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Dates for the Diary:
Graveyard Masses

Abbey Graveyard

Tuesday, 7th August at 7pm.
In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry.

Mass in the Cilleanach

Monday 13th August at 7pm

Mass in Kilmacommogue Graveyard

Wednesday 15th August at 3pm
In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in Kealkil Church

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**Beach Mass Rock**

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday  
**15<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.**  
In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry.

**Recent Parish Baptisms:**

**Sofia Veronica Doherty**  
- **Bridge Street, Bantry**

**Katie Murphy**  
- **Gortroe, Bantry**

**We welcome then into our Christian Community**

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

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

**Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> July: 17<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**  
**Bantry: 10am: Daniel Hurley - Ardnathrush**

**Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> July: 17<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**  
**St. Ignatius Of Loyola, Priest:**

**Bantry: 10am:**  
**Nuala Whooley O'Sullivan – Glengarriff Road and Cork**

**Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> August: 17<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church:**

**Bantry: 10am: Elizabeth & James Flynn - Durrus**  
**Hospital: 5.30pm: Donal & Nora Minehane - Donemark**

**Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> August: 17<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Donal Lynch (Ardnageeha) & his daughter Anita Lynch**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August: 17<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Dick & Mary Donovan – High Street**  
**Bantry: 7.30pm: First Friday Shared Mass**

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> August: 17<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**St. John Vianney, Priest**

**Hospital: 10am: Dr. T.P. O'Connor & Dr. Rex O'Connor**  
**Bantry: 6.15pm: Sheila O'Sullivan & her brother Eugene Hourihan - Baurgorm**  
**Patrick & Peg O'Mahony & their sons George & Sean – Maughnaclea, Kealkil**

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> August: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am: People of the Parish**  
**Coomhola: 10am: John O'Flynn – Coorloun West**  
**Kealkil: 11am: Rachel Cronin - Cahirmuckee**  
**Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish**

**MUSINGS:** 'Hope is the leaven that, in those first years of engagement and marriage, makes it possible to look beyond arguments, conflicts and problems and to see things in a broader perspective. It harnesses our uncertainties and concerns so that growth can take place. Hope also bids us live fully in the present, giving our all to the life of the family, for the best way to prepare a solid future and to live well in the present.'  
Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 219

**Mass for Our Angels**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018 @ 3pm**

**St. Fachtna's Church, Glandore, Co.Cork**  
**This is a Mass to remember any child that has been lost through stillbirth, neo-natal death, accident, illness or in any way.**

**Do You Enjoy Singing at Home?**

***If so, maybe you would like to sing along with the "12 O'Clock Mass" Choir on Sunday Mornings. New members are very welcome.***

***If you are interested please call to the choir gallery in Bantry Church on any Sunday morning before 12 Mass. You will receive a very warm welcome.***

*2019 Diaries are now open to book Mass Intentions for next year in all the Parish Churches, Bantry, Kealkil, Coomhola & the Hospital Chapel.*

**West Cork Cancer Support Group:**  
The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 31st, 2018 from 11am to 12:30pm in the Bantry Bay Hotel, The Square, Bantry. This is an informal gathering in a relaxed setting, specifically for people who now have or have had cancer themselves. If you are such a person, come for a confidential chat and peer group discussion. Free of charge.

**€1000 Bingo night**  
*€1,000 Bingo night in Boys' Club, Bantry on Sunday 29 July at 8.30 p.m. This is a Fundraiser in aid of Our Lady of Mercy National School Special Needs Unit. Raffle for Hampers. Great night guaranteed!*

**Myross Wood Garden Fete** will take place on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 2 pm - 5 pm. Admission free! Attractions include instrumental music and choral singing, exotic animals, beehive and dog show, various stalls with cakes, drinks, plants and books, tea rooms and draws. Donations of books, cakes, bottles, plants and bric-a-brac gratefully received! Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

Mealagh Valley Community Hall  
Upcoming Events:

PROGRESSIVE 45 CARDS Saturday August 4th at 9pm. €10 per person. ALL WELCOME  
BINGO Bank Holiday Monday August 6th at 8.30pm. €10 per full book with sheet, €5 for half book with sheet. ALL WELCOME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

**Offertory Collection: W/E of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July:** Bantry:€1725; Kealkil:€345; Coomhola:€230.

*There will be a special collection taken up on this weekend, 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July, to help defray the cost of The World Meeting of Families event.*

**There will be a special collection taken up on the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> August for the church maintenance & repair fund.**

**Bantry Blues Peil Camp runs from Monday 30th July- 3rd August from 10-1 each day. Suitable for boys and girls aged 4+  
To register just text Anne OGrady on 0876310320**

**THE DEEPEND: Jesus comes to serve**

In John's version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger, the great teacher. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'king' Jesus really is. The crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him king'. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship. His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, he takes himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain. It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus' example of leadership is service in today's gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort, that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

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