

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A**

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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,**

Forgiveness, like playing golf or learning to drive, sounds straightforward and simple in theory but the practice is a different matter. We could read all the relevant books and consider the benefits of forgiving another person, but when it comes to the crunch we find it very difficult to let go of resentment, utter those powerful sentiments, “I forgive you” and reach out the hand of friendship to those estranged from us. Forgiveness is a huge challenge.

Essentially forgiveness is about liberation - to forgive is to live and let live. A glance at any of the trouble spots around the world today reveals the effect of intransigence and the lack of forgiveness. Hatred and anger reign in so many places and suffering and violence continue unremittingly. The gospel message reminds us that wars cannot end, apartheid cannot cease, ethnic divisions cannot be healed, and famine cannot be controlled until someone says, “I am sorry”.

Jesus calls on us, his followers, to take the lead in unleashing the energy of forgiveness which has such extraordinary potential to make things different. When I forgive another person, whether a neighbour or a member of my own family, I have begun the process of renewing the face of the earth. When I forgive another person, I free them from the burden of guilt and remorse and enable them to regain a sense of joy and peace. When I forgive another person, I free myself from the prison of resentment and anger and I experience a great sense of freedom and relief. Ultimately, forgiveness opens my heart to the forgiveness of God.

“And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother/sister from your heart!”

It is easy, however, to confuse forgiving with forgetting. Forgiveness does not mean that I won't remember what has happened or ignore the pain of the past. Forgiveness is an ongoing process that takes time to heal completely. Opening my hands to forgive and let go means that my hands are open to receive extraordinary blessings from God, who is all forgiving.

**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 this Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Again, people are encouraged to tidy their family plots and any other graves that appear neglected.

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

Weekly Envelopes: £ 808

Loose Collection: £ 31

### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 72

Peter's Pence: £ 60

Building Fund:	£ 110
Priest's Dues:	£ 150
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,231</b>

**Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord**

All Names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** John Broderick; Denis Hannigan (burial on Saturday in Beragh).

**Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 am** John and Rose Donaghy.  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 am** Private Intention.  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm** Private Intention.  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 am** Joe Barrett (MM).  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 am** Patrick and Ellen Donnelly.

**St Malachy's Church, Seskinore**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm** Private Intention.

**Church of St Patrick, Drumduff**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 am** Johnny and Brigid Ward.

**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".

### **Sponsored Indian Children**

The Group wish to sincerely thank all those parishioners who continue to sponsor the education and a daily rice meal of a poor child in India.

Total amount raised this year was £2,400.00. The cost to sponsor a child is £60/year or £30/half yearly. If you would be interested in sponsoring a child, or to find out more information, please contact Kathleen on 02880 757 095.

### **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.

### **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.