

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,

One of the best-known miracles of Jesus, sometimes referred to as the multiplication of the loaves, is recorded in all four Gospels. While it might be difficult for us to understand what happened, for St Matthew's listeners it recalled the Old Testament story of their ancestors being fed with manna in the desert while the gestures and words of Jesus reminded them of the Last Supper when 'he took the bread.... blessed it....broke it.....and gave it to them.' Like any piece of scripture, it is deeply symbolic and in this case it points not only to the past but also to the future, to the great banquet we will, with God's grace, enjoy one day in the heavenly Kingdom.

Jesus had just received news that his cousin John the Baptist, whom he greatly admired, had been put to death so he felt the need to get away to a lonely place to recuperate. But when he stepped ashore a throng of people were waiting for him and he was moved with compassion to attend to their needs. As evening fell, his disciples wanted to disperse them, but once again Jesus was moved with concern for the wellbeing of the enormous crowds and he suggested that they should be fed. When the disciples protested that all they had was five loaves and two fish, he challenged them to look beyond what was possible. Helplessness is transformed as the food is multiplied and in the words of the Gospel, "they all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full".

No matter how inadequate we might feel, we can offer what we have to the Lord and he will transform it. And while the challenges and difficulties of life can easily daunt us, he is the one who will give us the sustenance and the nourishment to help us continue our homeward journey.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

The Annual Blessing of Graves

The annual blessing of graves is an important event for many families and for people away from home as we remember in prayer loved ones who are no longer with us. Unfortunately, the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus has prevented us from celebrating the blessing of graves this year. As an alternative, I would like to proceed with a private blessing and sprinkling of Holy Water for each of the three graveyards and a commemoration in prayer of all those who have died during the past twelve months. I am hoping that these celebrations, can be recorded by drone and streamed by Web Cam and Facebook mid-August. I will verify the dates shortly, but in the meantime, I would encourage parishioners to begin preparing their family plots in the usual way.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Maria Sharon Meenagh.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £1,495

Loose Collection: £ 18

Other Collections

Candles: £ 91

Education of Student Priests: £ 40

Building Fund: £ 175

Priest's Dues: £ 485

Total: **£2,304**

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of July was £2,472.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Patrick McKenna; Anthony Munroe (funeral last Monday in Carrickmore).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 2nd August 11.30 am Michael Molloy.
Tuesday 4th August 9.00 am Private Intention.
Thursday 6th August 7.30 pm Rosaleen Curran.
Friday 7th August 9.00 am Private Intention.
Saturday 8th August 10.00 am Private Intention.
Sunday 9th August 11.30 am Michael McNelis.

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 3rd August 7.30 pm Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 5th August 9.00 am Private Intention.

Parish Confirmation

On Wednesday 5th August the children of Drumduff PS will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 7.30 pm. The Irish Bishop's Council for Catechetics have produced 3 videos to help prepare children for the sacrament of Confirmation this year. These are now available on the diocesan website at <https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/confirmation-day/> and on the Armagh Prays website at <https://www.armaghprays.com/confirmationvideo>.

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.

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".