

Beragh Parish Bulletin



4th Sunday of Lent Year C

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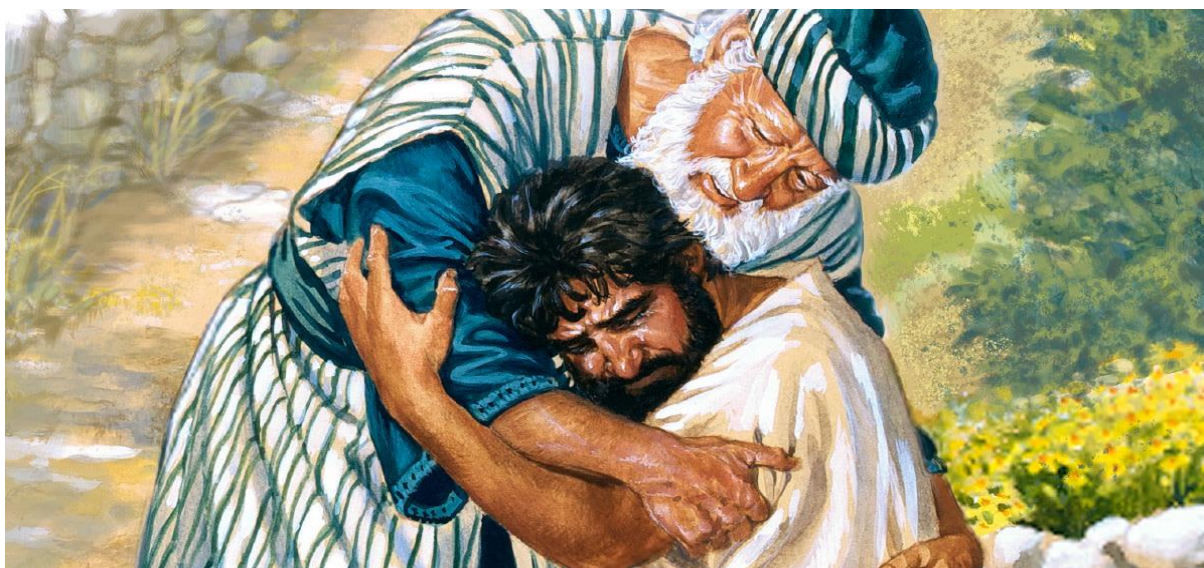
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

On this 4th Sunday of Lent St Luke presents a story that is familiar to most - the story of the Prodigal Son. It would be a pity if familiarity prevented us from reflecting on the powerful message Jesus intended in this parable. Maybe the following version of the parable might engage our interest and remind us of its importance:

The Prodigal Son - in the Key of F

“Francis the Foolish felt little filial fondness for his flawless fastidious father, Ferdinand. Feeling footloose and frisky, Francis forced his fond father to fork over his share of the farm’s finances, then fled his father’s fertile fief. In foreign fields, Francis philandered away his fortune on fancy fashion, fickle fun-loving friends and ferocious feasting. Finally fleeced, Francis found himself flinging foul feed to filthy swine in a farmyard as a forlorn farmhand. Famished by famine, he feign would have filled his flaccid frame with this food.

Fortunately, the frazzled fugitive finally faced the facts. Forging forthwith, he fell fatigued at his father's feet and feebly phrased his feelings: "Father," he fumbled, "I fruitlessly forfeited family favour...forgive me".

The far-sighted father kissed Francis' forehead and forestalling future family fissures arranged a fourfold feast with fatlings he arranged.

The first born (Frederick) frowned upon his father's forgiveness.

"That fathead free-wheeled away our family finances" he fulminated and fumed. The faithful father felt that Francis's former foibles should be freely forgiven. "Filial fidelity is what fathers are for, Frederick", said Ferdinand with feelings flowing. "Forsooth the fugitive is found, so what forbids festivity? Fling a feast!"

Moral: the Father is forever seeking those who flounder, and freely forgives. The Father is a real friend, taking us at face value as he did our friend, the Prodigal Son.

Today is also Mother's Day

God of grace and love, in thankfulness for all that you have given us through the loving care and hard work of our own mothers, we pray your richest blessings upon all mothers:

For those with difficult homes, whose children are more of a problem than a blessing.

For those whose children are far away and for those who are lonely.

For those who find it hard to make ends meet or go short themselves for the sake of their children.

For those who do not know Christ as their Saviour nor how to cast their cares on him.

For each one according to her need, hear our prayer and draw all mothers, living and dead, closer to you this day.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Confessions During Lent

In preparation for Easter there will be many opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, beginning this week:

Thursday 31st March After 9.00 am Mass

Saturday 2nd April After 10.00 am Mass

Confessions will be in the Crying Chapel, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

Help for Ukraine

This weekend a special collection will be taken up at all Masses across Ireland for the people of Ukraine.

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

Re-opening of Drumduff and Seskinore Chapels

- 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.

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 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.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Darragh Sean McGirr.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:	£1,115
Loose Collection:	£ 73

Other Collections

Candles:	£ 107
Emigrants:	£ 407
Building Fund:	£ 135
Priest's Dues:	£ 175
Total:	£2,012

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.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

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.
Monday 28th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 29th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Wednesday 30th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 31st March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	9.00 am	Seamus and Mary Rafferty and deceased members of the Rafferty family.
Friday 1st April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Saturday 2nd April	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 3rd April	11.30 am	Joe (Snr) and Margaret Franey; Felix and Mary Owens and Hughie and Bridget McCrystal; Mick and John Grimes and deceased members of the Grimes family.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 30th March	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Saturday 2nd April	7.30 pm	Brendan McNally.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 28th March 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.

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 beraghparochial@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 3, 9, 17, 26 and 27. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Pauline Owens, Gemma Donnelly and Noel Franey. Next week's jackpot is £13,750 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA> or at local shops.

Yesterday morning (Saturday), underage outdoor training returned. If you or your child couldn't make it yesterday, don't worry, just come along next week. Training runs from 9.30 am - 10.30 am on Saturday mornings. The age groups are as follows: U7.5 boys, U9.5 boys, U11.5 boys, U8 girls, U10 girls and U12 girls.

The Beragh 5 is on Easter weekend, Saturday 16th April at 11.00 am. The 5 mile road race and 5k walk/run is edging closer, but there is still time to lace up those trainers and get those steps in.

On Friday 18th March we hosted our first Beragh Disco in the pavilion. All tickets for the event were sold out in a matter of hours, and the event went on to be well enjoyed by those in attendance. A special thanks to all who volunteered to organise and help out at the event, without them, the night would not have been possible. The next event will be held during the run up to Easter, Wednesday 13th April. Tickets were released earlier this week, and again the tickets sold out rapidly.

Paint & Sip for kids and teens is running in the hub on Tuesday 19th April 10.00 am - 12 noon and 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Contact Nicola for more information on 07538 122 275.

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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- 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