (Mickie) Coppinger
– Lisheens, Kealkil, Bantry
May he rest in peace.

Offertory Collection:

Weekend 30th/31st January 2016: Bantry Church: €1780; Kealkil Church:€290; Coomhola Church: €595
Next Special Collection for Lourdes Invalid Fund will take place on Feb 13th & 14th

Coffee Morning in aid of ARC Cancer Support House & St. Vincent de Paul will take place on Tuesday 9th February (10am-12.30pm) at Bantry Garda Station. Everyone welcome.

Pope Francis and the Gospel of Mercy - A talk by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Sunday 21st February 2016 3.00pm to 5.00pm Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, Cork. Cost: Donation only. All are welcome

Bantry Care for the Aged would like to sincerely thank Brian & Eleanor McGee for their generous donation of €680 raised through their Christmas Lights display.

Anam Cara is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 16th of February from 19:30 to 21:30 the Maritime Hotel, the Quay, Bantry, West Cork. The guest speaker for the evening is Pat McCarthy. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Mon., 15th Feb. or 01 4045378.

St Colum's GAA club. Registration day takes place Sunday February 21st in St Colum's hall - 11am-1pm.

Cards for Beginners will take place at Mealagh Valley Hall at 9.00 P.M. on Saturday February 13th.

GROW's mission is to nurture mental health, personal growth, prevention and full recovery from all kinds of mental illness" Grow meeting, Monday nights 7:30pm Drumleigh Resource Centre, Bantry (Behind Bantry Hospital)

Lourdes 2016 – Young Adult Helpers The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18 – 30 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. This is the sixth year of the project and the helpers always excel in their attention to the sick. Limited number of places. Closing date for applications is 29th February 2016. For further details contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 – 4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: charles.kiely@corkandross.org