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### Congratulations

Many congratulations go to Matt O'Sullivan who received the Benemerenti Medal and Certificate for all his years dedicated service to the Church in Kealkil.

He was presented with the medal at a special Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kealkil, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July by the Bishop elect of Meath, Canon Tom Deenihan.

### CCTV Cameras are now operating in and around Bantry Church

#### Recent Parish Baptisms:

**Adah Lily Coughlan  
Seskin Park, Bantry**

We welcome her into our Christian Community

#### Died Recently:

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

**James O'Sullivan  
- Newtown, Bantry**

**Myra O'Leary (nee Hourihan)**

**- Reenrour East, Bantry**

May they rest in peace

### Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

#### Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: People of the Parish

#### Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Aidan Hurley & Thomas Hurley –  
Barrack Street & Chapel Road, Durrus

#### Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> July: St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe:

Bantry: 10am: People of the Parish

Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish

#### Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Kitty O'Driscoll – Clonakilty

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: John J. McCarthy - Scartbawn

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Special Intention

#### Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time:

Hospital: 10am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 6.15pm:

Mark Delaney – Blackrock Road (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

Margaret Regan – Seskin

#### Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> July: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am: Eileen Flynn – Glengarriff Road

Coomhola: 10am: People of the Parish

Kealkil: 11am: Tim Joe Murphy - Maughnaclea

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

### Musings:

**'So let me ask you: Are there moments when you place yourself quietly in the Lord's presence, when you calmly spend time with him, when you bask in his gaze? Do you let his fire inflame your heart? Unless you let him warm you more and more with his love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you then be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness?'**

**Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate,  
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## Recent Parish Weddings

We congratulate **Mary Healy** (Corran, Coomhola) & **Joseph Kelly** (Ballina, Co. Mayo) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Coomhola on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**We wish Mary & Joseph long & happy lives together.**

### **THE DEEP END: Prophets and Home Countries**

'You cannot be a prophet in your home country' is a well-known phrase. You don't have to go too far to see examples of this gospel around you. Anyone who returns to their home town with new knowledge and wisdom can sometimes be put in their place. This is what occurs in Jesus' home town of Nazareth in today's gospel. Even though the crowd are impressed by the local carpenter's son, astounded even, and note that he has great wisdom, still he could do no deed of power there. It is definitely a reality check experience. Have you ever had this experience in your own life? A time you were really excited about a new-found knowledge or inspired by a great event or speaker; yet when you returned to tell friends or family members they made fun of you or greeted you with cynicism? Or you can imagine yourself in the crowd today, listening to the local carpenter's son, so full great teachings you can't quite believe it. In the end Jesus left and went around the villages teaching. Simply put, there are times when you have to move on and bear fruit elsewhere.

'Lord how often you have sent Jesus to us in the form of someone we knew well, but they were just too ordinary for us. All we could see was the carpenter, the son of our neighbour ... So the great miracle you had in store for us could not be worked. Lord have mercy.'

Michel de Verteuil

**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**

**2018 Rotas (July-Dec) for Ministers of the Word & the Eucharist are now available. Please call to the Sacristy or the Parish Office to collect your rota. Thanks**

**Offertory Collection: W/E of 30<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July:**  
Bantry:€1730; Kealkil:€295; Coomhola:€210.  
**Next collection for Diocesan Needs takes place on July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Irish Water Safety Classes will commence on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July until Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August. For further information please contact Noelle on 086-1223323**

### **An appeal to help a school in a poor area of Zambia, Africa**

Sr. Angela Brennan who taught in Presentation Secondary School Bandon for many years and now works in Zambia, is appealing for help to extend a large primary and Secondary school in Kaoma, located in the north-east corner of the Western Province of Zambia. Situated on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, this is the least developed province of Zambia.

In 1998 the school was begun by Sr. Mary Moloney from Holy Cross, Tipperary to cater for the many orphans and vulnerable children who were unable to provide uniforms and small fees required in the Government schools. The first classes began in the Parish Hall and gradually with the aid of various donations and land from the local Council she built up the school as far as Junior Secondary (from Junior Infants to Junior Cert level). Then, in 2014 the school was asked to take Senior Secondary students and today it is catering for about 1,700 students. While the Ministry of Education extended the school to full Secondary it did not provide any classrooms. Therefore, this necessitated 3 sessions of learning for classes from Grades 1 to 4 in the same classroom, with at least 42 students in each class. The students were reduced by 1 hour learning time in the day. Most of the students who attend this school are either orphans or vulnerable and are unable to pay the small fees that are charged for running costs. The Government pays the teachers and randomly gives small grants towards maintenance.

In 2016 the Presentation Sisters took over the school as a Grant Aided school. Sr. Angela is at present applying to different funding agencies to construct classrooms, specialist rooms, toilets, and administration blocks. These blocks have almost reached roof level thanks to the Presentation Sisters in America and Ireland as well as Electric Aid Ireland. Hopefully Misesan Cara (Irish Aid) will fund 3 classrooms and 3 Specialist rooms. Most funding agencies only give 75% of the cost. The balance has to be provided elsewhere. Another 6 classrooms are needed.

**Sr. Angela would be very grateful for any donation, small or big towards this project. Donations may be sent to Presentation Convent Bandon or lodged at the BOI Bandon:**

**Account name: Sr. A. Brennan and Sr. J. McCarthy Account No. 76295124.**

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Mobile 087 9020451. Please attach your contact details (email, mobile or address) so that we can acknowledge the donation