

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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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,

Last Sunday, as we began our Lenten journey, we accompanied Jesus into the wilderness, where he was tempted. Today's Gospel brings us to a mountain top, where Jesus is transfigured, and his glory is revealed. High mountains were traditional sites where biblical people often met their God. Clouds that may have encircled these peaks were seen as a sign of God's presence.

It has been noticed that the structure of St Mark's Gospel from which we read today's account of the transfiguration, is like a mountain. As we go up one side, we learn about the ministry of Jesus: the miracles,

the healings, the feeding of the thousands, the call of the disciples. The top of the mountain corresponds to the moment of climax in Mark's gospel when Peter declares, "You are the Christ" (Mark 8:29). The peak of the mountain is also the moment of revelation when the glory of Jesus is revealed in the Transfiguration. And then, the disciples and Jesus come down the other side of the mountain toward the Cross and some difficult days ahead. They will have to face countless challenges and take their place in the building of God's Kingdom by taking up their personal crosses. As they leave the mountain, they must return to an ordinary way of life where they will be expected to live as servants and witnesses, dedicated to the values of Jesus Christ.

Like the apostles, we too are called, not to live in the rarefied atmosphere of mountain tops, but in "the valley of tears", often coping with the grind of daily tasks and struggling with challenges that are part of the fabric of life. Because of Jesus' Transfiguration and Resurrection, we will find him in the seemingly ordinary events of each day, if we open our eyes and our hearts to see.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Lenten Devotions

People are invited to take part in Lenten Devotions on Sunday evening at 7.00 pm by logging into the webcam page and selecting Mobile Camera at the bottom left.

Trocaire 2021 "Until love conquers fear"

This year the focus is on the suffering people of South Sudan, depicted by the two mothers Ajak and her friend Awut, who feature on the Trocaire box. Widowed by war and trapped in poverty, they are now fearful of the Covid pandemic. They have no hope without help.

This is what Fr James in Sudan writes, "We are going through deep pain. This is my cry to you: please do not leave us alone. Please give your support this Lent to my people in South Sudan. In their poverty, in their fears of war, in their

traumatised spirit they are trying their best to come out of it. The child who is crying may be the future leader of this country who will transform this whole situation. We shall not give up and we shall always pray for you. Hold our hands. Walk with us. We need your prayers. We need your support. With your help a good day can come for South Sudan.”

Neighbour Policing

The local police officer for Beragh is Constable Sean Cunningham who can be contacted on mobile 07833 451487 or by Telephone 101 and asking for extension 56233 Email: Sean.cunningham@psni.police.uk

Living Christian Faith

Knock Shrine will continue a new online series to engage people in conversations about faith. You can join at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live or on Facebook@knockshrine. On this Thursday evening at 8.30 pm a number of teachers will discuss the strength they derive from their faith in handing on faith to young people today.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Joseph Anthony McNamee.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £1,000

Loose Collection: £ 20

Other Collections

Candles: £ 176

Sick and Retired Priests: £ 50

Emigrants: £ 10

Holy Land: £ 10

Building Fund: £ 265

Priest's Dues: £ 565

Total: £2,096

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Fr Enda Keenan; Carmel O'Hanlon;
Mary Bennett; Peter McSwiggan.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 28th February	11.30 am	Kevin Spriddell; Michael Mullin; Mick Kerr (MM).
Monday 1st March	7.00 am 9.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 2nd March	7.00 am 9.00 am	Private Intention.
Wednesday 3rd March	7.00 am 7.30 pm	Private Intention. Michael Murphy (MM).
Thursday 4th March	7.00 am 9.00 am	Private Intention.
Friday 5th March	7.00 am 7.30 pm	Private Intention. Charlie Mulholland.
Saturday 6th March	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 7th March	11.30 am	Jim Franey; Rose Conlon.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

The Stations of the Cross and the Rosary will be available on YouTube during Lent ... ALL DAY EVERY DAY ... (24/7).
Search YouTube OR your internet browser for sixmilecross oratory rosary stations.

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; “Mobile Camera” which is available for Devotions.

Year of Reflection and Prayer

The ‘Year of Reflection and Prayer’, which was launched last January to begin the process of pastoral planning in the diocese, was due to conclude at the end of this month. Due, however, to the Covid-19 pandemic and to the ongoing restrictions on movement and gathering, the Pastoral Team has decided to extend this period of reflection until the end of June.

Mass arrangements for Beragh Parish

All Masses from Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh are streamed via webcam.

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