

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**The Ascension of the Lord**

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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,**

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a feast that does not get as much attention as Christmas, Easter or even Pentecost. We might feel uncomfortable with the story of the Ascension because it has shades of farewell and leave taking. We might be able to relate to the disciples on the outskirts of Jerusalem, because sometimes we too find ourselves in strange and frightening places where we are lonely and feel ill-equipped to carry on. That could be said of the uncertainty surrounding the current pandemic that is still prevalent in many places.

Back in the fifth century this is what St Augustine wrote about the Ascension: “Lord, you ascended from before our eyes. We turned back grieving, only to find you in our hearts”. And therein lies the meaning of what we celebrate today. The Ascension reminds us that if we are looking for the Lord, we will discover him within our own hearts and in the community, especially when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

The parting words of Jesus call us to give witness. We are to live in such a way that others will become aware of God's presence in the world around us.

We recall the words of St Teresa of Avila:

*“Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.”*

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **Trocaire Lenten Campaign**

Many thanks to all who returned their Trocaire contributions, which will be greatly received by those working with the 'world's poorest of the poor'.

Please return all monies and cheques to the parish **by 20<sup>th</sup> May**. As mentioned previously, the government will match all amounts £ per £.

### **Accord Service seeking Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord has 54 centres in dioceses across Ireland. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Deirdre on 07980 898 399 or by email to [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com).

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

### **Congratulations**

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, *Aoife Bernadette Donnelly; Fiádh Mary Teague and Michael John Donnelly.*

## **Rosary**

The Rosary will be recited every evening in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh (Monday - Saturday) during the month of May at 7.15 pm and on Sundays before 9.00 am and 11.30 am Mass.

## **Confirmation**

Confirmation for children in Primary 7 from our three primary schools has been arranged for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 3.00 pm.

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

Weekly Envelopes:                      £ 837

Loose Collection:                        £ 30

#### **Other Collections**

Candles:                                  £ 135

Trócaire:                                 £ 627

Special Collections:                    £ 15

Donation:                                £ 20

Building Fund:                         £ 425

Priest's Dues:                          £ 15

**Total:                                      £2,104**

## Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Francis Harte; Fr Harry Coyle; Eileen Sherry;  
Fr Tom Gallagher.

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Vincent Kelly; Hugh McClean.
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	(Wedding - Private).
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	John McAleer; Mamie and Jim Mullin; Pat Owens.
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	Confirmation - (restricted to immediate family).

### Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May**      **7.30 pm**    Hugh Darcy.

### Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**      **9.00 am**    Barney Cunningham.

### Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

## **Parish Finances**

Anyone who was supposed to receive a box of envelopes and did not do so, please contact the Parish Office on (02880 758 206) or send an email to [beraghparochial@btinternet.com](mailto:beraghparochial@btinternet.com)

## **Radio Maria**

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Why not drop a line to our Priest Director, Fr Eamonn McCarthy, at Maria Ireland, St Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22

## **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.

**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)