

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,

Language is a strange thing because it can mean different things to different people. In our language - to fail, to be powerless, to be totally unable to deal with a situation all imply weakness, failure, and cause for shame. In God's language, the very same situations are extraordinary opportunities for grace and for God to intervene.

According to the account in today's gospel, Peter had failed miserably. He was a fisherman, and after a whole night's fishing, he had caught nothing. The situation was ideal for Jesus to step in, just as he had done in Cana when they ran out of wine. He is the God of the hopeless, the God of the helpless, the God of the powerless. Jesus came to look for the lost, to seek out sinners and to bring them safely home. When Peter says, "Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man", he should in truth have said, "Lord, stay with me. Please don't leave me, because, apart from you, I'm totally lost".

Speaking of language, I like the cynicism of the following piece which is called **"How to make your child into a delinquent"**.

1. Begin at infancy to give the child everything she wants. In this way, she will grow up to believe the world owes her a living.

2. When he picks up bad language, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give her any spiritual training. Wait until she is 21, and then let her decide for herself.
4. Avoid the use of the word 'wrong'. It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him, and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything she leaves lying around, books, shoes, clothes. Do everything for her so that she will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
6. Let him read and watch anything and everything he wants. Be careful that the silverware and the glassware are sterilised but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. Give a child all the spending money she wants. Never let her earn her own. Why should she have things as tough as you had them?
8. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
9. Take her part against neighbours and teachers. They are prejudiced against your child.
10. When he gets in to trouble, apologise for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him".
11. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Archbishop Eamon Martin and Bishop Michael Router are inviting all of us during February to take part in the **Consultation** for the Universal Synod of the Church. They emphasise that our response, and the responses of various groups and organisations, across the Archdiocese, will be very helpful and will contribute greatly to a listening process that is taking place around the world.

However, because of Covid 19, many people are still cautious and might be reluctant to attend public gatherings. Therefore, the Synodal Core Group in the Archdiocese of Armagh are proposing an alternative means of participation.

They have organised a virtual consultation that will broadcast twice a day 3.00 pm and 8.30 pm, Monday to Friday, from 7th February to 25th February on the St. Patrick's Cathedral Webcam. The presentation lasts 45 minutes and it can be accessed through the Armagh Parish Website at www.armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam. Similarly, it is available on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch/S3scX2xCX0Y or on the www.armaghprays.com website.

I would encourage people to avail of the opportunity to learn more about the Synodal journey and to make your response.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Emerging from Covid 19 Pandemic

While some Covid 19 restrictions are being lifted, we are being advised to take a gradual approach to any changes at parish level, conscious that the Omicron variant is still rampant in our communities and that many of our people are themselves vulnerable. The Parish Covid team will meet next week to consider how we should proceed.

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.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £1,039

Other Collections

Candles: £ 120

Sick and Retired Priests: £ 192

Building Fund: £ 228

Priest's Dues: £ 243

Total: £1,822

Parish Envelopes

To make it easier for Parishioners, Counters and Admin - if you are returning envelopes for past weeks/months, please put your total contribution in one envelope. Envelopes are always counted and recorded against the date for which they are received.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Sean Kelly; Dolores McAtasney;
Felix McNally; Frances McGinley (Funeral last
Tuesday in Lisbellaw).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 6th February	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Mickey Murphy; Ann Loughran.
Tuesday 8th February	7.30 pm	Maureen McCartan.
Friday 11th February	7.30 pm	Pat McAleer and deceased Members of the McAleer Family.
Saturday 12th February	10.00 am	Eamon and Packie McIvor.
Sunday 13th February	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 9th February **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 7th February **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

John McAleer (Anniversary at this time).

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator has now been installed at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 6, 7, 11, 16 and 23. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 went to Matthew McSorley. Next week's jackpot is £13,350 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

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

Well done to all involved in the sale of Last Man Standing tickets. 584 entries were made, but after a mad weekend of results, there is only 5 left. Good luck to all remaining.

A Hatha Yoga course with Amy Conway will begin on Monday 7th February at 7.00 pm in Beragh Community Hub. Hatha yoga is a practice that involves breathing, yoga poses and mediation. Open to all age groups, the course will be £30 which can be paid on the first night. Due to COVID restrictions the class must be booked to secure your space.

On Tuesday 8th February at 6.30 pm in Beragh Community Hub, beginner Irish lessons are taking place. The programme will last 6 weeks and is open to all age groups.

Follow our Club social media pages to keep up to date.

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:

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- 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