

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,

The month of November - a month of gloom, wedged between the abundance of autumn and the expectation of Christmas joy. With its shifting seasons and changing cycle of nature, November reminds us that all life is constantly changing: trees stripped of their autumn colours, fields empty and forlorn, streetlights struggling to make a difference in the early morning mist.

It is the time of year when the weather is changing, and the days are getting shorter. Nature seems to be preaching her own silent sermon about the end of things. This is the time of year when the Church invites us to remember those who have gone before us ‘marked with the sign of faith’.

Praying for the dead has always been an important part of our Catholic tradition and that practice is beautifully captured in the common custom of visiting their graves and writing out the family dead list at this time of year.

November is maybe a good time to think about our own mortality and to reflect on the many questions that come to mind: “Is there life after death? If so, what will it be like? Will I meet again my husband/wife/parents? What about the generations before them? And what about deceased babies who died before their time and those who were buried, so insensitively, outside consecrated ground?” These are honest questions that may poke at the heart as the chill wind grips you some November evening. For that reason, the following story might be relevant:

There were twin boys in their mother's womb. They noticed the umbilical cord and decided that their mother must love them very much, when she was prepared to share her very life with them. As time went by, they began to speculate about the possibility of birth and what lay beyond the womb. One of them was a budding atheist! "How do you know there's any life after birth? Have you ever seen anyone who was born? Has anybody ever come back to tell us? How do you know we have a mother? Maybe we only invented her for our own consolation!" After some time, the twins were born. When they felt safe to do so, they opened their eyes, and looked up into the face of their smiling mother. Then they looked at each other with a look which spoke volumes: "How could we have possibly understood something as beautiful and as wonderful as this?"

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Mission Sunday 15th October

A very sincere thanks to all who donated to this year's Annual Mission Collection. Despite the challenges of the present times, the contribution from Beragh Parish amounted to £1,804.00. This represents huge generosity on the part of our people and will be greatly appreciated by those who are struggling desperately in exceedingly difficult circumstances.

Parish Dead List

Envelopes for the Parish Dead list are available at the back of the chapel in Beragh. These should be completed and returned before Sunday 15th November.

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. People attending church should wear face coverings, with the exception of those people considered exempt and children under the age of 13.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:	£ 717
Loose Collection:	£ 6

Other Collections

Candles:	£ 95
Messenger:	£ 88
Missions:	£ 140
Building Fund:	£ 85
Priest's Dues:	£ 95
Total:	£1,226

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Scullion; Charlie Grugan;
Fr John O'Leary PE, AP; Connie Aherne;
Peter Curran (funeral last Sunday in Loughmacrory);
Brigid McAleer (formerly Drumnakilly - funeral in
Melbourne); Mary Quinn (nee Campbell - funeral in
Fintona on Friday); Mary Ann Owens (funeral in
Beragh on Saturday); Simon Bradley (burial of Ashes in
Seskinore on Saturday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Saturday 7th November	10.00 am	Mick McAleer and deceased members of the McAleer Family.
Sunday 8th November	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	Maureen and Hughie Colton; Seamus Donnelly; Mary Hamill.

Tuesday 10th November 9.30 am Darryl Thompson.
Thursday 12th November 9.00 am Private Intention.
Friday 13th November 7.30 pm Private Intention.
Saturday 14th November 10.00 am Brian Barr.
Sunday 15th November 11.30 am Fr Arthur McAnerney;
Thomas Tierney;
Joe Doherty;
Mona McCann and Mary McCartan;
Pat Grimes (Roscavey) and deceased
members of the Grimes Family;
Seamus Heaney.

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 9th November 7.30 pm Willie and Lucy McElhatton and
the McMullan Family (Letfern).

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 11th November 7.30 pm Hanna and Mickey Ward.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

SMA Sponsorship

Due to the current COVID restrictions, the annual SMA Mass cannot be held
this year.

Therefore, please forward your annual subscription to your Head Sponsor.
Anyone willing to sponsor the education of a Missionary Priest for £10
minimum/year - please contact Rosemary (02880 758 616);
Catriona (07787 561 422); Kathleen (02880 757 095) or Josie (02880 758 901).

ASPIRE

ASPIRE, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview preparation. ASPIRE also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements.

Contact ASPIRE on Omagh 02882 246 535, Enniskillen 02866 326 478, mobile 07799 471 448 or email aspire@fermanaghomagh.com

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.

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.