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

Parish website: www.bantryparish.ie**Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-****Mon. 31st December:****7th Day in the Octave of Christmas:****Bantry: 10am:****Paul Joseph O'Mahony – Ardnatrush – 2nd anniversary****Tues. 1st January: Mary, The Holy Mother of God:****Bantry: 10am: John Hanley - Kielnascarta****Wed. 2nd January: Before Epiphany:****Bantry: 10am: Humphrey & Bridie Lynch - Shandrum****Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish****Thurs. 3rd January: Before Epiphany:****Bantry: 10am: Michael O'Sullivan – Marian Terrace****Friday 4th January: Before Epiphany:****Bantry: 10am: Myrna de la Pena****Bantry: 7.30pm: First Friday Shared Mass****Sat. 5th January: Before Epiphany:****Hospital: 10am: People of the Parish****Bantry: 6.15pm:****James & Ellen Hegarty – Letterlickey****Joan & Timmy McCarthy – St. Cannaras Place****Maureen Minehane – Whiddy Island****Sun. 6th January: The Epiphany of the Lord:****Bantry: 9am: People of the Parish****Coomhola: 10am: People of the Parish****Kealkil: 11am: People of the Parish****Bantry: 12noon: People of the Parish****Feast of the Epiphany –
Holy Day of Obligation
Sunday, 6th January 2019
Normal Sunday Masses****Bantry: Saturday 5th January at 6.15pm
– Vigil Mass****Sunday, 6th January****Bantry: 9am****Coomhola: 10.00 am****Kealkil: 11.00 am****Bantry: 12.00 noon****Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****Continues every Friday in the Hospital
Chapel (11am-9pm). You are invited to
spend an hour in adoration****First Friday Communion Calls:****Fr. Martin & Fr. John will make their
usual calls during the coming week.****Thank you:**

As we look forward to the New Year ahead we remember and thank all of you who have contributed to and participated in the life of Bantry Parish over the past year. We thank you for your prayers, your participation in ministry, and the many different tasks and roles, however small, you take up in the parish.

We particularly thank the following people: The Parish Assembly, the Sacristans, the Finance Committee, the Scripture Group, the Parish Secretary, the Eucharistic Ministers & Readers, the collectors & counters, the choirs & cantors, the altar servers, the altar societies, the parish safeguarding officers, the Procession committee & stewards, those who put up the cribs, those who look after the Grottos, the altar linen, & the Holy Water in the Churches, those who fold the newsletters, those who cater for meetings/events, those who look after church grounds, the teachers of local primary & secondary schools, those who prepare young people & adults for the Sacraments outside of school times, the Parish Undertakers, Bantry Accord personnel & the Gardai.

Sincere thanks also for your financial support in the Christmas collection this year. We very much appreciate your generosity, help and support.

The Priests of the Parish would like to wish all the people of Bantry, at home & abroad and especially the sick, a very happy, holy & peaceful New Year.

Fr. Martin, Fr. John & Fr. James

Invitation - Come Join the Choir

New members are very welcome to join the Parish Choirs –
The Bantry Church Choir, The Folk Group and Coomhola Church Choir.
There are no auditions – we just look for people who enjoy singing.
If you are interested please contact the Parish Office (tel. 56398).

Died Recently:

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

Cornelius O'Farrell

- Slip Lawn, Bantry
- & late of Clogher, Dunmanway

May he rest in peace

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

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**

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

Adult Afternoon Painting classes at Visions School of Art, Cork

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 2:30-4:30pm; Tuesdays is acrylic painting and Thursdays is oil painting; suited to beginners, though not exclusively. Courses begin again on week beginning 7th January. EUR130/8-week course. Also provided are various art Saturday workshops and evening classes. Parking EUR1 for classes, and EUR5 for day-workshops. www.artclass.ie/cork-city-adult-art-classes. Email Andrew at: and.carroll@gmail.com.

**MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
UPCOMING EVENTS.**

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 New Year 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

SEEK GOD FOR THE FUTURE:-

**TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART;
DO NOT DEPEND ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING.
SEEK HIS WILL IN ALL YOU DO, AND HE WILL
SHOW YOU WHICH PATH TO TAKE.**

PROVERBS 3:5-6, (NLT)

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.