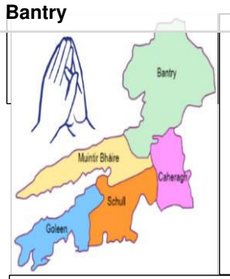

BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th September 2026 Vol. 38.

Gougane Barra Sunday - 27th September 2026
Confessions: 1.30pm Rosary: 2.30pm
Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin

Diocese of Cork & Ross Mass Animated by Young Adults
Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Cork City. Second Sunday of Every Month at 7pm. Animated by young adults with music, reading, serving, welcome & hospitality – All are Welcome! youthministry@corkandross.org

Bantry native, naturalist and documentary presenter Eoin Warner will launch his memoir 'Through the long grass : love loss and belonging in nature' in the library on Saturday 19th Sept at 7 pm. This event is open to all.'

Recent Parish Baptisms:
We welcome into our Christian Community
Tiernan Nicholas Scully – Lowertown, Schull

Coffee Day in Durrus: Thursday, September 24th, is Coffee Day for Marymount Hospice, which provides specialist palliative and long-term care in Cork. Mary O'Donovan has hosted the fundraiser at her home for many years. Mary will host the event again this year but, instead of holding it at her home, it will take place at the Philip's Green Centre. It will run from 10am to 4pm in the afternoon, with a grand raffle for some wonderful prizes. All are warmly invited to attend and support this worthy cause.Should some people be unable to attend, they can support this great cause by either purchasing raffle tickets or handing in donations to Mary.

The Annual Memory Walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society will take place from the Railway Pier (beyond SuperValu) on Sunday Sept 20th @ 11am. Two different length walks are available led by Munster Rugby star Josh Wycherely to honour & remember loved ones who have lived with Dementia Register on w.w.w.alzheimer.ie/memory walk or on day

Set dancing classes for Beginners with Noel/Olive in the mealagh Valley hall. 5 weeks for 40 euros commencing on the 30th of September 7.30 to 8.30pm. Text or contact Noel at 086 1507126

Relaxation Morning in Gortalassa:
Come and join us for a morning of relaxation in the Old School House in Gortalassa. Date: Wednesday 23rd September. Time: 11am to 1pm. Venue: The Old School House, Gortalassa . All Welcome. For any queries, please contact Lorna Harte from Family Carers & Older Person's Initiative on 087 400 1763

Thinking about being a Priest in the Diocese of Cork & Ross? If you are between the ages of 18 and 40 and feel God may be calling you to be a diocesan priest then our monthly Discernment Group Meeting may be a good way for you to discern this call. It is a gentle first step in the process which takes the form of a monthly meeting and the availability of a spiritual director to help guide you. The first meeting takes place on Saturday, September 26. Please register your interest by emailing Fr. Marius at vocations@corkandross.org

Fifteen students begin priesthood training for Irish dioceses
Fifteen new students have begun their training for the priesthood for the academic year 2026 – 2027. In total, there are now 74 seminarians in formation training to minister for Irish dioceses, and these are:
- 15 entering their Propaedeutic Year in various seminaries (Introductory Year)
- 51 are studying in the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, and at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dundalk; and 8 are based in seminaries on the continent.
A Special Collection for Priesthood Education will be taken up this weekend, 19th/20th September, throughout the Diocese.

Please remember them in your prayers.

***Died Recently*:We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:**
John Baldwin – Reenrour East, Bantry

A Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday the 27th of September, 2026 with the bus leaving Skibbereen at 5.am. If you wish to travel please telephone Anne at 0876255254.

Have you been bereaved by suicide? HUGG – Support after Suicide
HUGG support groups are a safe space to talk freely listen, share, ask wquestions and cone t tihe other who have faced similar losses. It is a place where you will be met with compassion & care. Support groups are free and led by trained volunteers with a lived experience of suicide loss. You are welcome to join a HUGG Suicide Bereavement Support. Contact us to learn more and find your nearest support group. www.HUGG.ie

Prayer to Saint Pio –
Feastday 23rd September
O Saint Pio of Pietrelcina,
faithful servant of God and humble priest,
you bore the wounds of Christ with love
and devoted your life to prayer and charity.
Intercede for me before the Lord,
especially for the intention I carry in my heart.
Help me to trust in God's providence,
to persevere in faith,
and to accept His will with courage and peace.
Teach me to pray with greater faith,
to love with greater charity,
and to remain close to Jesus in every trial.
Saint Pio, pray for me.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Amen.

CARERS Coffee Morning
– Last Thursday of each Month.
Date: Next coffee morning Thursday 24th September (11am-12.30pm) in the Martime Hotel Bar Snug area. This meeting offers Family Carers a chance to meet other carers in a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment. It's about taking a break, making friends and sharing experiences. For more information contact: Gemma Casey on 087-910 3036

Offertory Collection 6th September: Bantry: €2360 Schull:€891 Muintir Bhaire:€810 Goleen: €580 Caheragh: €629

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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Sat 19th Sept: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 6.15pm: Margaret Coughlan – Derryvahalla – 5th anniv.
Annie Keane – Glengarriff Road, Bantry
Dromore:8pm: Eileen & Denis Crowley - Colomane East. Michael & Cathy May Cadogan - Dromourneen.
Lowertown: 8pm: No Booking

Sunday 20th Sept: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:9am: Special Intention
Ballydehob:9am: Eileen McCarthy (anniv), her husband Connie & their daughter Bernadette – East End, Ballydehob & Rossbrin
Helen Fitzgerald – Shanavagh, Ballydehob – Months Mind
Mary & Denis Cotter – Knockroe, Ballydehob
Patrick & Norah O'Donovan (Rathravane) & their daughter
Marcella Moynihan - Dunbeacon
Durrus: 10am: Special Intention
Schull:10.30am: Donor's Intentions
Kealkil:10.30am: Hannie Cronin – Borlin
Con & Hetty Hanley – Lisheens
Hannah Cronin – Cullinagh
Eugene & Kate O'Neill – Kealkil
Paul O'Neill
Jannie Kingston
Jeremiah, Nora & Teddy O'Sullivan – Ballinamought
Michael Donegan – Castletownbere
Seán Lynch – Maughnaclea
Christy & Nora O'Sullivan – Lahernshermeen
Matt & Margaret OSullivan - Newtown
Caheragh:11.15am: Margaret O'Mahony - Glounaphooka
James O'Donovan – Glounaphooka – 1st anniv
Jackie & Mary Hayes - Gurranes
Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes
Kilcrohane:11.30am: Bridget Daly - Faramanagh
Goleen:12noon: :Dick , Denis & James Cotter - Lissigriffin.
Bob Barry - Clogher - 5th Anniv
Hannie Griffin - 4th Anniv.
Bantry:12noon: Jeremiah Connolly – Reendessert
Diarmuid McCarthy – Lissareemig – 50th Birthday Remembrance
Justy Breen – Glengarriff Road, Bantry
Margo Murphy – Gurteenroe & Blarney

Mon 21st Sept: The Exaltation of the Cross:
Bantry:10am: Cornelius & Margaret McCarthy – New Street
Deceased members of the McCarthy Family
Schull: 10am: Donor's Intentions
Tuesday 22nd Sept: 24th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 10am: Timothy & Mary O'Sullivan – Reenrour East
Wed. 23rd Sept: 24th Week in Ordinary Time:
Ballydehob:10am: No Booking
Bantry:10am: Jim Cadogan
Thursday 24th Sept: 24th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: Dick Donovan – High Street, Bantry
Goleen: 10am: No Booking
Friday 25th Sept: 24th Week in Ordinary Time:
Feast of St. Finbarr: Patron Saint of Cork:
Bantry:10am: Barry O'Donoghue - Dromleigh
Schull:10am: Finbarr Butler–Inglenook –Birthday Remembrance
Saturday 26th Sept: 24th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry Hospital: 10am: Dick Coffey – Slip Lawn