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

**Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Michael Jimmy Downey - Gortagaree**

**Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 11am: John Connelly - Gortacloona**

**Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Sonny & Nora O'Mahony - Ards**

**Hospital: 5.30pm:**

**Deceased members of the Gallagher & McCoy Families**

**Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Paddy & Nancy O'Shea - Gories**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 10am: Mary O'Sullivan – Crostera, Glengarriff**

**Kealkil: 7.30pm: Sean O'Mahony - Maughnaclea**

**Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time:**

**Hospital: 10am: Con Collins & Hannah Hurley  
(Kielnascarta) and Daniel Hurley (Clonakilty)**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Tommy Barry & his family - Derryvahalla**

**Leo, James & Mary O'Sullivan - Droumsullivan**

**Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Bantry: 9am: Werner Heinhold – 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary**

**John & Molly Scully & their son**

**Jerome Scully - Maughnasilly**

**Coomhola: 10am: Sean Holland - Kealanine**

**Kealkil: 11am: Jack O'Mahony – Gortloughera**

**Danny O'Leary – Curraglass – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary**

**Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish**

**“Come and See”**

**Vocations Afternoon**

Poor Clare Monastery, College Road,  
Cork.

**Saturday Feb. 9th 2 - 4.30 pm**

*For young women considering a vocation*

**Email:**

[vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com](mailto:vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com)

[www.poorclarescork.ie](http://www.poorclarescork.ie)

**Children's Mass**

**A Children's Mass will be celebrated in  
Bantry Church this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January at  
9.00 a.m. all welcome.**

**Any child who would like to read a prayer  
of the Faithful or bring up an offertory  
gift please leave your name at the sacristy.**

**Recent Parish Baptisms:**

**James Patrick John O'Shea  
– Ahildotia, Kealkil**

**We welcome him into our Christian Community**

**The Betelgeuse Anniversary Mass:**

**We thank God that He granted us such a fine day to remember those who died in the Betelgeuse Tragedy  
on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1979.**

**We thank Bishop John Buckley for celebrating & preaching the homily and the other priests who joined  
him in concelebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass last Tuesday.**

**We especially thank Canon Paul Willoughby of the Church of Ireland and Paster David Ross of Bantry  
Christian Fellowship Church who joined all of us in Prayer in Irish, English and French for all those who  
died in the tragedy forty year ago.**

**A special word of thanks to Mr. Michael Kingston, the main organiser of the entire commemoration.  
We would also like to thank all those who prepared Bantry Church & helped on the day of the Memorial,  
the Altar Society, the team who took down the crib, those who did the cleaning in the Sacristy & provided  
refreshments in the Sacristy, the carpark steward, those who put up the flags, the Altar servers, the  
Musical Director, Mrs. Anne Maria Murphy, the Folk Choir, the Childrens Choir, the boys & girls of Our  
Lady of Mercy N.S, The Gaelscoil & St. Finbarr's B.N.S, their teachers & SNAs, Sacristans,  
the Eucharistic Ministers & Readers.**

**Proposed Parish Pilgrimage to Rome: End of April – Start of May. Dates to be arranged. 7 nights. Flights from  
Dublin. More information on cost etc. will be available shortly.**

**Sample Itinerary: Visiting The Vatican, the Papal Audience, the main historical sites of Rome, the Irish College,  
day trip to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis & St. Claire, Monte Cassino where St. Benedict is buried, and  
Castelgandolfo. If you are interested, please let the Parish office know as we are trying to ascertain how much  
interest there would be in a Parish Pilgrimage to Rome. Parish Office: tel: 027-56398.**

### **Betelgeuse Memorial Book**

**The Betelgeuse Memorial Book, which contains the names of all those who died on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1979, will be placed in a special case in St. Finbarr's Church, Bantry, shortly. A copy of this book was presented to a representative of the French families.**

**St. Finbarr's B.N.S & Our Lady of Mercy N.S. presented 2 books containing the names of those who died in the Disaster. These books were compiled by the pupils in the 2 schools.**

**The Irish translation in the Memorial Books was undertaken by the Gaelscoil who also did the final Prayer of the Faithful in Irish during the Anniversary Mass.**

**Dromclough National School will hold enrolments for the school year 2019-20 from Thursday 31st January to Thurs. February the 28th.**

#### **Safe Hands First Aid Training:**

FAR COURSE coming up in the Westlodge Hotel on January 22/23/24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am-5pm each day. if you are interested in this course or want more information/pricing please contact noreen on 086 8986014

#### **Offertory Collection:**Weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>

January 2019: Bantry: €1545,  
Coomhola:€325, Kealkil:€255

*There will be a special collection for Diocesan Needs taken up on January 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 2019.*

#### **Weddings in Bantry Parish:**

Please note that at least three months notice must be given when booking a Wedding in Bantry Parish. Weddings can only be booked through the Parish Office on 027-56398.

It is also a legal requirement that **at least three months** notice is given to the Civil Registrar. Full details can be found on [www.crsappointments.ie](http://www.crsappointments.ie)

**To book a Marriage Preparation Course please contact Mary McCarthy at Accord on 085-1215984**

**Bantry Tidy Towns are hosting a Food Waste & Composting Workshop in the Maritime Hotel on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>. 7.30pm. Donal O'Leary of Stop Food Waste will give a free talk on domestic food waste and how to prevent it. Donal will also explain how to compost successfully at home. Both of these topics should be of interest to individuals, householders,caterers,schools, community & other environmental groups. Do come along and hear how small changes can make a big difference**

#### **MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY**

Jackpot Bingo on January 17th at 8.30pm.. €10 for full book with jackpot sheet, €5 for half book with jackpot sheet... raffle and refreshments on the night. ALL WELCOME. PROGRESSIVE 45 Cards Sat January 19th at 9pm.

**Cancer Fundraiser: The annual Cancer Fundraiser will be held in early March at the former Super Valu Store, New Street, Bantry. The organisers are deeply grateful to Mr. Jim O'Keeffe for the use of his premises and to the people in the community for their generosity. We are appealing once again for any items surplus to requirements – unwanted gifts, unused purchases, bric-a-brac etc. (anything except clothes, shoes or books). Dates and details will be available later and from Nora Cremin (027-51276). Together we can make a difference.**

#### **Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

The Bantry Parish and Friends Pilgrimage will take place from 19<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Ex. Cork) with **Full Board accommodation in the 'Agena Hotel'**.

**Spiritual Director: Canon Martin O'Driscoll.** Booking forms & Details available in the Parish Office, Bantry Church.

**Bantry Care for the Aged Association wishes to thank most sincerely Brian & Eleanor McGee for their very generous donation of €500 from their Christmas lights display in Kealkil. Their financial support is greatly appreciated.**