

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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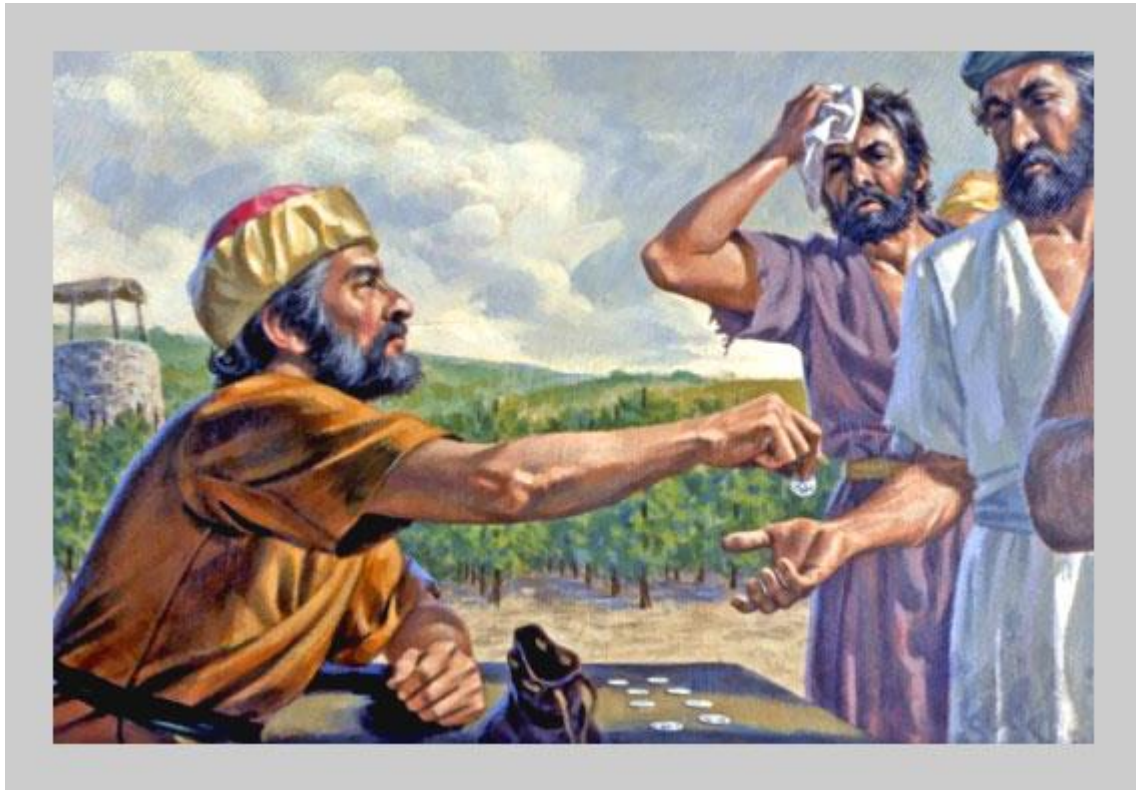
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



“You go into my vineyard too.”

Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

It is good to be chosen, but to be left aside can be humiliating. Some of us might recall the anxiety of standing in the schoolyard waiting to be called as teams were picked and desperately hoping that we wouldn't be left to the very end or worse still totally ignored!

Adult versions of the same scenario happen in real life: Cathy knows what it's like - after twelve years of marriage and three children, her husband no longer wants to be married. “He's away with a younger partner, a newer model”, as local gossip crudely puts it. Seamus knows what it's like - three decades with the same company; a senior position becomes vacant. He should get the position, but the board have different ideas. They want youth - something Seamus doesn't have.

“A small guy in a tall world”. “A lost ball in long grass”. “One brick short of a load”.

You can add your own phrase. If you've been there and this describes you, then you should feel at home with today's gospel. God has a

peculiar passion for the little ones, for those who are lost and rejected, for those who are forgotten, ignored or left on the margin. In answer to the question, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” the men in today’s parable reply, “Because no one has hired us”.

Glancing through the gospels, it’s interesting to observe where Jesus can be found and the people with whom he associates. See the hand of Jesus on the festered skin of the leper; notice how he responds to the touch of the woman with a haemorrhage; listen to how he speaks to the woman accused of adultery; observe him beckoning the small man Zacchaeus down from the tree; watch him at table surrounded by tax collectors and sinners. He says it himself: “The last will be first, and the first last”

The message is consistent. What society rejects, God cherishes. What the world writes off, God picks up. What others turn away, God gathers in. Today’s gospel is also a reassurance that God does not reward our achievements but honours the way in which we respond to the opportunities that come our way. It is worth remembering that the Lord has selected you; you have been chosen by him and for him and he has a special place for you.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

First Confessions

Primary 5 Children in St Oliver Plunkett’s PS and Roscavey PS who missed their First Confessions in March are invited to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh on Thursday evening at 7.00 pm. Each child should be accompanied by one adult and all are asked to observe the Covid 19 regulations regarding hand sanitising and social distancing etc.

Blessing of Graves

A recording of the blessing of graves in Drumduff and Seskinore took place during the week and is being edited at the moment; details as to how these can be accessed will be published in next week’s bulletin.

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.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 706

Loose Collection: £ 16

Other Collections

Candles: £ 102

Peter's Pence: £ 5

Building Fund: £ 345

Priest's Dues: £ 60

Total: **£1,234**

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: John Broderick; Denis Hannigan; Kathleen Gavin
(funeral on Friday in Ballymacilroy);
Mary B McNelis (funeral on Saturday in Eskra).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 20th September 11.30 am Patrick and Ellen Donnelly.

Tuesday 22nd September 9.00 am Private Intention.

Thursday 24th September 9.00 am Cyril Nixon.

Saturday 26th September 10.00 am Private Intention.

Sunday 27th September 11.30 am Pat Conroy and deceased members of the Conroy Family, Eugene Gilroy and Paddy Maguire;

Packie, Gabriella and Tina Owens;

Liam and Joseph Grugan.

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 21st September 7.30 pm Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Sunday 20th September 12 noon Wedding.

Wednesday 23rd September 9.00 am Private Intention.

Friday 25th September 1.00 pm Wedding.

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.

Dun Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre

Dún Uladh's traditional music classes are back beginning 29th September via Zoom. Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre, Ulster's Regional Resource Centre for Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann offers lessons in tin whistle, flute, banjo, button accordion, fiddle and harp for all ages and abilities. For more information on classes, tutors, instruments, prices and term times, please contact us on 02882 242 777 or e-mail music@dunuladh.ie.

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 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.