

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



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## Parish Office Opening Hours

Mondays: 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm; Fridays: 9.00 am - 1.30 pm.



**Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

Last Sunday in Rome, Pope Francis invited all Catholics throughout the world to join with him “on a journey” as a “Synodal Church”. The word synod means “walking together”. It refers to a way of being together as Church and “discerning” how best to spread the Gospel message amidst the challenges and difficulties of life in this 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This is a very significant proposal and one that reflects the new landscape that surrounds us. More than ever before, the Gospel message must find a resonance in the lives of people who are being bombarded with countless other influences. Like the early Christians, we are asked to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us discern what God is asking from us in our time.

This synodal journey should involve as many people as possible in a consultation that will offer everyone an opportunity to respond to a series of questions. No one is excluded. All are invited and welcome to participate, including those people who for various reasons, may feel they no longer wish to be part of the church.

In this archdiocese people will be invited, over the next few months, to participate in this exercise. All replies will be collated and sent in response to Pope Francis’ invitation to the universal Church. Let us

pray that this synodal journey will bring about a deep renewal of faith and a strong commitment to Jesus Christ.

The following prayer, attributed to St Isidore of Seville (560 - 636) has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. It has been specifically adapted for the Church's Synodal Journey from 2021 - 2023. We should pray it often:

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful: do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **October Devotions**

The Rosary will be recited this evening at 7.30 pm.

### **Covid 19 Wakes and Funerals**

When a person has died as a result of Covid 19, new regulations governing arrangements for wakes and funerals have come into effect from September 2021. Where there is a negligible risk of transmitting the Covid 19 infection, the remains of the deceased are allowed to be taken home and viewing is permitted. They can also be brought to the church for the funeral Mass. However, the regulations regarding numbers permitted to gather, social distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings must be observed. Anyone who has had a positive Covid 19 test result or anyone who is symptomatic should not attend.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre**

The following directed retreat and workshops will be led by Father Hugh Lagan SMA in October and November 2021. The retreat and workshops are open to everyone. Spaces are limited and the centre will operate in full compliance with all public health regulations.

Hello You - Finding the Joy, Purpose and Happiness You Deserve (18 - 21 October £280/€325).

Broken Open - How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow (19 - 21 November £200/€230).

### **Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Co. Laois - Autumn Courses** **Online**

All Courses are at 19.00 - 21.00 (Irish Time) on ZOOM

To book a place please email [ceo@mountstannes.com](mailto:ceo@mountstannes.com)

#### **Title: Laudato Si' in our Contemporary World**

October 20, 27 (Sean McDonagh).

This course will explore Laudato Si and the Challenges of Biodiversity and Climate Change. €100 for full course.

#### **Women in the Bible: Our Mothers in Faith**

October 21, 28 (Rosalie Moloney).

The diverse women of the Bible offer us inspiring examples of Faith in action. This course invites us to follow in the footsteps of some of these remarkable but very human characters: from Ruth and Naomi and the mothers of Genesis to the women of Jesus' parables and the female leaders of the early Church. €100 for full course.

#### **Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?**

November 3, 10, 17, 24 (Michael Drumm).

There is a lot of talk today about Celtic Spirituality. But the question arises - what exactly is it? Does such a spirituality exist? Is it anything more than romantic nostalgia for a dead past? Who were the Celts? Can we access their spiritual insights? During this course some characteristics of Celtic life will be identified which might legitimately form the foundations for a renewed Celtic spirituality today. €100 for full course.

#### **Exploring the Synodal Pathway: The Ongoing Reception of Vatican II**

November 4, 11, 18, 25 (Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien).

This course will explore the upcoming Synod as the continuation of the Second Vatican Council with a particular focus on the Spirituality of Synodality; the participation of all, especially young people, and the need for structures and resources to support the local church.

Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien featuring Sr Nathalie Becquart and Rafael Luciani. €100 for full course.

## **Annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England - 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham.

For all those for whom distance prevents them attending in person, the Shrine livestream (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>) will carry the main events of the day so that those watching online can join in with the prayers and devotions.

The main programme commences with the midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. Details of the remainder of the programme can be found on our website at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>.

## **Week-end Masses**

I am aware that some people in the parish are quite annoyed there is no Mass in St Malachy's, Seskinore on Sunday and no Mass in St Patrick's, Drumduff on Saturday evening, as was the practice in recent years. I share their disappointment, but unfortunately the situation is outside my control. I would love to be able to reinstate the arrangements we had prior to Covid-19.

However, the current regulations regarding places of worship are determined, not by numbers in attendance, but by capacity. It is the responsibility of the parish to ensure that the building can safely accommodate people by ensuring the stipulated social distancing, in addition to the other protocols regarding signage, ventilation, and sanitisation etc. Given the size of Seskinore and Drumduff churches, it is not possible to have public week-end Masses until the Health Authorities and the Executive relax the present guidelines.

## **Covid-19**

While the Executive has decided to ease the restriction of face coverings in places of worship, Church leaders are encouraging people to continue to use them as a precautionary measure against the spread of infection.

## **Fundraising Update - Trócaire**

In the coming weeks and months, it is possible that a Trócaire fundraiser may call to your home inviting monthly donations. Fundraising representatives will be wearing Trócaire blue branded jackets and face masks and will adhere to COVID compliance guidelines to ensure safety measures are met.

The door-to-door campaign allows us to reach people who have not donated to our Lenten appeal and also gives people the choice to donate in different ways. Monthly donations help Trócaire to plan ahead and have greater impact with the communities we exist to serve.

PS If you would like to contact Trócaire directly on any matter related to this initiative, you can contact Louise Walker on 00353 5053 225 or [louise.walker@trocaire.org](mailto:louise.walker@trocaire.org)

## Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,  
*Noah Brian Grimes.*

### Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 528.60

Loose Collection: £ 20.00

#### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 100.19

Building Fund: £ 304.65

Priest's Dues: £ 400.00

**Total: £1,353.44**

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of September was **£2,480.00**

### Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Coyle; Bernie Owens;  
Peter McCrory (Funeral in Dunmoyle on  
Wednesday past); Conor Montague (Co Kildare).

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Mass for the People;
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Vincent McCullagh and his Parents, John and Margaret McCullagh.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>		Peter Corcoran (Anniversary at this time).
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10.00 am** Private Intention.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 am** Mass for the People;

**11.30 am** Nora Keenan;

Johnny McNamee;

Baby Rosa Therese Mary Donnelly;

Michael Moore.

### **Church of St Malachy, Seskinore**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 am** Private Intention.

### **Oratory, Sixmilecross**

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

### **Defibrillator**

The Defibrillator has now been installed at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

### **Beragh Red Knights GAA**

Last week's lotto numbers were 5, 7, 14, 28 & 30. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Geraldine Owens, Stephen Duffy & Seamus Boyle (Beragh). Next week's jackpot is £12,550 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh\\_Red\\_Knights\\_GAA](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA) or at local shops.

This morning (Sunday) our U16 girls continue in their league. The girls travel to Killeeshil, and throw in is at 11.00 am.

For more updates on fixtures and club activity, follow the Beragh Facebook, Instagram and Facebook pages.

### **Flaxmill Centre, Drumduff**

Walk for Mary's Meals on Saturday 23 October from the Flaxmill Centre at 11.00 am. 3k and 6k routes available AND re-opening of the newly refurbished Walkway at the Flaxmill Centre at 12.30 pm. Fun and games for all. Refreshments served.

## **St Columbanus Award**

Applications are invited for the St Columbanus Award - Sponsored by the Knight's of St Columbanus, Omagh.

The Award is open to individuals under 25 years of age, to groups from second level schools and colleges and groups from parishes within the area of Omagh Council.

Award aimed at projects which:

- (a) Encourage and inspire young people in the practice of their Catholic faith.
- (b) Develop leadership skills to encourage others to become more involved in their local community.
- (c) Reflects the ethos and Spirit of St Columbanus.

Application forms are available from: [www.knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](http://www.knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)

Closing date for completed applications: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

## **Baxter School of Irish Dancing**

Class continues for beginners and current pupils on Fridays (6.00 pm - 7.15 pm) in St Oliver Plunkett PS, Beragh. All new beginners are welcome.

## **Radio Maria**

Thank God and sincere thanks also to our many listeners and supporters as RADIO MARIA IRELAND continues to grow. As an Irish run Catholic Talk Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting. We offer Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. So do join our growing faith family. Here is how you can listen:

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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)