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**Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-**

**Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry:10am: David Warner &  
Pauline Fossett – O'Connor**

**Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry:10am: Patrick & Mary Spillane &  
their son P.J. Spillane - Derrygrenagh**

**Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry:10am: Nuala McCarthy – High Street  
Hospital: 5.30pm:  
Margaret Murray – Rope Walk – Months Mind**

**Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Denis O'Donoghue – Gurteenroe  
& Jeremiah Collins – Parade Field**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**St. Hilaryc. 315 Bishop of Potiers:  
Bantry: 10am: Sisters of Mercy – Avila  
Kealkil: Sean O'Mahony - Maughnaclea**

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am: Ann Dennehy – Market Street  
Bantry: 6.15pm:  
James & Ellen Hegarty – Letterlickey**

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am:  
Jerry & Mary Holland - Glounathanaw  
Coomhola: 10am: Maura Holland - Kealanine  
Kealkil: 11am: Kitty Collins - Kealkil  
Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish**

**Died Recently:**

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

**Mary Vincent O'Sullivan (né Coakley)  
– Goreemore, Bantry**

**Paul Joseph O'Mahony  
Ardnatrush, Bantry**

**May they rest in peace**

**2017 Parish Calendars are available at  
the Church Porches. Please take one for  
your home & for your family & friends**

**January; Month of the Holy Name**

**and Divine Child**

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain”, we are told in the second commandment. January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. The feast of the Holy Name originated in the 1500s and was formerly celebrated on the second Sunday of Epiphany. This devotion is rich with the addition of an indulgence, but honouring the name of Jesus is rich with blessings.

The devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus has been traditionally associated with the month of January, due to its celebration on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name is all-powerful because of the Person who bears it; we honour it because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: ". . . at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil. 2:10). In our broken world we are only too aware of the reality of the abuse of the Holy name. By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name.

Because of the feasts in January which pertain to Christ's infancy and childhood, January has also become a month dedicated to the Holy Childhood of Jesus.

May the Holy name of Jesus be always respected in our hearts and lives.

**MAKING IT SIMPLE - a course to assist  
musicians and vocalists to work well in  
the liturgy**

This graded course for cantors, Church musicians, choir directors and those who offer music for occasions of weddings, funerals etc... will be offered at Saint Mary's Pope's Quay (Dominican Church) over three weekends in February (Friday evening/Saturday morning) by Fr Fergus Ryan OP and others. Cost 95 euro or 45 euro for students/unwaged. For full details contact [fergusryan@gmail.com](mailto:fergusryan@gmail.com) or the Pastoral Development Office 021 4537601.

### Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Oisín Francis Coughlan**

(Ardrá, Scart, Bantry)

**Ollie Daniel Murray**

(Droumlickacrué, Kealkil)

We welcome them into our Christian Community

### Offertory Collection: Weekend 31stDec/1<sup>st</sup>

January: Bantry Church: €2115; Kealkil Church:€285; Coomhola Church: €275. *There will be a Special collection on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> for Diocesan Needs.*

**Experience the CHRISTMAS STORY in the land where it actually happened.**

**Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the Holy Land, June 12-22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). Contact Mícheál at 0868337681 or email [culturaltoursireland@gmail.com](mailto:culturaltoursireland@gmail.com)**

**Life Enhancement Day – Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Westlodge Hotel (11am – 4pm)**

**Learn some tips & techniques to help you have a happier and more fulfilled 2017 and beyond. Suitable for all. To book a place call Mary on 085-1215984**

### **THE DEEP END:**

**How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and Baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus, a fourth-century Church father tells us: 'Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.' Do you want to see changes in your life? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be 'light' and 'salt' to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.**

**'Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father'. Don Schwager.**

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### Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017

**The Bantry Parish & Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'.  
**Spiritual Director: Fr. Martin Keohane**  
**Booking forms available at Parish Office****

**Enrolment is now open for Early Childhood Care and Education, QQI Level 5** which will commence in Coláiste Pobail Bheantraí. This course will be run on a part-time basis, over two years leading to a Major Award in Early Childhood Education. The first two modules to be run are Early Childhood Education and Play, 5N1773 and Children with Additional Needs 5N2396. Courses will commence on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017, for a period of 12 weeks, costing €200 per module. Please email [adulthoodeducationcpb@gmail.com](mailto:adulthoodeducationcpb@gmail.com)

**Bantry Lifeboat** will be hosting their **Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at The Westlodge Hotel, Bantry. Tickets are only €25 and include a three course meal, live music with 'The Love Bugs' and this year, for the first time we will be having lifeboat racing on the dance floor. You can then dance into the night with our late disco. All proceeds from the night will go to Bantry Lifeboat, a community search and rescue service that operates 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year and run entirely by local volunteers.

**MUSINGS: The Baptism of Christ is a painting by fifteenth-century Italian artist Piero della Francesca. It is in the National Gallery in London. It is remarkable for its light quality. Its lightness of tone reflects a time when baptisms were concluded at dawn and the newly baptised, once washed in the font, were dressed in white robes. A dawn light suffuses the figure of Christ, including sky, landscape and water. Piero worked on a white gesso surface which had a marble-like finish and his paints were tempered with egg to create translucency and a whiteness relevant to the theme of Baptism. The setting for the painting is Italy of his time, not ancient Jordan. As Christ is being baptised delegates are arriving from the east to negotiate a healing of the Churches East and West. A trio of angels have gathered in a conciliatory circle. When we honour Christ's Baptism on this day we are reminded to work on our own disunities. Fr David O'Riordan. Ladysbridge & Ballymacoda. Diocese of Cloyne**