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

Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 3rd December: 1st week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am:

Jim & Elizabeth Flynn & Sons - Durrus

Tues. 4th December: 1st week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am: Tom & Nora May O'Dwyer, Elma Creedon (nee O'Dwyer) & Patricia Bradley

Wed. 5th December: 1st week of Advent:

**Bantry: 10am: Kathleen Cronin – Coomanore
Hospital: 5.30pm: Dan & Peggy O'Shea - Adrigole**

Thurs. 6th December: 1st week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am:

Fred & Eileen Coleman – Marino Street

Friday 7th December: 1st week of Advent:

Bantry: 10am:

Patrick O'Mahony – Colchester, England

Bantry: 6.15pm: Shared Mass

Sat. 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Coomhola: 10am: People of the Parish

Kealkil: 11am: Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family - Kealkil

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

Bantry: 6.15pm: Mort & Ann Cronin – Ballylickey

Br. Henry Hoskin – Bridge Street

Betty Cronin – Loughadeveen – 40th anniversary

Sun. 9th December: Second Sunday of Advent:

Bantry: 9am: Michael Connolly – Cahernacrin

Tommy O'Connor – Gurteen

Coomhola: 10am: Ita O'Sullivan – London & Snav

Kealkil: 11am: Catherine O'Rourke – Incharoe

Joe & Mary Keane – Pearsons Bridge

Dan McCarthy – Incharoe

Gerry Cronin – Cahirmounteen – Months Mind

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

Offertory Collection: W/E of 24th/25th November:

Bantry: €1500; Kealkil: €270; Coomhola: €260.

Special collection for the Word Meeting of Families last weekend. Bantry: €1415; Kealkil: €265; Coomhola: €215

Thank You: The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for your kind generosity in the Holy Soul Novena Offerings and the Autumn Station Dues.

**Derrycreha National School will have its Christmas Mass on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 10 o'clock.
All are welcome**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8th December - Holy Day of Obligation

Bantry Church: Vigil Mass at 6.15pm on Friday 7th December

(Please note as there will be no 7.30pm First Friday Shared Mass in Bantry due to the Holy Day, the Shared Mass intentions will be transferred to the 6.15pm Vigil Mass)

Saturday 8th December

Please note there will be no 10am Mass in the Hospital Chapel today

Coomhola Church: 10.00am

Kealkil Church: 11.00 am

Bantry Church: 12noon

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Muireann Eve O'Sullivan

- Snav, Ballylickey, Bantry

We welcome her into our Christian Community

Died Recently: We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of:

Carolyn Ann Murphy (née Vail)

- Dromkeal, Ballylickey, Bantry

May She Rest in Peace

Save the Date! You are invited to a faith conference in the Town Hall Mitchelstown on Our Lady's Great Feast, Saturday December 8th, from 9.30am to 3.30pm. The theme is: how Our Lady has preserved and helped the faith to flourish in Ireland in challenging times, and how she can do this once again. Speakers include Fr Eamonn McCarthy (Radio Maria), Canon Michael Fitzgerald, Dr Gill Doherty, Fr John Mockler, Fr John Walsh OP. Mass and confessions also included. Donation only. Time for lunch in Mitchelstown.

Bantry Hospice AGM takes place on December 6th at 8pm in the Maritime Hotel and all are welcome.

First Friday Communion Calls

Fr. Martin & Fr. John will make their calls during the coming week

Spring Station Masses 2019

If you are thinking of hosting the Spring Stations next year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (tel. 56398) to arrange a date.

Friday December 7th @ 8pm

Bernadette Coffey – Leacadiomhaoin, Cahir, Goreis, Cappanavar

Cork Association for Autism will hold our annual Carols by Candlelight event on Friday the 7th of December at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, Lower Glanmire Road, Cork City. Tickets are €15 each. The Cork Association for Autism provide support services to over 300 individuals in Cork affected by Autism. These services include residential, respite, day service, home supports and an Asperger Support Service. Tickets can be purchased through www.corkautism.ie or d.murphy@corkautism.ie or by calling 021 453 3642.

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. Many parishioners feel that this service, united as it is with our fellow Christians, is the real start to Christmas celebrations. 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.

RDS Rising Star string quartet from the Cork School of Music play in Bantry. The Doolan quartet play in St. Brendan's - Sunday 2 December, 3pm. Following their tour of schools in the county, David McElroy, Rachel Masterson, Martha Campbell and Grace Coughlan settle in to St Brendan's to play some of the classical greats: Death and the Maiden by Franz Schubert, a quartet by Beethoven (Op.18 No.4) and 'Procession', a memorizing new piece by the young Irish composer, Daragh Black Hynes. Admission €12, €8 for U16s. Free tea and coffee at the interval. Last concert before Christmas. All welcome.

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.

Craft Fair: CoAction would like to thank everyone who supported its recent Christmas Food & Craft Fair at the Westlodge Hotel and especially Jim O'Keeffe of O'Keeffe's SuperValu, Bantry who generously sponsored the raffle prizes. CoAction also wish to thank all the stall-holders who attended the Fair; the Westlodge Hotel for the use of the Seafield Room; Gearóid O'Leary for acting as MC; Glenilen Farm, Drimoleague for sponsoring the hampers; Designs & Signs for signage and anybody who bought raffle tickets, attended or helped out in any way. Date for your diary: Christmas Monster €1000 Bingo at the Westlodge Hotel on Sunday, December 9th at 2pm in support of CoAction.

Gaelscoil Bheanntraí will be holding their annual Christmas Craft Fair on Thursday 6th December between 6:00 and 8:00. Admission is FREE. Children can visit Daidí na Nollag for €6.00 and this includes entry to Santa's Grotto and present, activities and a picture taken with the man himself. Enjoy lots of crafts, home baking and fun activities for the children on the night. You can also experience some produce from outside traders who will have stalls set up. We have some fabulous prizes for the Wheel of Fortune, a big attraction on the night

Bantry Flower & Garden Club Demonstration & Dinner 'Christmas Surprises' at the Westlodge Hotel on Monday 3rd Dec. Tickets €20. Must be booked before 26th Nov. Please contact Judith Payne (027-61022) & Mary Dillon (027-50985)

Kealkill Community Alert Group: Personal Alarm Scheme

A personal alarm gives you the reassurance that you can raise a call for help from anywhere within your home or even your garden. It provides you with a 24 hour link to a Monitoring Centre all year 'round. If you are 65 or over, and living in the Kealkill area you could be entitled to have a personal alarm installed through the Seniors Alert Scheme. If you would like to hear about the scheme please contact: Garda Ann Marie O'Sullivan 086 1909432. John O'Sullivan 086 3297555 or Margaret Peters 086 1292558

Mealagh Valley Community Centre Upcoming Events.

*A Christmas Ceili will take place on Wednesday 5th December at 9pm with music by The Breens.

Admission is only €10 and refreshments are provided.

*On December 13th at 8.30pm. We will hold a Christmas Bingo. Spot prizes and extra raffle prizes on the night. Full book & jackpot sheet €10, half book & jackpot sheet €5.

* December Saturday 22nd at 9pm Christmas Progressive 45 Cards..Extra prizes for Christmas. We here at the Mealagh Valley Community Centre would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, and to wish you all a Safe, Happy and Healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Bereavement Information Morning for those coping with the death of a loved one from cancer at Cork ARC Cancer Support House, Goureebeg, Bantry on Friday 7th December, at 10.30 am. Booking essential on 027 53891 / westcork@corkcancersupport.ie. All services are free of charge, www.corkcancersupport.ie

*****Kealkill Christmas lights will be turned on the First of December. Proceeds go to Bantry Care of the Aged Association*****

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service would like to thank all who contributed to the running of the recent Donor Clinic. **167** Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in **The Maritime Hotel**. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. The precious gift of Blood brings life and hope to our hospital patients and their communities.