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Booking of Masses 2018:

In every Mass we are invited to pray for loved ones who have gone to their eternal reward and for all the faithful departed.

It is now proposed that each of the weekend Masses will be offered for 4 intentions. These will be shared Masses. We will, of course, continue to pray for our deceased in the Anniversary List at weekend Masses.

As this is not a money making exercise but a way of trying to facilitate everybody, one of the Mass offerings will go to the Priest who offers the particular Mass; the other Mass offerings will be donated to local charities.

Lourdes Pilgrimage:

The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th September 2018 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'. Cost: €765. 2018 is the 160th anniversary of the Apparition. **Spiritual Director: Canon Martin O'Driscoll. Booking forms & Details available in the Parish office**

God, Our Father,
We are brothers and sisters
in Jesus your Son,
One Family, in the Spirit of your Love.
Bless us with the Joy of Love.

Make us Patient and Kind,
Gentle and Generous,
Welcoming to those in Need.
Help us to live your Forgiveness and Peace.

Protect all Families with your Loving care,
Increase our Faith, Strengthen our Hope,
Keep us safe in your Love,
Make us always Grateful for
the gift of Live that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen
Official Prayer for the World Meeting of Families 2018

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 8th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Victims of the Betelgeuse Disaster

Tues. 9th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Christy Crowley - Beach

Wed. 10th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am:
Catherine & Cornelius O'Sullivan – Adrigole
Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish

Thurs. 11th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Denis O'Donoghue (Gurteenroe) &
Jeremiah Collins (Parade Field, Bantry)

Friday 12th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Michael O'Sullivan – Marian Terrace
Kealkil: 7.30pm: Sean O'Mahony - Maughnaclea

Sat. 13th January: 1st week in Ordinary Time:
Hospital: 10am:
Nora Cadogan – Church Road – 1st anniversary
Bantry: 6.15pm: Mary O'Keefe – High Street

Sun. 14th January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bantry: 9am : Paddy & Nancy O'Shea - Gories
Coomhola: 10am: People of the Parish
Kealkil: 11am: Kitty Collins - Kealkil
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

*Please note: the 11am Mass in Kealkil on today 7th January is for the intentions of:
Sonny & Mary O'Mahony (Carriganass)
Hannie & Tim O'Connor*

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Rua Micheál O'Sullivan - Grange, Cork

**Nicola Lidia Sieminski - Heatherfields,
Bantry**

**Liam Michael Harrington –
Newtown, Bantry**

We welcome them into our Christian Community

Recent Parish Weddings

We congratulate **Sarah Deane** (Kielnascarta, Bantry) & **Aidan Hickey** (Gurrane, Ballydehob) who were married in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry on Saturday, 30th 2017. **We wish Sarah & Aidan long & happy lives together.**

THERE WILL BE A MONSTER 5 CARD POKER CLASSIC IN THE LONGBOAT BAR DURRUS ON SAT. 27TH JAN. AT 8.30PM. THIS IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT IN AID OF GORTALASSA COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT.

Gortalassa Community Centre, formerly Gortalassa National School has been used on an ongoing basis as a Mass centre for the past number of decades. Erected over 80 years ago it has experienced some structural problems. While it may appear to be just another old building, to us it is the heart of our little community. Therefore a committee has come together to try and find a solution to the problem in order to ensure the centre remains open. We would love to get the centre repaired as we could then begin to put a plan in place to have the building opened up for use by local community groups and thus boosting the local area.

TICKETS TO PLAY ARE €30 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT OR YOU CAN COLLECT ONE AT THE LONGBOAT BAR PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LOCAL EVENT.

BANTRY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND. 8TH – 16TH OCTOBER, 2018. EX CORK AIRPORT. COST: €1635.00. BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

2018 Rotas (Jan-June) for Ministers of the Word & the Eucharist are now available. Please call to the Sacristy or the Parish Office to collect your rota. Thank you. We ask that all Ministers arrange a sub if you cannot attend on your scheduled day

Anam Cara West Cork, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 9th of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork. Anam Cara West Cork offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

Offertory Collection: Weekend of 30th/31st December: Bantry - € 1,585; Coomhola - €235; Kealkil - €380. Special collection for Diocesan needs will take place on January 20th & 21st.

UCC Mature Student/QQI/FE (FETAC) CAO Information Evening

Wednesday 10 January, 6.00 p.m., Lecture Theatre Boole 1 (beside the Boole Library). Relevant for anyone making a CAO application or contemplating same. Personal Statement, budgeting, fees and finance, etc. All welcome

2018 Parish Calendars are available at the Church Porches. Please take one for your home and for your family & friends.

THE DEEP END: A searching God

He came in search of John.
He came in search of baptism.
He came in search of blessing.
He came in search of the Spirit.
He came in search of God's favour.
He came in search of God's love.

The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead. 'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.'

St Augustine

Triona Doherty