

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

There are several occasions in the Gospel when the opponents of Jesus lay traps for him in the hope of finding something to use against him. In today's gospel we have a clear example of such behaviour. When the scribes and Pharisees come to Jesus with a woman who has been caught committing adultery, they use her predicament to test him. If Jesus were to say that the woman should not be put to death, they could accuse him of disregarding the law of Moses. On the other hand, if he were to say she should be stoned, he would lose his reputation as a friend of sinners and belie everything he has said about mercy and compassion. As the story unfolds, we observe the wise reaction of Jesus in dealing with this difficult conundrum and his deep regard for an unprotected woman.

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In ancient Greece, the great philosopher Socrates had a reputation of wisdom. One day he was approached by a lady who said, "Do you know what I am after hearing about your friend?"

“Just a moment”, replied Socrates, “before you say anything more, I would like to test you with the three sieves”.

“The three sieves! What do you mean - testing me with the three sieves?”

“Yes”, Socrates replied, “before telling anything about another person, whether you have read it or heard it, it is a good practice to filter the information, and that’s what I call the three sieves. The first sieve is the TRUTH. Have you checked if what you are going to tell me is true?”

“No, I just heard it”.

“Very good! So, you don’t know if it’s true or false. We continue with the second sieve, which is KINDNESS. Whatever you want to tell me about my friend must be tested - is it kind?”

“Oh no! On the contrary”.

“So”, questioned Socrates, you want to tell me bad things about this person and you’re not even sure if they are true? Maybe you can still pass the test on the third sieve which has to do with UTILITY. Is it useful that I know what you’re going to tell me about this friend?”

“Not really”.

“So,” concluded Socrates, what you were going to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor useful. Why then did you want to tell me this?”

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Only the spirit of God living in our hearts can inspire us with wisdom and integrity, as well as compassion and respect for the truth and for other people. We need that Spirit today as never before.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions on: Thursday 7th April 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm
 Friday 8th April 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm
 Saturday 9th April after 10.00 am Mass

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

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

There will be **NO 5.30 pm Mass** in St Patrick's Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission (ADYC)

ADYC are very excited to announce Youth Lenten Retreat days, open to all ages. One will be in Cookstown on the 9th of April and the other will be in Collon on the 10th of April. Please use the below link to register your interest.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexopAseNllknSoIQjIgKrNy-3EMgkqdUExxesLvu5TjTJysg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre

Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre, Wednesday 13th April (5.00 pm) - Easter Sunday 17th April (9.00 am). This will be an opportunity for quiet reflection as you celebrate the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Seder Meal on Wednesday and ends with Dawn Mass and Easter breakfast.

Cost (includes accommodation and meals) £340/€400.

Tel. 028 30 821 964 admin@dromantineconference.com

Benburb Priory on Friday 8th April

Author, Paul Kingsnorth, is coming to Benburb Priory on Friday 8th April at 7.30 pm to speak about his life and work, including his sensational recent conversion to the Christian faith.

This event will take place in our Bruce room. We hope you join us for an inspiring talk, question and answer session, and refreshments.

New Missionary Group: Apostles of Love Ireland

Check out our Facebook and website www.apostlesoflove.ie for all our activities. We are a new providential missionary group based in the Armagh Diocese on the grounds of Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth. We would like to inform you of our many activities at our Oasis of Peace Retreat Centre for prayer, healing and pastoral care. We welcome you to visit us any time for a cuppa and chat at our Forest view tea room.

- “Come Away & Find Rest” join us from a choice of one of our Retreat Day’s to suit your needs.
- Join us on one of our highly recommended “Our Lady’s Pilgrim Days” 11.00 am - 6.00 pm on the last Saturday of each month (Medjugorje Style) - Our Lady’s School of Love or join us for our Monthly Holy Spirit School.
- Apostles of Love Eucharistic Prayer Group on Tuesday 11.00 am - 1.00 pm.
- Our Scripture School (beginners 10.30 am - 12 pm) (intermediate 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm) every Thursday.
- Book for our One - One Prayer and Healing Ministry, Unbound Ministry Pastoral Counselling or Spiritual accompaniment.
- Matt Talbot Calix Addiction Recovery Group 3rd Saturday of Month, Be-Loved Faith and Support Group for Separated Ladies, St Joseph’s Food Chest for those in need.

Contact Deacon John Taaffe 0868 611 531 or Deacon Pat Butterly 0868 210 522 or Joan in the Office 0896 152 568.

HSC NI Foster Care

HSC NI Foster Care is urgently appealing for more foster carers and supported lodgings hosts who can provide homes to young refugees who arrive in Northern Ireland without a parent or carer. For more information on becoming a foster carer or supported lodgings host, contact HSC NI Foster Care on 0800 0720 137 or visit www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/young-refugees/

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC)

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC) are seeking to recruit an exceptional individual who will lead us into the next phase of our work. The General Secretary is the senior executive officer, who will provide analytical and strategic analysis and direction to inter-church relations and ecumenism in Ireland.

The details and the application pack are available at www.irishchurches.org/vacancy.

Diploma in Youth Ministry & Spirituality

Diploma in Youth Ministry and Spirituality from Saint Patrick’s College, Maynooth. The diploma is tailored for those who wish to work in Youth Ministry. For more information please see www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses

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 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,
Maebh Brid McKernan.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 755

Loose Collection: £ 28

Other Collections

Candles: £ 99

Emigrants: £ 68

Building Fund: £ 95

Priest's Dues: £ 55

Total: £1,100

Parish Finances

The boxes of envelopes are available for distribution and can be collected from the Committee Room.

Anyone who does not receive a box of envelopes and wishes to do so, please contact the Parish Office on (02880 758 206); put a note through the letterbox or send an email to beraghparochial@btinternet.com

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 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.
Monday 4th April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 5th April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Wednesday 6th April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 7th April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
(Dunmoyle)	7.30 pm	Felix McNally.
Friday 8th April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	7.30 pm	Memorial Mass for Margaret Montague and Anniversary Mass for Jim Montague.
Saturday 9th April	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 10th April	11.30 am	Lawrence McGirr; Ollie Keenan; (MM) Kitty, Joe, John and Kathleen Donnelly; Danny McDonald; George, Brigid and Fr Sean McCartan.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 6th April **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Saturday 9th April **7.30 pm** The McMenammin Family.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 4th April **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Sunday 10th April **10.00 am** Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

The Devine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday (15 April) and concludes on Mercy Sunday (24 April).

This year the ceremonies are in St Mary’s Church, Aughnacloy.

Confessions at 2.30 pm.

The Divine Chaplet will be recited before 3.00 pm Mass.

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 1, 3, 11, 26 and 27. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Colin McMahon, Sharon Farley and Mary McConnell. Next week's jackpot is £13,800 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA> or at local shops.

Our next Beragh Disco is on Wednesday 13th April. Tickets for the event have again sold out. Thanks to all who have bought.

With our Underage training now underway, in the next number of weeks, Gaelic Start will be beginning for Nursery Boys and Girls, P1 Boys and Girls and P2 Girls. Keep an eye on our social media.

The countdown is on for the Beragh 5 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.

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

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.
- 2 Download our **free** App "Radio Maria Ireland".
- 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