

Beragh Parish Bulletin



4th Sunday after Easter

25th April 2021

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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 fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Being a shepherd in Israel was not easy because it meant living on the fringes of civilisation. The shepherd had to contend, not only with the harshness and dangers of the wilds, but prolonged periods of isolation and loneliness. The shepherd had to be alert, constantly watching over the flock, leading them to fresh pastures and protecting them from all harm. The shepherd may have had a special place in the folklore of the Israelite people, but he had no place of importance in their society at the time of Jesus. Shepherds, like tax collectors and other outcasts, were at the bottom of the social scale.

So, when Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd, he is clearly identifying with the vagabonds of society. He is the wandering prophet who has been rejected by his own people in Nazareth. He never lingers too long in the one place even when the people's hospitality is generous. Jesus will not be tied down - except when he is taken to Calvary. He is a pioneer rather than a settler.

Every community needs both kinds of shepherd - pioneers and settlers - people who call the community away from stagnation and people who build up the community. Every person has a vocation to do one or the other. Let us pray for each other's vocation. And let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The need for dedicated men and women has never been greater, the demands never more challenging and the rewards never more worthwhile.

Our fundamental vocation is to be compassionate people with a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and hands through which Christ helps. He is depending on us.

The six most important words	-	I am sorry, I was wrong
The five most important words	-	You did that very well
The four most important words	-	What do you think?
The three most important words	-	I love you
The two most important words	-	Thank you
The one most important word	-	We
The least important word	-	I

When a woman was asked if her husband was religious, she replied, "Absolutely. He thinks he's God Almighty".

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

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 23rd May in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 3.00 pm.

Trócaire

Trócaire needs our help more than ever. The Government this year has agreed to match-fund all donations that are received by Trócaire NI. There is, however, a cut-off date, so we are asked to ensure that donations are returned to the parish in the coming weeks of April early May.

Mary's Meals, Beragh

(Help Feed a School with your Scrap)

By donating your scrap metal, you will help us raise funds to sponsor our school of 445 children in Malawi. Drop off points are as follows:-

Flaxmill Centre - Drumduff

Beragh Chapel Carpark (opposite chapel)

**On Saturday 1st and 8th May (10.00 am - 4.00 pm)
(Collection available if needed)**

For further information, please contact Brian on 07714 168 645 or Fergal on 07547 484 190.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £1,822

Loose Collection: £ 16

Other Collections

Candles: £ 122

Special Collections: £ 143

Trócaire: £1,575

Grave: £ 100

Building Fund: £ 215

Priest's Dues: £ 950

Total: £4,943

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Michael McSorley; Eamon Walls;
Lawrence McGirr; Francis Harte;
Fr Harry Coyle (funeral was in Loup on Tuesday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 25th April	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	Joe, Kitty, Kathleen, Frank and John Donnelly and deceased members of the Donnelly Family; Tommy, Susan and Thomas McGarvey.
Tuesday 27th April	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 29th April	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Friday 30th April	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Saturday 1st May	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 2nd May	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	Fr Francis Quigley; Peg Donnelly.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 26th April **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 28th April **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Parish Finances

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

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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 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.

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