

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

As we get older, we're expected to complain that we don't hear as well as we used to and that what we hear we are inclined to forget. The stock response is usually something to the effect that "*we're as well off; half of it isn't worth hearing anyway*" and "*we're well able to hear what we want to hear!!*". Both true. Both false. There is certainly a lot of rubbish spoken, but there is also some wisdom - the trick is in knowing the difference.

Today's Gospel tells how Jesus healed a man who was deaf and who also had an impediment in his speech. The action of Jesus, touching the ears and the mouth of the man in the Gospel is repeated in the Rite of Baptism. Towards the end of the ceremony, before Covid19 imposed certain restrictions against contact, the celebrant would touch the ears and the mouth of the child being baptised and say, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his Word and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen".

How we use the gifts of speech and hearing has a huge influence on the texture of parish life.

Voices that praise and affirm;

Voices that encourage and support;

Voices that speak of beauty and truth;

Voices of gratitude and appreciation;

Voices that promote harmony and healing -
these are treasures.

Ears tuned to good news;
Ears that filter out the scandal;
Ears that listen with compassion and respect;
Ears that can hear the pain that is unspoken;
Ears that are available when they are needed;
These are God's gift to a community.

May we be thankful to the Lord for the gift of speech and the ability to listen. May we always use such gifts to build up rather than knock down, to give glory to God and to bring support to other people.

With very blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Upcoming Events

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre

The following directed retreat and workshops will be led by Father Hugh Lagan SMA in October and November 2021. The retreat and workshops are open to everyone. Spaces are limited and the centre will operate in full compliance with all public health regulations.

Called By A New Name - Refocus, Recharge and Reconnect in a Post-Pandemic World (3 - 8 October £420/€490).

Hello You - Finding the Joy, Purpose and Happiness You Deserve (18 - 21 October £280/€325).

Broken Open - How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow (19 - 21 November £200/€230).

Lough Derg

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12 km loop, with a shorter 8 km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0 (0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org
Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

Anam Cara Parental & Sibling Bereavement Support Group

Online meeting 16th September

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join them for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16th September at 7.00 pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc> or contact info@anamcara.ie / info@anamcarani.co.uk or 085 288 8888 & NI 0289 521 3120.

Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Co. Laois - Autumn Courses

Online

All Courses are at 19.00 - 21.00 (Irish Time) on ZOOM
To book a place please email ceo@mountstannes.com

Title: Laudato Si' in our Contemporary World

October 6, 13, 20, 27 (Sean McDonagh).

This course will explore Laudato Si and the Challenges of Biodiversity and Climate Change. €100 for full course.

Women in the Bible: Our Mothers in Faith

October 7, 14, 21, 28 (Rosalie Moloney).

The diverse women of the Bible offer us inspiring examples of Faith in action. This course invites us to follow in the footsteps of some of these remarkable but very human characters: from Ruth and Naomi and the mothers of Genesis to the women of Jesus' parables and the female leaders of the early Church.
€100 for full course.

Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?

November 3, 10, 17, 24 (Michael Drumm).

There is a lot of talk today about Celtic Spirituality. But the question arises - what exactly is it? Does such a spirituality exist? Is it anything more than romantic nostalgia for a dead past? Who were the Celts? Can we access their spiritual insights? During this course some characteristics of Celtic life will be identified which might legitimately form the foundations for a renewed Celtic spirituality today.
€100 for full course.

Exploring the Synodal Pathway: The Ongoing Reception of Vatican II

November 4, 11, 18, 25 (Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien).

This course will explore the upcoming Synod as the continuation of the Second Vatican Council with a particular focus on the Spirituality of Synodality; the participation of all, especially young people, and the need for structures and resources to support the local church.

Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien featuring Sr Nathalie Becquart and Rafael Luciani.
€100 for full course.

Annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England - 23rd October

Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham. For all those for whom distance prevents them attending in person, the Shrine livestream (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>) will carry the main events of the day so that those watching online can join in with the prayers and devotions. The main programme commences with the midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. Details of the remainder of the programme can be found on our website at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>.

Week-end Masses

I am aware that some people in the parish are quite annoyed there is no Mass in St Malachy's, Seskinore on Sunday and no Mass in St Patrick's, Drumduff on Saturday evening, as was the practice in recent years. I share their disappointment, but unfortunately the situation is outside my control. I would love to be able to reinstate the arrangements we had prior to Covid-19. However, the current regulations regarding places of worship are determined, not by numbers in attendance, but by capacity. It is the responsibility of the parish to ensure that the building can safely accommodate people by ensuring the stipulated social distancing, in addition to the other protocols regarding signage, ventilation, and sanitisation etc. Given the size of Seskinore and Drumduff churches, it is not possible to have public week-end Masses until the Health Authorities and the Executive relax the present guidelines.

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.

Fundraising Update - Trócaire

In the coming weeks and months, it is possible that a Trócaire fundraiser may call to your home inviting monthly donations. Fundraising representatives will be wearing Trócaire blue branded jackets and face masks and will adhere to COVID compliance guidelines to ensure safety measures are met.

The door-to-door campaign allows us to reach people who have not donated to our Lenten appeal and also gives people the choice to donate in different ways. Monthly donations help Trócaire to plan ahead and have greater impact with the communities we exist to serve.

PS If you would like to contact Trócaire directly on any matter related to this initiative, you can contact Louise Walker on 00353 5053 225 or louise.walker@trocaire.org

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, starting on Tuesday 14th September. If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Jamie Patrick McCrory.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 675

Loose Collection: £ 10

Other Collections

Candles: £ 130

Peter's Pence: £ 80

Building Fund: £ 80

Priest's Dues: £ 155

Total: £1,130

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Eilish McCarney; Rose McGurk; Jim Montgomery; Jean McMackin (Funeral in Irvinestown on Wednesday past); Helen Devlin (Funeral in Seskinore on Saturday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 5th September 9.00 am Private Intention.

11.30 am Margaret Conroy;

Hugh and Joe (Jnr) Franey.

Thursday 9th September 7.30 pm Private Intention.

Friday 10th September 7.30 pm Paul Rodgers.

Saturday 11th September 10.00 am Private Intention.

Sunday 12th September 9.00 am Private Intention.

11.30 am Denis Hannigan;

Patrick and Ellen Donnelly.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 6th September 7.30 pm Gerard McDonald.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Tyrone Merchandise/Mary's Meals

There will be a selection of Tyrone Merchandise for sale at Farley's Bar from Monday evening 6th September.

All proceeds from this will go to our Mary's Meals Group.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 7, 14, 17, 21 & 28. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Leon Connolly, Dolores McGovern, Paul Mullin, Eilish McGarvey & C Devlin. Next week's jackpot is £12,250 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA or at local shops.

Tonight (Sunday) our Reserve men are in action. The lads are on the road this weekend as they travel to Newtownstewart to play Naomh Eoghan, throw in at 6.45 pm. On Monday evening the U17 boys begin their championship campaign in the preliminary round, as they take on Clonoe. Throw in at 6.45 pm. If successful, they are set to play Killeeshil, in the quarter final on Thursday evening (9th).

Congratulations to Tyrone seniors on making the All-Ireland Senior Football championship, the final is set for Saturday 11th September in Croke Park at 5.00 pm. While it was a great day for the Seniors, the Minors were defeated in the final. Hard luck to all involved, particularly, the three Beragh representatives, Paddy McCann, Conor Owens and Fiachra Donnelly. It was also a disappointing day for the Tyrone Senior Ladies, who were relegated. We hope Jayne Lyons, who had played her first season with the team and Damien Corrigan, part of the backroom team, can play key roles in a promotion challenge next year. Hard luck to them as well.

With games coming thick and fast, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates on games and results.

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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