

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,

From 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) the Christian world celebrates the Season of Creation in which we are asked to admire the joy and beauty of creation as well as raise awareness of the need to protect the natural environment. This has special significance for the Catholic Church since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. We remember also his second encyclical “Laudato Si” (24th May 2015) subtitled ‘On Care for Our Common Home’ which is regarded as a worldwide wake up call to help humanity understand the destruction that is being rendering to the environment and the implications for people’s lives, especially the poor. I would like to recall some significant quotes from that great document:

“Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years.”

“We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family.”

“The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish.”

“We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us.”

“The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth’s goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit.”

“Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.”

At this time the Spirit is calling all of us to adjust the way we live. Perhaps over the next few weeks we might put some changes into practice in terms of recycling, saving energy, reducing plastics, lowering pollution, and appreciating the beauty of nature. With the help of the Holy Spirit let us literally Renew the Face of the Earth.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Oisín Francis McGirr.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 861

Loose Collection: £ 15

Other Collections

Candles: £ 89

Peter's Pence: £ 326

Building Fund: £ 115

Priest's Dues: £ 150

Total: £1,556

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Terry O'Hagan; Eamon McAlinney;
Oliver O'Neill (Tursallagh - funeral last Sunday in
Garvaghey); Joe Barrett (Donaghanie - funeral last
Monday in Beragh); Paddy McGarvey (Omagh - funeral
last Tuesday in Beragh).
John Donnelly (Altamuskin - funeral in Dunmoyle on
Monday at 11.00 am.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 23rd August 9.00 am	John, MaryAnn and Pat Donnelly and deceased members of the Donnelly and McKillion families.
Thursday 27th August 7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Friday 28th August 7.30 pm	Margaret and Condly McMahan and Cathy Cox.
Saturday 29th August 10.00 am	Private Intention.

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".

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.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi

Over the past three weeks 35 young people from the three schools in our parish have celebrated their Confirmation, postponed since 18th March. I want to congratulate each of them and compliment them for their participation in three beautiful ceremonies. Thanks to parents and sponsors for their co-operation and a special word of appreciation to the teachers who prepared the children and indeed to all staff in our schools for the work they do in helping to hand on the faith. I am very grateful to Clare and Sheena, along with other musicians and singers, who enhanced the celebrations enormously.

Annual Blessing of Graves

Many thanks to all who attended their family plots and tidied neighbouring graves over the past few weeks. All graves were blessed with Holy Water on Thursday morning, but due to the stormy conditions the final editing of the footage for streaming has to be completed. Hopefully, this will be ready soon and details of how to access it will be published next weekend.

Theology Programme

Do you want to learn more about your faith?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The course takes two years with one night per week and two weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology course will be continuing this year with predominantly online classes, starting on 8th September 2020.

If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact Milanda on 00353 429 336 393 or email: milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9.00 am - 2.00 pm). All are welcome.

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.beraghpriish.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.

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- It never knows or shares your identity or location.

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- The app uses Bluetooth technology to check if you've been in close contact with another app-user.
- It tells you if you have been near someone who has tested positive, even if you don't know them.
- If you receive an alert, it will tell you to self-isolate for 14 days and show you where to get advice on symptoms and booking a test.
- If you test positive, it updates app-users who have been in close contact with you.
- It only knows if you have been near another app-user, not your identity or location.

How do I download the App?

Download the app from your phone's app store.

This will be the Apple App Store for iPhones and the Google Play Store for most other phones. Search '**StopCOVID NI**'. You should see the app with its black and white HSC logo. Click '**Install**' or '**Get**'.

The app will then be installed on your phone. Open the app and follow the guidance to set it up. You will be asked to confirm you want to use the app, agree to the Terms and Conditions, and allow the app to use your Bluetooth feature to send you notifications.

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