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

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> December: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent:**

Bantry: 10am: Special Intention

Bantry: 6.15pm Kealkil: 8pm

Bantry: 10pm Coomhola: 12 midnight

**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> December:**

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:**

Hospital: 8.45am Bantry: 9am

Coomhola: 10am Kealkil: 11am

Bantry: 12noon

**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> December: St. Stephen – First Martyr:**

Bantry: 10am: Andrew Stanczak - Seskin

No 5.30pm Mass in the Hospital Chapel today.

**Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> December:**

**St. John, Apostle & Evangelist:**

Bantry: 10am: Gemma Barrett – Colomane East

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs:**

Bantry: 10am: Owen O'Sullivan - Glencreagh

Kealkil: 7.30pm:

Con Collins – Kielnascarta – 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> December: 5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas:**

Hospital: 10am: Hannie Harrington – Georges Row

Bantry: 6.15pm: Denis Gilley – Caher

Noel O'Sullivan (Slip Park) & his sister Sheila O'Sullivan (Clonakilty)

John, Jeremiah & Con Daly – Gortnakilla, Kilcrohane

**Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:**

Bantry: 9am: John J. Burke – Droumourneen

Deceased members of the Connolly Family - Gortacloona

Coomhola: 10am:

Molly O'Sullivan – Cappadyourdil, Coomhola

Kealkil: 11am: People of the Parish

Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish

We, the Priests of the Parish, would like to wish all the People of Bantry, both at home and abroad, especially those who are ill and those who are not able to travel home for the Christmas Season, a very holy, happy and peaceful Christmas with family and friends.

Canon Martin O'Driscoll

Fr. John Heinhold

Fr. James McSweeney

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.00 pm**

*A number of priests will be available for Confessions.*

**Confessions also available on:-**

**Christmas Eve Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December –  
Bantry Church: 11am – 1pm**

*Please note: There will be no 5.30pm Mass in the Hospital Chapel on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December, St. Stephen's Day.*

**Offertory Collection: Weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> December: Bantry - € 1,670; Coomhola - €210; Kealkil - €275.**

**Christmas Mass in Polish:**

***Holy Mass in Polish will be celebrated in Clonakilty on Christmas Day at 1.30pm***

***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 are now available. 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 Saint Vincent DePaul in Bantry

would like to acknowledge the generosity of the people of Bantry, Kealkill, Coomhola, Durrus, Ahakista and Kilcrohane for the €3046 that was collected on the weekend of 8th & 9th December. We would also like to thank our volunteers.

If you would like to donate to the S. V. P. Bantry Christmas appeal, please drop your donation to the Sacristy in Bantry Church and it will be passed on to the S.V.P.

Saint Vincent De Paul has 4 main priorities:

1. food,
2. heating ,
3. clothing,
4. education

All donations collected locally are spent locally.

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

### 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. Thank you. Hazel Vickery.

### Important Notice for Altar Servers:

We ask all Altar Servers who have not yet collected their Christmas Box to please call to the Sacristy after any Mass this weekend.

*We would like to thank the Altar Servers who have completed their time. We also give a warm welcome and sincere thanks to our new and existing Altar Servers (and their parents) in our three Churches for volunteering with us. We look forward to their years of service here in Bantry Parish*

### Care for the Aged Charity Shop – Barrack Street

The lady volunteers of the above Charity shop wish to acknowledge the wonderful support we have received from the people of Bantry & surrounding areas during 2018. We are confident that we can look forward to the same level of support in 2019. We wish our friends & supporters a happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

### MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS.

**St. Stephen's Night Progressive 45 Cards @ 9pm.** All Welcome. **January** upcoming events.

Mondays Kids Tai-Kwon-Do classes contact Ralf 087-807 3006. Wednesdays Set Dancing classes contact Olive 087-987 4013. Thursdays Art classes contact Maureen 085-136 4116  
Bingo January 17th at 8.30pm. Happy Christmas to all..

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

**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.

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 19<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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.