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Lenten Petitions: As next Wednesday is the last day of Lent the Lenten Petitions from the 3 Churches in the Parish will be presented at the Offertory Procession at the 10am Mass in St. Finbarr's Church

Holy Week Ceremonies: The schedule of ceremonies for Holy Week is available in all church porches this weekend. Please take one. Join us as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Collection for Priests:

The collection at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday & on Easter Sunday is for the priests of the parish. Christmas and Easter are the only occasions when the collection goes to the priests' income.

Míle buíochas for your generosity.

In preparation for Holy Week and the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord, the Stations of the Cross will be held on today Palm Sunday at 5pm in St. Finbarr's Church. What better way to start Holy Week than attending the Stations of the Cross, praying & reflecting on Jesus and His journey to Calvary. All welcome.

Spring Station Masses 2017:

Friday 21st April @ 11am

Eileen O'Mahony Dromlickacruie, Breenymore, Capanaboul, Derryarkane, Dromaneasa

Friday 28th April @ 11am

Deirdre Kingston - Newtown

Lenten Trocaire Boxes.

Boxes can be returned at any time during Holy Week

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 10th April: Monday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am: Mary Healy – Co. Clare

Tues. 11th April: Tuesday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am:

Joe O'Mahony – Ballylickey – 1st anniversary

Bantry: 7.30pm: Eric McGuirk - Dromleigh

Wed. 12th April: Wednesday in Holy Week:

Bantry: 10am: Sylvia Magner - Newtown

Hospital: 5.30pm: Maurice O'Keeffe - Donemark

Thurs. 13th April: Holy Thursday:

Bantry: 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Bantry: 10pm: Holy Hour – Eucharistic Adoration

Coomhola: 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Kealkil: 8.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 14th April: Good Friday:

Bantry: 12noon: Stations of the Cross

Kealkil: 12noon: Stations of the Cross & Liturgy

Bantry: 3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Coomhola: 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross & Liturgy

Sat. 15th April: Holy Saturday:

Bantry: 9.00pm: Easter Vigil

Kealkil: 8.00pm: Easter Vigil

Bantry: 12noon: Confessions

Sun. 16th April:

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord:

Note extra Mass in the Hospital Chapel:

Hospital Chapel: 8.00am

Bantry: 9am : People of the Parish

Coomhola: 10am: Christy Cronin - Ardnaclochy

Kealkil: 11am: Sean Murphy – Breenybeg, Kealkil

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Offertory Collection: weekend of 25th / 26th

March: Bantry: €1905; Coomhola: €250;

Kealkil: €355. *Special collection for Holy Places will take place on Good Friday, April 14th.*

Confessions for Easter in Bantry Parish
Penitential Service in Bantry Church

Monday 10th April at 7.30 pm

A number of priests will be available for Confessions.

Bantry Cancer Fundraiser: The recent fundraiser which was held in the Timberland Shop was a fantastic success. Many thanks to the Deasy family for the use of the premises, to the members of the Community who generously donated items for sale, and to those who purchased them or who helped in so many ways to Realise a grand total of €14,200.00. The proceeds will be divided equally at a later date, between Cork Cancer Research, Cancer Connect and Palliative Care West Cork c/o Bantry Hospital.

You are invited you to a Catholic Young Adults Conference (18-40) on Saturday the 22nd April in Ennismore Retreat Centre, Montenotte, Cork organised by the Legion Of Mary Cork Young Adults. It will run from 10am - 6.30pm. The day will consist of inspiring talks, testimonies, prayer and Mass. The cost for the day is €15. This includes a three course lunch. For information email cork.olgraces@gmail.com or call Daniel: 0838345441 / Barry: 0851743570 facebook.com/OurLadyOfGracesCork

Kealkill Vintage Run and Cheval, Easter Monday. Registration at 11:30am and starts at 12:30pm. All proceeds going to Bantry Hospice, Palliative Care Unit and The Parklands Kealkill. Refreshments will be available in Collins Bar.

**BANTRY G.A.A.
Premier Intermediate Football
Championship
Bantry V St. Vincents
Saturday next April 15th at Enniskeane
Time: 6pm. Please support**

BUNNY RUN: The Parents' Association of St Finbarr's Boys' National School are organizing a 5K Fun Run on Easter Monday at 12 noon. Registration on the day at the ESB Car Park. €5 entry fee or €10 per family. Walkers, Families, Buggies – all welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Lourdes is a place of universal meeting and sharing, prayer and celebration of life. Lying in the foothills of the Pyrenees, the small town of Lourdes is famous for the Marian Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858. It is the largest Catholic pilgrimage destination in Europe, which is known as a place that offers hope and consolation to all who are in need of healing and peace. **The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th September 2017 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'. Spiritual Director: Fr. Martin Keohane P.P. Booking forms: Available in the Sacristy, St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry, or see Church porch for details.**

Blessing

***Give to us, Lord,
The blessings of this Holy Week,
In the intensity of your Passion***

***Give to us, Lord,
The blessing of overcoming
Cowardice and fear and
Embracing sacrifice and commitment.***

***Give to us, Lord,
A share in your Cross
That we may also be given
A share in your Joy.
Amen***

THE DEEP END:

Today we read Matthew's account of the death of Jesus; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that spending time with this account offers. As you read perhaps you might notice the various characters and their roles, their words and actions. A good question to ask as we enter into this text is 'Where do I stand?' Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples or some other character: Pilate? Pilate's wife? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'grieved' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end here, but for this week we enter into the reality of betrayal, trial, suffering and death.

We might remember today those who stand for justice, those who are counter-cultural, those who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is often dangerous and lonely. We might recall times we felt betrayed, abandoned or times we were in despair.

Try to return to this text during the week, perhaps reading a small section each day as we continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?' Jane Mellet. Email melletj@gmail.com