

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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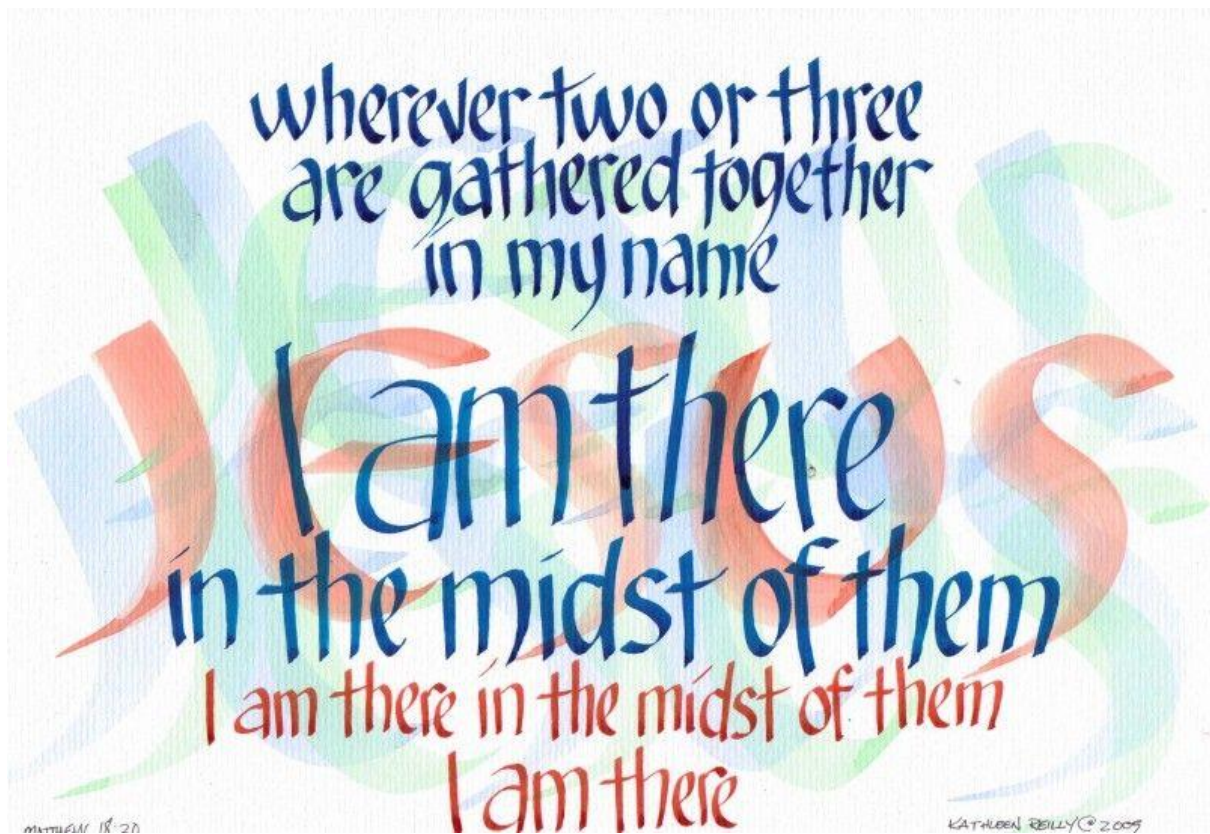
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Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesdays: 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm; Fridays: 9.00 am - 1.30 pm.



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

There are a number of insights to be gleaned from today's Gospel where the words of Jesus reflect some of the practices that were prevalent in the community for which St Matthew was writing; he refers specifically to the need to 'speak the truth in love' when someone goes astray. We are also reminded that the Lord is present when two or three gather in his name and that he will always honour our prayer of petition.

In light of today's readings, I offer the following piece which refers to the paradox of our times and carries a certain truth:

We have taller buildings, but shorter tempers;
wider motorways, but narrower viewpoints;
we spend more, but have less;
we buy more, but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families;
more conveniences, but less time;
we have more degrees, but less sense;
more knowledge, but less judgment;
more experts, but less solutions;
more medicine, but less health.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.
We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often.
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life;
we've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back,
but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour.
We've conquered outer space, but not inner space;
we've done greater things, but not better things;
we've split the atom, but not our prejudice.
We have higher incomes, but lower morale;
we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence;
more leisure, but less fun;
more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce;
of fancier houses, but broken homes.
It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window,
and nothing in the stockroom.

Let us pray for a conversion of heart and the wisdom to make the right choices in everything we do and say.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.



Face Coverings in Churches

Thank you for continuing to ensure that our celebration of Mass and other Liturgies remain safe places for all who join us. It has been acknowledged that the wearing of face masks, in conjunction with hand washing and social distancing etc are likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others and ourselves. While the government has not formally made it mandatory, all Church leaders strongly recommend that people attending church should wear face coverings, with the exception of those people considered exempt and children under the age of 13.

Blessing of Graves

A recording of the blessing of graves in Beragh is now accessible on the Parish Website, Facebook and YouTube.

It is proposed to have similar recordings for the cemeteries in Drumduff and Seskinore on Wednesday 16th September. Again, people are encouraged to tidy their family plots and any other graves that appear neglected.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, *Ollie Derek Sawyers*.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 703

Other Collections

Candles: £ 84

Peter's Pence: £ 49

Building Fund: £ 80

Priest's Dues: £ 160

Total: £1,076

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of August was £1,982.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Eamon McAlinney; Oliver O'Neill; Joe Barrett;
Paddy McGarvey; John Donnelly;
John Broderick (funeral on Saturday in Beragh).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 6th September 11.30 am Gerard McDonald;
Hugh and Joe Franey;
Vera Quinn.

Thursday 10th September 9.00 am Private Intention.

Friday 11th September 7.30 pm Tommy and Molly Kelly.

Saturday 12th September 11.00 am Paddy McGarvey (MM).

Saturday 12th September 6.00 pm Paul Rodgers.

Sunday 13th September 11.30 am John and Rose Donaghy.

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 7th September 9.00 am Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 9th September 9.00 am Barney McCullagh.

The Oratory in Sixmilecross will be closed until further notice.

It's worth noting that the Rosary and Masses from the Oratory are available on You Tube. Search for "sixmilecross oratory youtube".

Totus Tuus Magazine

Due to the Covid 19 Outbreak, the Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to start receiving Totus Tuus to your home, then please phone Fiona at 0868 760 058.

Music and Singing at Mass

Beragh Parish is blessed with a number of people throughout the parish who have been blessed with beautiful singing voices in addition to others who are able to play musical instruments. We are extremely grateful to those individuals and groups who use their God given talents to enhance our liturgical celebrations. With the current Covid 19 restrictions, regular large choirs are discouraged, but that should not prevent us from having some music and singing at Sunday Mass.

I am extending an invitation to people throughout the parish who would be interested to kindly make contact with Mrs Clare McAleer - (Telephone: 07984 653 698 email: cmcaleer85@gmail.com). The intention is to draw up a rota for 9.00 am and 11.30 am Masses in Beragh.

Theology Programme

Do you want to learn more about your faith?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The course takes two years with one night per week and two weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology course will be continuing this year with predominantly online classes, starting on 8th September 2020.

If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact Milanda on 00353 429 336 393 or email: milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9.00 am - 2.00 pm). All are welcome.

Important Information about the Parish Webcam

The web camera in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh has been upgraded. Anyone wishing to watch Mass etc. being streamed from Beragh Parish should go to the parish website www.beraghparish.com for the new link or go to www.churchmedia.tv Anyone with a set top box should search for Church Media to add that channel. Any problems with the set top box, please call 07879 606 583. You will also notice on the bottom left hand corner an additional camera choice: “Baptismal” which focuses on the baptismal font for the celebration of baptisms.