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Parish Office times: Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday 9am – 11am. Thursday & Fridays 9am – 12noon

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 17th December: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry:10am: Special Intention

Tues. 18th December: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Charlie & Mary O'Connor, their son Donal O'Connor & daughter Peg O'Connor – Glengarriff Road

Wed. 19th December: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Hospital: 5.30pm: Special Intention

Thurs.20th December: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Joe Hegarty – Ardnageeha

Friday 21st December: 3rd week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Una, Edwin & Edward Cussen.

Alastair & Donal Tait

Kealkil: 7.30pm:

Paddy Creedon – Keilnagnopogue – 1st anniversary

Sat. 22nd December: 3rd week of Advent:

Hospital: 10am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 6.15pm: Tommy Murray – Ballylickey

Hugh McCarthy – Barrack Street

Kitty McCarthy – Scarbawn

John & Maisie O'Connor – Hospital Cross

Jim & Mary O'Driscoll - Gearhies

Sun. 23rd December: Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Bantry:9am: Mary Coppinger – Blackrock Road

Kathleen Goff – Mountain View, Glengarriff

Mary Agnes O'Sullivan – Seskin

Christy O'Donoghue - Coomhola

Coomhola:10am: People of the Parish

Kealkil: 11am: Jerome Scully – Maughanasilly, Kealkil

Rita O'Sullivan – Hillview, Breenybeg, Kealkil

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

Bantry Parish Funeral Team: We have a Funeral Team here in the parish for the past three years. The Funeral Team lead the Rosary prayers at all funerals and assist with the Removal and Reception to the Church where possible. In the past at the time of a funeral the local community gathered around the family to help and support them. A family member, neighbour or friend would lead the prayers for the deceased. The Funeral Team are now reclaiming that custom. If you would like to become a member of the Funeral Team please contact Fr. Martin or Fr. John for further information.

BANTRY PARISH CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE

Bantry: 6.15pm – Children's/Family Mass
10pm – Vigil Mass

Kealkil: 8pm – Vigil Mass

Coomhola: 12 Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Hospital: 8.45am

Bantry: 9am

Coomhola: 10am

Kealkil: 11am

Bantry: 12 noon

Confessions for Christmas in Bantry Parish

Penitential Service in Bantry Church
Sunday 23rd December at 6.00 pm

A number of priests will be available for Confessions.

Confessions also available on:-
Christmas Eve Monday 24th December –
Bantry Church: 11am – 1pm

Dromclough N.S. will have the Annual Christmas Mass next Wednesday 19th at 12pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Irish Catholic/ Magnificat: Following the visit to Masses here in Bantry Parish of Representatives of The Irish Catholic, we ask all those who are interested in subscribing to the Irish Catholic to please hand in their names to the Parish Office. We will pass them on to the Legion of Mary, agents for the newspaper only. For The Magnificat magazine, please contact The Irish Catholic directly on 01-6874020.

.Collection for Priests: The collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is for the priests of the parish. The Bishop only allows two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the Priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Parish. These are all accounted for by the Parish Finance Committee and in turn sent to the Diocesan Accountant in Cork. We thank you for your great support and generosity.

Christmas Anniversary List

We are now taking names of deceased loved ones to be prayed for at the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We ask that you please specify the Mass at which you would like the person to be prayed for.

2019 Parish Calendars are available at the Church Porches. Please take one for your home and for your family & friends.

2019 Rotas (Jan-June) for Ministers of the Word & the Eucharist will be available next weekend. Please call to the Sacristy/Parish Office to collect your rota. Thank you. We ask that all Ministers arrange a sub if you cannot attend on your scheduled day

The annual **Community Carol Service** of lessons and carols will take place this year on Sunday 16 December in St Brendan's church at 8pm. There will be plenty of our favourite congregational carols, and you are cordially invited to join with St Brendan's parishioners in this memorable service.

Volunteer Drivers needed for Cancer Connect: Cancer Connect is a free and flexible transport service, bringing passengers from West Cork to Cork for cancer treatments daily. Cancer Connect will contribute towards the cost of fuel. If you or anyone you know might be available to join the team let me know. If you would like further information, or wish to travel with us, contact Julie on 027 52727 or 087 1224404 or email julie@locallinkcork.ie

Collection of Used Stamps of any country. Proceeds go to the RNLI to buy equipment for their Lifeboats. Please leave in Biggs' office, The Square or PIE Deli, Glengarriff Rd. All year. Thank you. Hazel Vickery.

Mobile Phones: We have had many complaints about mobile phones going off in the Church. We would appreciate if you could turn off or put your phone on silent before Mass begins. Many thanks for your co-operation.

***Thank You:** The organising committee of the recent coffee morning in aid of the **Air Ambulance** would like to thank all those who attended, donated spot prizes, confectionary & donations. The amount collected was €1534.30*

Coomhola National School will host the annual Christmas Plays next Wednesday 19th Dec @ 10am followed by some light refreshments in the school. All are welcome. A raffle will be held on the door with some generous prizes kindly donated by local businesses. We are also fundraising with CASH for CLOTHES for the school which will be collected in February. Any donations will be gratefully received

Kealkill Senior Citizens Christmas Party: The Community Alert Group would like to invite all our senior citizens to the annual Christmas Party In Collins Bar Kealkill after 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday December 16th. A great afternoon of music, fun, and laughter is guaranteed and Santa might even call by! Looking forward to a lovely few hours with neighbours and friends in the true spirit of Christmas.

Anam Cara West Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 18th of December at 7:20pm in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**Offertory Collection: Holy Day 8th December: Bantry €1090 ; Coomhola €75 ; Kealkil €145
Weekend of 9th / 10th December: Bantry - € 1,740; Coomhola - €180; Kealkil - €310.**

Parking in Bantry Church Grounds: The Parish Assembly asks all parishioners attending Bantry Church to carefully park their cars only in the designated areas. Parking spaces near the doors should be left for disabled and elderly people. It is vital that a clear entrance and exit around the Church be kept at all times in the event of an emergency

**Bantry Singers Club Monthly gathering will take place in the Ouvane Falls Inn on Friday December 14th at 9pm.
All singers welcome**

Bantry Rowing Club will have its annual Christmas day swim on Christmas day at the Abbey slip. It is timed for 1.30 {1330 } sharp. All welcome .Funds to Cancer Connect and Bantry ARC house. Happy Christmas to all supporters.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from the 19nd to 24th September 2019 (Ex. Cork) with Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'. Booking forms & Details will be available in the Parish Office, Bantry Church in the new year.

St. Stephen's Day Charity Walk : All proceeds go to Bantry Hospice, Cancer Connect & Cork ARC.

Walk A: Hill Walk in Boutenagh (approx. 3 hrs). Buses depart Tourist Office at 12noon.

Walk B: Family Walk through Bantry House. Registration at Bantry Tourist Office from 11am. No entry fee on the day – donation only. Buses depart regularly to Trawlebane. Refreshments in Bantry Bay Hotel afterwards. Weather permitting. Check out facebook page.