

BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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

**Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Bantry:10am: Christy Crowley - Beach**

**Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Bantry: 11am:**

**Victims of the Betelgeuse Disaster – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Bantry: 10am:**

**David Warner & Pauline Fossett O'Connor**

**Hospital: 5.30pm: People of the Parish**

**Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Bantry: 10am:**

**Jimmy Kearns – Cahir – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Bantry: 10am: Denis O'Donoghue (Gurteenroe)**

**& Jeremiah Collins (Parade Field, Bantry)**

**Kealkil: 7.30pm: Kitty O'Driscoll - Clonakilty**

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> January: After Epiphany:**

**Hospital: 10am:**

**Nora, Pat & Michael Cadogan – Church Rd**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Nuala McCarthy – High Street**

**Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> January: The Baptism of the Lord:**

**Bantry: 9am: Mary O'Brien – Reenrou East**

**Coomhola:10am:**

**Tade Cadogan –Cooleenlemane, Coomhola**

**Kealkil: 11am: Kitty Collins – Kealkil**

**Kitty O'Driscoll - Clonakilty**

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

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January is the  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Betelgeuse Disaster.**

**There will be a special Anniversary  
Mass in St. Finbarr's Church,  
Bantry at 11am on next  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Please note: There will be no 10am Mass  
in Bantry Church on Tuesday morning.**

**Children's Mass**

**A Children's Mass will be celebrated in  
Bantry Church on next 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:**

**Ronan Timothy Downey  
– Reendonagan, Bantry**

**Seán Óg Adam Reilly**

**- Coorycomade, Coomhola**

**We welcome them into our Christian Community**

THE DEEP END: 'We observed his star at his rising': The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6bc was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God. We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place. 'We often make do with looking at the ground ... I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?' Pope Francis  
Jane Mellett (Email [mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:mellettj@gmail.com))

***Thank You: The Priests of the Parish would like to sincerely thank parishioners for your financial support in the Christmas collection this year. We very much appreciate your generosity, help and support.***

***We would also 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**

**Baptisms in Bantry Parish:**

Baptisms are held at 4pm on Saturdays in Bantry Church, after 10am Mass in Coomhola Church and after 11am Mass in Kealkil Church on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office on 027-56398 to book a baptism.

**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 on this can be found on [www.crsappointments.ie](http://www.crsappointments.ie)

**Safe Hands First Aid Training:**

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

**MEALAGH VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
UPCOMING EVENTS.**

**January 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.

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

**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).**

**The Singers Club** January gathering will take place in the Ouvane Falls Inn on Friday 11th at 9pm. Special guest, Sean O Sé. All singers and listeners welcome. Old time dancing also resumes on Thursday 10th at 8pm. Same venue.

**2019 Rotas (Jan-June) for Ministers of the Word & the Eucharist are now available.**

**Please note: Due to an error the Weekday rota has been re-issued. Apologies for the inconvenience. 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**

**Anam Cara West Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, has moved location from Bantry to the Munster Arms hotel, Bandon, Co. Cork. Anam Cara West Cork will be holding it's first monthly Parent Evening in this new venue on Tuesday 15th of January at 7:20pm. 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:Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> December:  
Bantry: €1990, Coomhola:€305, Kealkil:€300**

**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’.**

**Spiritual Director: Canon Martin O’Driscoll.**

**Booking forms & Details available in the Parish Office, Bantry Church.**