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 publication of the "Mother and Baby Homes" Report during the past week has once again made for sad and difficult reading and has shone a light on a dark and shameful chapter of our recent past. The Report describes the culture of the time as "harsh.....cold and uncaring". It exposes the isolation, secrecy and social ostracising endured by "unmarried mothers" and their children in a country that was supposed to be Catholic. This Report touches on the personal stories and painful memories of many families and individuals in Ireland today. We must accept the difficult issues which it raises not only about our past, but the present and future as well. The Church and the State and wider society must ensure that all children and their mothers feel wanted, welcomed and loved. In all of this it is important that we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is the same yesterday today and always. It is in him we place our trust.

In today's gospel St John shares the story of the calling of the first disciples. There are several things happening in this short extract: we see a search for meaning in life, a thirst to get to know the Messiah, a willingness to take the risk. We see an invitation to come and see, and an invitation to stay and explore. We see how time spent in the presence of Jesus helps to build a relationship with him. Then we see

the disciples going out to share that relationship with others and inviting them to come to Jesus. And so that poses the question: Do we in our lives lead people to Jesus through word and action? Do we allow the Spirit that dwells within, to encourage others 'to come and see'?

In the coming week let us make our own the words of Samuel in the First Reading, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

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

Congratulations

We welcome into our community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, *Fiadh Elizabeth Clare Traynor*.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Betty Neville; Sheila Hannigan; Anto Duffy;

Madge Gavin; Fr Michael Seery (Funeral in

Stewartstown on Saturday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 17th January 11.30 am Dermot, Peter and Catherine Meenagh;

Bridget Gartland;

Dan and Rose McSorley & deceased members of the McSorley Family

(Clogherney);

Brian Teague.

Monday 18th January 9.00 am Private Intention.

Tuesday 19th January 9.00 am Minnie and Seamus McCrystal.

Wednesday 20th January 9.00 am Brendan Noble.

Thursday 21st January 9.00 am Private Intention.

Friday 22nd January 7.30 pm Betty Neville (MM).

Saturday 23rd January 10.00 am Private Intention.

Sunday 24th January 11.30 am Christopher Mullin and deceased

members of the Mullin Family;

Patrick, Margaret and Fr James Grimes.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

To all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils and their parents Sacred Heart College, Omagh

Open the door to your future Your journey begins online on Friday 22 January 2021

Visit the school website www.shcomagh.co.uk or Facebook page.

For further information, please contact our Office on 02882 242 717 or email info@shc.omagh.ni.sch.uk

Dún Uladh

"Dún Uladh's music classes are back for 2021 and will be continuing online via Zoom. Lessons available in tin whistle, flute, fiddle, banjo, harp, button accordion and concertina for all ages and abilities. Instruments also available to hire. For further information or to register, please email music@dunuladh.ie"

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.