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Thank You

A special word of thanks to all who attended the Easter Ceremonies in our three Churches.

Thanks to the Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors, counters & the Scripture Group who organised the Lenten Reflection evenings.

We thank those who volunteered for the feet washing, those who erected the Altar of Repose and the lady who provided the bottles for the Holy Water and all who helped in any way during the Easter Ceremonies.

The Priests of the Parish would also like to thank you most sincerely for your generosity at the Easter Offertory Collection.

Fr. Martin Fr. Sean Fr. James

The Pro Life Campaign will have a speaker at all Masses in Bantry Parish this weekend, 7th & 8th April.

Died Recently:

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

**Eily (Patsy) Whooley
(nee O'Mahony)**

- Old Barrack Road & formerly of
Droumclough, Bantry

Kitty McSweeney (nee Lehane)
- Maughanaclea, Kealkil

Bob Murnane (Daniel Joseph)
- Letterlickey, Bantry

May they rest in peace

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 9th April: Easter Monday:

Bantry: 10am: Protection of the Unborn

Tues. 10th April: Easter Tuesday:

Bantry: 10am: Nora & Johnny Hayes – Drimoleague

Wed. 11th April: Easter Wednesday:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish

Thurs. 12th April: Easter Thursday:

Bantry: 10pm: Sylvia Magner - Newtown

Friday 13th April: Easter Friday:

Bantry: 10am: Protection of the Unborn

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Timmy (Martin) Murphy - Maughanaclea

Sat. 14th April: Easter Saturday:

Hospital: 10am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 6.15pm: Finola Doody – Slip Lawn

John O'Regan – Newtown

Mary Swanton – Maughanaclea

Connie Desmond – Derrincullig, Borlin

Sun. 15th April: Second Sunday of Easter:

Bantry: 9am: Maurice O'Keefe - Donemark

Coomhola: 10am: Connie Desmond – Borlin – 1st anniv.

Kealkil: 11am: Joe O'Mahony – Ballylickey – 2nd anniv.

Christiana Graves – Ballylickey House

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

PAPAL VISIT

A Bus will be organised from Bantry to attend the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park, Dublin on Sunday 26th August. We ask those interested in attending to please hand their name in to the Parish office

Spring Station Masses 2018:

It is hoped to have Station Masses for Spring 2018 during March & April. 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

Saturday 5th May @ 11am

**Joe & Mary Sharkey – Gories, Cahir,
Leacadiomhaoin, Cappanavar**

Thursday 12th April @ 11am

Gerard & Diane O'Sullivan – Glencreagh, Droumclough

Divine Mercy Sunday

On Sunday 8th of April from 3 – 4pm Divine Mercy Devotions including adoration, time of prayer and confessions will be held in All Saints Church Drimoleague. All are welcome.

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

Bantry Historical Society A.G.M.

Mon. April 9th 8.00pm in the Christian Fellowship
This is an opportunity for suggestions for future events, as well as how the society should move forward. This will be preceded by the first showing of a video by Warren Harley on the events in Bantry and Kealkil on Easter Sunday 2016, the centenary commemoration of Eirí Amach na Cásca 1916. All are welcome

WHY KEEP THE 8th AMENDMENT? There will be a public information evening at The Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway on Friday 13th April at 7.30pm. Kathy Sinnott, former MEP and Alan Daveron, Solicitor will share their thoughts on the critical importance of retaining the 8th Amendment in our Constitution. A national canvass is underway ahead of the referendum in May and we would encourage as many people as possible to attend and get involved. Bígí linn!

Mealagh Valley Community Hall
PROGRESSIVE 45 Cards on Saturday April 14th at 9pm, €10 per person, raffle and refreshments on the night. ALL WELCOME.

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

Offertory Collection:

Special collection for Holy Places on Good Friday: Bantry:€675. Coomhola & Kealkil:€485. Special collection for Diocesan Needs takes place on April 14th/15th

An tAthair Peadar O'Laoghaire:

Recently published bilingual book on this renowned priest/writer of old school text "Séadna" is available at local bookshop or by contacting 087/1235203.

Following our recent AGM Bantry Tidy Towns recapped on the number of projects that were upgraded in 2017 & hope to expand on these with further development. In addition to these projects a number of areas have been identified as in need of upgrading and development namely the Peace Park & the Bathing Box, both of these projects are subject to grant funding being made available. The chairperson thanked the committee, sponsors, volunteers & anyone who helped in any way throughout the year & look forward to their ongoing support in 2018. It was great to see new members joining the committee & others indicating their willingness to volunteer at our weekly clean-ups. Tuesday evening work will recommence on Tuesday next April 10th at 7.30pm by the fountain on the square. New volunteers will be especially welcome.

**Bantry G.A.A. Premier Intermediate Football Championship
Bantry V Fermoy. At Carrigadrohid
This Sunday April 8th at 3.45pm
Please Support**

Knock & Lough Derg: 3 Day trip with Cormac O'Connor Coach Tours. 21st-23rd May. €265 per person sharing. Single Supplement applies. For bookings or enquiries contact 023-8849196 or 087-6167835. Email cormac@oconnorbushire.com

THE DEEP END: The Peace of Jesus

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often they bring some sort of growth into our lives and that is usually not a pleasant experience. Today's gospel shows us that even in those difficult times, faith can be transformative. Jesus came and stood amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (shalom) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit; it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, must be for others what Jesus has been for them. The risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. This is not easy as we often meet cynicism and doubt. Yet, John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply and can experience this peace that he offers us.

'For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them.' Shane Claiborne
Lisa Mellet