

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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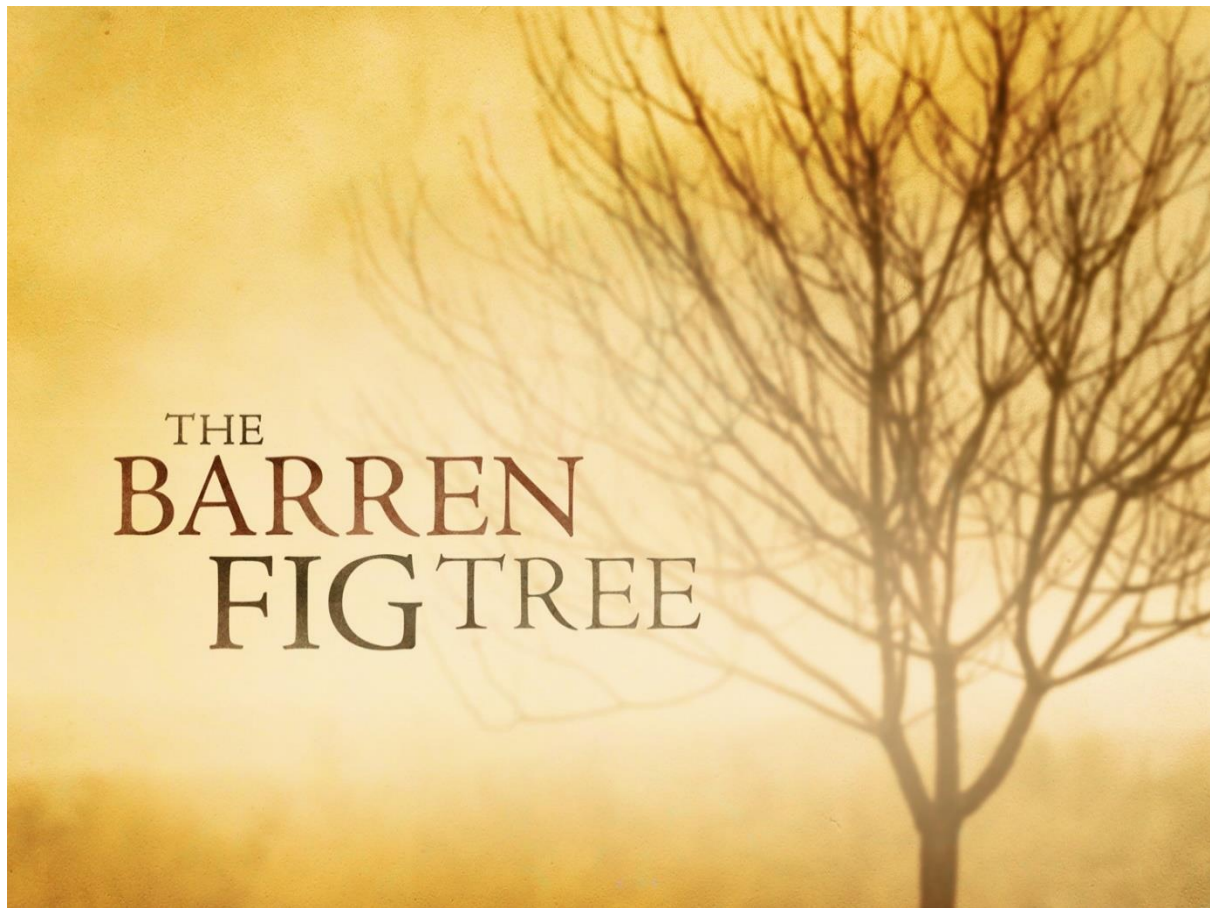
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Mondays: 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm; Fridays: 9.00 am - 1.30 pm.



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

In recent weeks we have been overwhelmed by terrible images and frightening news reports from various parts of Ukraine. As we look on in horror at the devastation of human life and the ruination of a country, we are at a loss to understand why bad things happen to innocent people. Something similar occupies the minds of those who question Jesus in today's gospel about two tragedies that had befallen people in Galilee. However, in this instance, they imply that somehow God was responsible or that those people were being punished for their bad behaviour. In reply Jesus asks, "Do you think that those people who died in that way were greater sinners than anyone else?" Jesus' answer is clearly a resounding "No". Trying to explain the origins of evil is senseless. We simply do not know.

Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or a sudden accident can serve as a wake-up call about how we live our lives. Today's gospel is an invitation to amend our ways with its clarion call to repent and its challenging image of the barren fig tree. We are called to go before the Lord with a harvest of good works, of generosity to those in need, of fidelity in the face of suffering and of dedication in sharing our faith with others....and we should act now.

Have you ever said, "I'll wait till tomorrow to do that"? Have you ever said that and then found that you left it too late or squandered the opportunity? In the gospel parable we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to him. **Now** is the opportune moment.

Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the fig tree in the parable - not much good, a useless failure, unable to achieve what you wanted. Then think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the encouragement you needed. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do something similar for others! It is never too late, there is always the chance to make a fresh start.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Re-opening of Drumduff and Seskinore Chapels

Further to a meeting on Wednesday evening regarding the re-opening of St Patrick's, Drumduff and St Malachy's, Seskinore, the following points were raised:

- People are pleased that the chapels will re-open on 2nd and 3rd April after two difficult years.
- Despite the easing of restrictions, we must be aware that the virus is still with us and is very contagious.

- We appreciate that some people are vulnerable, and others will be cautious about returning to Mass.
- It is important that people should feel confident that our chapels are safe places.
- We will continue to observe certain measures to ensure people's welfare.
- While not obligatory, it is recommended that people continue to wear face coverings.
- Anyone who has Covid symptoms or has been in contact with someone who has Covid should not attend Mass.
- As people enter the chapel, they will be asked to sanitise their hands.
- People should endeavour to observe social distancing.
- People are asked to observe the directions for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Containers will be provided at the doors for the collection of envelopes/donations.

Each chapel area is asked to draw up a rota to ensure there are sufficient helpers and stewards available at each Mass.

Canon Benny Fee's Books

A limited number of booklets on the Stations of the Cross, written by Canon Benny Fee, parish priest of Clonoe were available at the beginning of Lent. Next Sunday Canon Benny will be here in the parish with further copies of this booklet £3 and an additional book on St Oliver Plunkett £5. Both are lovely publications.

Day of Prayer for Vocations

On Friday, 25th March, the feast of the Annunciation, parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Armagh are asked to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We are fast approaching a critical situation, where the declining number of active priests means that some parishes will be reduced, and others will be left without a priest. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00 pm until 7.30 pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh. Parishioners are encouraged to come and pray at any time but especially for the Holy Hour at 6.00 pm. I invite you to read the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Eamon or to watch the following message on YouTube <https://youtu.be/MOvxs1UAs1Y>

The Consecration of Russia

At 4.00 pm on Friday, we will join in prayer with Pope Francis as he consecrates Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Help for Ukraine

It is heartening that there has already been such an outpouring of prayer and charity and solidarity from Ireland towards the people of Ukraine - so many spiritual and corporal works of mercy in response to this huge humanitarian crisis. Many parish communities have already established active links with charitable projects in Ukraine, and along its borders, to support refugees and those remaining in their homeland. A special collection will be taken up at all Masses across Ireland on the weekend of Sunday 27th March.

If anyone wishes to contribute to this collection, there will be a separate collection box available next Sunday or if you wish you may put your donation in an envelope and drop it in to the Parochial House.

Review of Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Armagh

The Archdiocese of Armagh has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) to conduct a review of safeguarding practice in March 2022. If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Archdiocese, we invite you to come forward to us at the Diocesan Office (02837 525 592), or to the NBSCCCI (01-5053124).

If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Mr Aidan Gordon on (028) 3752 5592/078 4110 1687 or Ms Eleanor Kelly on (028) 3752 5592/075 8432 3138. You may also wish to contact An Garda Síochána/PSNI or TUSLA/HSC.

An Garda Síochána may be contacted on the Confidential Reporting Line 1800 666 111

The PSNI may be contacted on 10; Tusla may be contacted on 042 939 2200

The Southern HSC Trust may be contacted on 028 3756 7100

Lenten Reflections in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

On each of the Tuesday evenings during Lent, a guest speaker will join in St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30 pm to help us reflect on each of the following themes. People may wish to join in person or via St Patrick's Cathedral Webcam.

Tuesday 22nd March "Covid-19 "The call to look forward in a spirit of hope" (Dr Bob Brown)

Bob lives in Armagh and he retired recently after working as Chief Nurse and Director of Community and Older Peoples Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust. He now plans to continue some nursing practice while exploring a range of voluntary and community service opportunities. He's a member of St Mark's Parish and he hopes to develop a wellbeing and spiritual support service for people connected with the Church. He's currently studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and Trinity College, Dublin.

Tuesday 29th March “Finding God in a Pandemic World” (Oisín Walsh)

Oisín is from Trim, Co Meath and he has been working in the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth, Co Kildare for the last three years. He’s a man of deep faith and whilst working to help promote the Catholic Church throughout the country, he’s also assistant to the editor of Intercom (a Catholic pastoral and liturgical resource.) He writes regularly on religious matters and his articles can often be read online and in the press. He’s a gifted musician and he plays in a band.

Tuesday 5th April “Care for oneself amidst the challenges of life” (Stephen Donnelly)

Stephen has worked in the field of mental health for 30 years. A former mental health nurse, he’s now employed by the Western Health and Social Care Trust as team lead for the regional trauma network and as a specialist Psychologist Trauma Therapist. He has delivered numerous courses/programmes on positive mental health and wellbeing. He resides with his family in Omagh, Co Tyrone and is a keen GAA enthusiast.

Tuesday 12th April “Grief - a process that’s experienced one day at a time” (Paul Mallon)

Originally from Co Tyrone, Paul is a counsellor in a private practice in Armagh City. He also works with businesses and public sector organisations and is currently the resident counsellor in the Southern Regional College, Armagh. Having previously worked in engineering, he works as an Emotional Freedom Technique Practitioner. He has contributed EFT meditations to the recently launched “Sibling Grief Club”, a local support group website for the bereaved.

Trócaire

Once again, this year your Lenten donation to Trócaire can make all the difference. Donations from Northern Ireland or the UK made before May 2022 will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m. Trócaire boxes are available in each of the Chapels.

Sunday Missal

Because we are still not allowed to distribute parish bulletins in paper form, some people regret not being able to follow the readings and prayers during Sunday Mass. It might be opportune, therefore, to consider purchasing a Roman Missal for the New Year, which would cover the 3-year cycle.

If anyone would like to place an order, please do so by e mail beraghparochial@btinternet.com or contact the Parish Office on 02880 758 206.

Important Dates for 2022

Providing there are no Covid restrictions, it is hoped to celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May and Confirmation on Saturday 11th June.

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.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:	£ 795.00
Loose Collection:	£ 104.70

Other Collections

Candles:	£ 199.41
Emigrants:	£ 125.00
Building Fund:	£ 385.00
Priest's Dues:	£ 160.00
Total:	£1,769.11

Parish Envelopes

To make it easier for Parishioners, Counters and Admin - if you are returning envelopes for past weeks/months, please put your total contribution in one envelope. Envelopes are always counted and recorded against the date for which they are received.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Ollie Keenan; Eugene McGarvey (Funeral last Wednesday in Cookstown).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 20th March	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Packie McNamee; Lizzie and Sadie Collins; John, Catherine and Mary Campbell.
Monday 21st March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 22nd March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Wednesday 23rd March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 24th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	7.30 pm	Vincent Majirsky (MM).
Friday 25th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Saturday 26th March	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 27th March	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	James and Grace Cleary; Barney McNelis; Hugh, Ellen and Michael Boyle and deceased members of the Boyle family.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 23rd March **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 21st March **7.30 pm** 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.

Training for Defibrillator

We are currently compiling a list of people who may wish to learn how to use the defibrillator.

If anyone is interested please telephone the Office (02880 758 206); send an email beraghparchial@btinternet.com or put a note through the letterbox.

Please leave a telephone number so that you can be contacted.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 7, 12, 26, 27 and 28. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Damien Meenagh. Next week's jackpot is £13,700 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

[https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh%20Red%20Knights%20GAA) or at local shops.

Time is running out to get your Club membership in. The Club would like to encourage as many as possible to do it online, by simply following this link, <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh%20Red%20Knights%20GAA/Membership#MembershipOptions>.

The Beragh 5 is on Easter weekend, Saturday 16th April at 11.00 am.

The 5 mile road race and 5k walk/run has not taken place since 2019, and we hope this year can make up for the years that we missed. Still time to get out and get those steps in.

On Saturday 26th March, underage outdoor training returns. If you or your child is interested in pulling on the Red Knights jersey this year, make sure to be there. Training runs from 9.30 am - 10.30 am and age groups are as follows: U7.5 boys, U9.5 boys, U11.5 boys, U8 girls, U10 girls & U12 girls.

Clogher Valley Pieta Darkness into Light

The upcoming Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley Walk takes place on Saturday 7th May at 4.15 am starting from Ballygawley Hall.

The registration link is: www.darknessintolight.ie and you will receive a free memorial T-Shirt when you sign up. You can register as an individual, family or large group/club.

We will be supporting local charity The Niamh Louise Foundation whilst also supporting Pieta House.

If anyone has any questions please email: Ballygawley@darknessintolight.ie or visit our Facebook page Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley.

Radio Maria

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- 3 Streaming on our website - www.maria.ie
- 4 Via our "Listen Live Radio" link on our Facebook page.
- 5 Via phone - get live radio feed by calling 353 (0) 14373277 (no extra charges apply).

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 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.

To log on please go to: www.beraghparish.com