

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



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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 times when we might be able to relate to Job's sense of weariness as described in today's first reading: "is not life on earth a drudgery?"; "assigned to months of misery"; "troubled nights"; "restless until dawn"; "my life is but a breath". Renowned more often for his patience, Job, in this instance, seems to be overwhelmed with the burdens of life and he complains bitterly to the Lord. He reminds us that the prayer of lament is legitimate and honest - it is good to ask questions and to pour out our souls to the Lord.

In the gospel, St Mark gives us a description of a typical day in the life of Jesus. Here too there is a sense of Jesus being overwhelmed by the demands of people and the urgency of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus appears to be under enormous pressure: constantly on the move, dealing with crowds of people, attending to their many needs and responding to their requests for healing of body and spirit while silencing the devils because they know who he really is. It's interesting, however, to note that in the midst of his heavy schedule, Jesus takes time to attend to his own inner needs. "Early in the morning, long before dawn, he goes off to a lonely place to pray." In the half-light of day, we observe the God-Man in prayer. This contact with the Father is undoubtedly a much-needed source of energy and inspiration that gives Jesus the ability to fulfil his mission.

We too should turn regularly to the Lord so that he can replenish our spirits and nourish our hearts. “Lord, we know who you are; we come to you in the grey light of dawn; in the warm heat of noontide; and when the world is weary at nightfall and we know that you are attentive to our cries”.

Today’s psalm also expresses the praise that is due to God as the source of all healing. The response is particularly appropriate:

“Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted”.

As we go about our ordinary tasks and duties, even within the restrictions of these strange times, let us remember that the same Lord who was close to the broken people of Capernaum is close to us. We are told that he went straight to see the woman who was bedridden with fever, he took her by the hand, and raised her up. He will do the same for us especially when we share with him our thoughts and worries, our fears and doubts. This is what prayer is all about.

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **World Day of the Sick**

In preparation for World Day of the Sick, which is celebrated on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, novena prayers are being offered each day during Mass to invoke the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes for all people who are sick.

### **Year of Reflection and Prayer**

The ‘Year of Reflection and Prayer’, which was launched last January to begin the process of pastoral planning in the diocese, was due to conclude at the end of this month. Due, however, to the Covid-19 pandemic and to the ongoing restrictions on movement and gathering, the Pastoral Team has decided to extend this period of reflection until the end of June.

A video was released on Thursday evening (January 28<sup>th</sup>) on Facebook and [www.armaghprays.com](http://www.armaghprays.com) to outline the resources the team have made available to parishes and parishioners in the months ahead. These resources include a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes for the sick, for healthcare workers, and for an end to the pandemic, six sessions of prayer and reflection during Lent on our experience of Church, reflections on the role of St. Joseph to coincide with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in May, four sessions in June from the ‘Let’s Talk Family’ programme to mark the Year of the Family and several resources to support faith formation in schools and homes.

The video also includes two questions for reflection. Parishioners are encouraged to send their responses to [yprarmagh@gmail.com](mailto:yprarmagh@gmail.com).

### **Mass arrangements for Beragh Parish**

All Masses from Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh are streamed via webcam.

To log on please go to: [www.beraghparish.com](http://www.beraghparish.com)

### **Summary of Beragh Parish Collections**

Weekly Envelopes: £ 533

Loose Collection: £ 10

#### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 133

Christmas Day: £ 45

Sick and Retired Priests: £ 40

Building Fund: £ 75

Priest's Dues: £ 45

**Total: £ 881**

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month January was **£2,162.**

## Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Michael Seery; Ben McQuaid; Tilly O’Dea; Sean McGeown; Paddy Keenan; Fr Joe McKeever; Fr Tommy McGeough; Mick Kerr, Drumnakilly (Funeral in Drumduff on Tuesday); Michael Murphy, Fox Park (Funeral in Killyclogher on Friday); Fr Enda Keenan (Funeral in Thurles on Friday); Carmel O’Hanlon, Sixmilecross (Funeral in Garvagh on Saturday).

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Matthew and Mary Rodgers;  Eamon and Packie McIvor;  Ellen Doonan (nee McCann) and William James Doonan.
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Pat McAleer and deceased members of the McAleer family.
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Brigid and John McAleer.

### Congratulations

We welcome into our community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,  
*Rowan John Donnelly.*

### **Oratory, Sixmilecross**

The Rosary and Masses from the Oratory are available on You Tube. Search for “sixmilecross oratory youtube”.

### **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](http://www.beraghparish.com) for the new link or go to [www.churchmedia.tv](http://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.