

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.

Spiritual Growth

Your spiritual life is similar, you start off holding someone's hand who leads you to church.

Years later you become the person holding the hand of another on your way to church.

During the time between being held and holding the hand of another, major steps of faith development have taken place.

The actual spiritual growth isn't easily seen but it surely took place.

Nature's growth is *inevitable*.



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunity to pause in wonder at the whole process of change and growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests. As we come out of the Coronavirus lockdown, I hope you will have an opportunity to rejoice at the renewal of social life. Let us thank God for the people and the many events of daily living that are so important to all of us.

In today's gospel Jesus uses parables to describe the growth of the Kingdom of God which is based on right relationships with God and with one another. Here too, growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. From your own personal experience, you might like to recall the stages of such development in your life and give thanks for them.

In that context, I like the following piece which was written about three hundred years ago:

To laugh often and love much. To win respect from all people and the affection of children. To learn from the advice of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate beauty and to find only the best in others. To leave the world a better place whether by a garden patch or a changed social condition. To have played honestly and laughed with enthusiasm. To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived - this is to have grown well.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Sick and Housebound

During the coming weeks I hope to begin once more visiting the sick and housebound. In the interest of safety, visits will be spread over several days.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for the children from our three primary schools has been arranged for Saturday 19 June at 11.00 am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh. (Numbers are restricted to immediate family).

Medjugorje Mass

There will be a Medjugorje Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh on Thursday 24 June at 7.30 pm. Further details to follow next week.

Involvement in Anniversary and Month Memory Masses

In Beragh parish it has been the practice that on the occasion of an anniversary or month's memory Mass, family members are invited to take part in some aspect of the liturgy on that Sunday. Because of Covid 19, there is at present no presentation of gifts at the offertory and the regular readers are asked to look after the readings. However, one family member can still take part in the Prayer of the Faithful if they so wish. A member of the Liturgy Group will usually contact the family in advance.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Ronan Vincent Monaghan.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 534

Loose Collection: £ 35

Other Collections

Candles: £ 94

Education of Student Priests: £ 82

Priest's Dues: £1,215

Total: £1,960

Dear Parishioner,

On behalf of Beragh Parish Finance Committee, we are pleased to make available the parish financial accounts for year ending 31st March 2021.

An abbreviated copy of the accounts is posted on the noticeboards of the three chapels; if any parishioner would like more detail or has any query in relation to any aspect of the accounts, please contact the parish office or any member of the Finance Committee.

Even though the past year has been exceptionally difficult for many people and our churches were closed for considerable periods because of Covid-19, the financial situation has not been adversely affected. This is due in no small measure to the ongoing fidelity and generosity of our parishioners who continued to make their weekly contributions; may the Lord reward such kindness.

We thank those who contribute by Standing Order, and we are grateful to all who have signed for Gift Aid, which adds significantly to our parish income.

As parish priest I want to pay tribute to a dedicated Parish Finance Committee who oversee the parish finances and attend to the maintenance and upkeep of parish properties: Stephen Mullan (Chair); Rosin Boyle (Secretary); Dervla Devlin; Sean Grimes; Hugh McAleer; Michael Montague and Susan Grimes. A special word of appreciation to Stephen McCartan (Parish Accountant).

Thanks also to the counters who take care of the weekly collections.

In general terms of profit and loss, the following examples provide a snapshot of comparisons:

Income	2021 £	2020 £
Building Fund	6,605	9,307
Building Fund DD	240	260
Envelopes and church collections	37,931	54,833
Envelopes DD	25,471	22,313
Gift Aid	17,526	17,343
Grants - Job Retention (Furlough)	4,260	0
Expenses	2021 £	2020 £
Church requisites	-2,207	-3,870
Church repairs and renewals	-8,959	-19,239
Legal and professional	-640	-1,380
L&H -electricity and oil	-4,105	-7,409
Insurance	-8,406	-8,406

While the overall net profit for the year is down by £3,120, it is important to acknowledge toilet refurbishment and painting at Drumduff, upgrade of webcam in Beragh and other necessary expenses within the parish.

In light of difficult circumstances, the financial accounts this year are remarkably good, not mentioning the extraordinary generosity of people to various charities.

Once again, we express our admiration and appreciation to all parishioners for your ongoing support and take this opportunity to wish you every blessing for good health and peace at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Monsignor Colum Curry
Parish Priest

Stephen Mullan
Chairperson

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Alice Campbell (funeral recently in Magheragall),
Fr Tom Rafferty; Anne McCarney;
Bridie O'Sullivan.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 13th June **9.00 am** Private Intention.
11.30 am Alice Corcoran.

Tuesday 15th June **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Thursday 17th June **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Friday 18th June **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Saturday 19th June **11.00 am** First Holy Communion (restricted to
immediate family).

Sunday 20th June **9.00 am** Private Intention.
11.30 am Johanna Owens;
Margaret Logue.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 14th June **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 16th June **9.30 am** Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Seskinore Rural Community Group

Information Evening followed by Annual General Meeting Monday
21st June 2021 at 8.00 pm McIlroy Hall (Seskinore Presbyterian Church Hall),
Seskinore. Everyone Welcome!

Blood Donation Session

The Patrician Hall, Main Street, Carrickmore - Thursday 24th June 2021
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm. (By appointment only - please call 08085 534 653 to book).

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

Mass arrangements for Beragh Parish

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

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