

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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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,**

Sometimes people are better remembered for the mistakes they make than the good they do. The score missed in the final minutes of a crucial football match can blight a whole career.

Thomas made one of the most perfect acts of faith when he said, “My Lord and my God”. Yet he is remembered not as a ‘believing’ Thomas but as a ‘doubting’ Thomas. And that’s what makes him very real - the stubborn independent streak, the open enquiring mind, the humble willingness to be convinced, and finally the total forthright commitment to serve and to give.

Thomas had chosen to distance himself from the other apostles, to grieve in solitude and to work through his loss alone. And yet, it was only when he re-joined the community that his deepest questions were answered. On his own, he had only his doubts for company; in community he encountered the Risen Lord. The story of Thomas calls

each of us into community and it beckons to those who no longer walk with us. It assures us that healthy questioning can lead to worthwhile knowledge. It challenges us above all, to accept that faith is not just a creed of belief but a fire in the heart that impels us to reach out in service to others.

May we be counted among those “who have not seen and yet believe”. And may St Thomas, the patron of doubters, pray for all of us.

Every blessing, **Monsignor Colum**

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy, which is celebrated today, has been regarded as a special day in Lithuania and Poland since 1996, but was not formally recognised as a Feast Day until the Canonisation of St. Faustina in 2000 when Pope John Paul II inaugurated the Sunday after Easter as the Feast of Mercy.

On this day, people all over the world, will celebrate the feast. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 3.00 pm followed by Mass. From St. Faustina's Diary, it is clear that this day, is a day chosen by the Lord as a day of extraordinary graces, a complete outpouring of God's mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and faith.

### Trócaire

Trócaire needs our help more than ever. Owing to the current restrictions it will be difficult for all boxes to be returned in the normal way during the Easter ceremonies. The Government this year has agreed to match-fund all donations that are received by Trócaire NI. There is, however, a cut-off date, so we are asked to ensure that donations are returned to the parish in the coming weeks of April early May.

### Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £2,212

Loose Collection: £ 28

#### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 105

Sick and Retired Priests: £ 65

Emigrants: £ 120

Christians Holy Land: £ 230

Trocaire: £1,960

Building Fund: £ 375

Priest's Dues: £1,810

**Total: £6,905**

### Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Michael McSorley; Eamon Walls (funeral last Thursday in Aughnagar).

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April                      11.30 am** Margaret Montague;

Sean Owens;

Joe and Margaret Donnelly;

Annie and Patrick McAleer (Roscavey).

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April                      9.00 am** Private Intention.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**      **9.00 am**    Private Intention.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**      **7.30 pm**    Private Intention.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April**      **10.00 am**    Margaret Owens.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**      **11.30 am**    Owen Montague;

John, Mary and Eugene Maguire;

John McCrystal;

Maggie and Jim O'Neill and deceased  
members of the Campbell Family  
(Clougherny);

Lucy Jane O'Neill.

**Church of St Malachy, Seskinore**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**      **7.30 pm**    Paul Spriddell.

**Church of St Patrick, Drumduff**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**      **9.00 am**    Private Intention.

**Oratory, Sixmilecross**

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

**Parish Finances**

There are still some boxes of envelopes available for distribution and can be collected from the Committee Room.

Anyone who does not receive a box of envelopes and wishes to do so, please contact the Parish Office on (02880 758 206) or send an email to

[beraghparochial@btinternet.com](mailto:beraghparochial@btinternet.com)

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## **Prayer by Telephone**

The Sisters of Mercy at "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. Telephone 00353 (42) 9331602, from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm daily. One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you. All requests are confidential.

## **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 and “Mobile” which is available for Devotions and is only available when streaming is active.

## **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.

**Mass arrangements for Beragh Parish**

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

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