

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,

A Prayer at the End of the Day

O Lord of life, as the busy sounds of the day die away, I offer you, my thanks. Thank you for all that I have experienced this day; for new things I have learned; for the gift of family and friends and the kindness of people; for so many blessings too countless to name. And for your continued support, I praise you.

At no time of the day have I been called upon to stand in my own strength. But I do admit that I have allowed some things into this day for which I am now sorry. There have been moments when I have been more eager to receive than to give. There have been moments when my motives have become a little mixed, though others may not have noticed. Some words that I have spoken might have been better unsaid, unheard; forgive me for anything that has tarnished this day.

Lord, hold in your keeping this night, all those who are dear to me, and let us all rest quietly in your peace. Bless those who cannot sleep tonight - and bless those who must stay awake: those sitting up with the sick; those working on nightshifts; drivers on the road; all who are travelling by air and sea. Grant to each a deeper sense of your presence and a greater appreciation of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,
One was an optimistic soul;
But the other took the gloomy view,
“I shall drown,” he cried, “and so will you”.
So, with a last despairing cry,
He closed his eyes and said, “Good-bye”.

But the other frog, with a merry grin,
Said, “I can’t get out, but I won’t give in!
I’ll swim around till my strength is spent,
For having tried, I’ll die content”.

Bravely he swam until it would seem,
His struggles began to churn the cream.
On top of the butter at last he stopped,
And out of the bowl he merrily hopped.

What is the moral? It’s easily found.
If you can’t get out - keep swimming around.

With very blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Prayer Service for our Schools and our Pupils

On Monday 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, there will be a short Prayer Service in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 7.30 pm to mark the beginning of the new school year and to invoke God's blessing on our children and on all who contribute to their formation in the three schools of Beragh Parish. I extend a warm invitation to those who serve on boards of governors, to teachers and ancillary staff and of course to parents and young people.

Sick and Housebound

I wish to thank those people who made contact requesting a visit to a number of parishioners who are presently confined. In keeping with Covid 19 regulations, I will attend people in their homes over the coming weeks.

The Hail Holy Queen Conference

On Saturday, 9th October, The Hail Holy Queen Conference will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2.00 pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr Patrick Kenny, Fr Gerry McCloskey and Dr Blythe Kaufman.

On Sunday 10th October, the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30 pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely, being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 0872 786 552.

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.

Called By A New Name - Refocus, Recharge and Reconnect in a Post-Pandemic World (3 - 8 October £420/€490).

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).

Lough Derg

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12 km loop, with a shorter 8 km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0 (0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org
Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

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

Title: Laudato Si' in our Contemporary World

October 6, 13, 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 7, 14, 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 - 23rd 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

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Louie Dan McSorley and Rosa Jayne Grant.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 708.50

Other Collections

Candles: £ 107.37

Peter's Pence: £ 5.00

Building Fund: £ 225.00

Priest's Dues: £ 80.00

Total: **£1,125.87**

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Rose McGurk; Jean McMackin;
 Helen Devlin; Anthony Haigney;
 Eoin Kerr.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 26th September 9.00 am Mass for the People.

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.

Friday 1st October 7.30 pm Francis Farley.

Saturday 2nd October 10.00 am Private Intention.

Sunday 3rd October

9.00 am Mass for the People.

11.30 am Eugene and Mary Tierney;

Rose and John McDaid.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Friday 1st October

7.30 pm Helen Devlin (MM).

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

MacMillan Cancer Support

World’s Biggest Socially Distanced Coffee Morning on Wednesday
29 September 2021 in the McIlroy Hall, Seskinore (10.30 am - 12.30 pm).
Call in for a coffee and a catchup!

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 3, 5, 13, 21 & 30. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Christine Coyle and Nuala Lawrence. Next week’s jackpot is £12,400 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.

Today is a big day for our ladies. At 11.00 am our U16 girls begin their league campaign against Loughmacrory, while this evening our Seniors play Kildress in the championship. Tough opposition for the ladies, but in championship, anything can happen. That game throws in at 5.00 pm in Pairc Eire Og.

Next weekend our Senior Men are in the championship. The game is fixed for next Saturday afternoon (2nd October) at 1.00 pm in Loughmacrory against Naomh Eoghan. All support appreciated for this one.

For more up to date news on fixtures and club activity, please follow our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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

Closing date for completed applications: 20th 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:

- 1 Via Digital TV - Saorview 210
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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