

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



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## Parish Office Opening Hours

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



## **Tested By Temptation**

Luke 4:1-13

**Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

When asked one Easter Sunday morning, “What did you do for Lent?” a man replied, “I went for the ashes on Ash Wednesday”. That was it - nothing else, just the distinctive mark on the forehead. It was marginally better than nothing, I suppose, but I think more is asked of us if we are any way serious about our faith.

The Gospel assigned for Ash Wednesday (Matt 6:1-6; 16-18) is a telling one with which to begin the season of Lent. It mentions three practices that the early Church always connected with doing penance: almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Each of these three disciplines addresses a key relationship: almsgiving (to others), prayer (to God) and fasting (to ourselves). If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives, then we must change the inner attitudes of our minds and hearts.

Whatever we decide to undertake for the next few weeks, let us embrace this special season of grace and make an effort. In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

The wilderness can be a place of transformation; a place where God is ultimately in control. In the wilderness we might encounter our own personal demons and struggle with temptation, but that is part of the journey. As with all things, we will get out of Lent what we put in. The more we put in, the greater the celebration on Easter Sunday.

If the man whose only gesture towards Lent was to receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday really took to heart the words that he heard as he received them, then maybe he may have grown a bit as a Christian during the forty days - “Repent and believe in the Gospel”.

**With every blessing for a fruitful Lent, Monsignor Colum.**

### **Sick and Housebound**

I wish to thank those people who made contact requesting a visit to a number of parishioners who are presently confined. In keeping with Covid 19 regulations, I will attend people in their homes over the coming weeks.

### **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

## **Benburb Priory Event - 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Benburb Priory will host Dr Crawford Gribben of QUB to speak about his recent book on the history of Christian Ireland. This free event takes place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are available at [www.Benburbpriory.com](http://www.Benburbpriory.com)

The evening will begin with a talk, followed by a question-and-answer session, and book signing.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> March "Giving witness to faith in the world today" (Malachi Cush)**

Malachi is a singer/songwriter, producer and presenter from Donaghmore, Co Tyrone. He has worked for many years in the music and media industries and he has presented with BBC, UTV and Irish TV. He's a man of deep faith and he has produced and performed at many events within our Churches and he's a member of the Diocesan Synodal Core Group. Among other things, he's currently studying a programme in Pastoral Theology.

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March "Only in God is my soul at rest, in Him comes my salvation" (Sr Elaine Kelly)**

Sr Elaine is a Poor Clare Sister, a native of West Belfast and a guide on The St Patrick's Way, hosting walks around the life and legacy of St Patrick in Co Down. She was a barrister at law for a number of years and a former Adoration Sister and lived in the community in Belfast. Sr Elaine says that she's now "living the dream" as a child of God in St James' Parish, Monksland, Co Louth and she lives in the community at Faughart Monastery, close to the birthplace of St Brigid.

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March "Covid-19 "The call to look forward in a spirit of hope" (Dr Bob Brown)**

Bob lives in Armagh and he retired recently after working as Chief Nurse and Director of Community and Older Peoples Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust. He now plans to continue some nursing practice while exploring a range of voluntary and community service opportunities. He's a member of St Mark's Parish and he hopes to develop a wellbeing and spiritual support service for people connected with the Church. He's currently studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and Trinity College, Dublin.

## **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March “Finding God in a Pandemic World” (Oisín Walsh)**

Oisín is from Trim, Co Meath and he has been working in the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth, Co Kildare for the last three years. He’s a man of deep faith and whilst working to help promote the Catholic Church throughout the country, he’s also assistant to the editor of Intercom (a Catholic pastoral and liturgical resource.) He writes regularly on religious matters and his articles can often be read on line and in the press. He’s a gifted musician and he plays in a band.

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 well being. He resides with his family in Omagh, Co Tyrone and is a keen GAA enthusiast.

## **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Home of St Patrick Festival, Armagh - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

#### **Celebrate St Patrick - St Patrick’s COI Cathedral: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 8.00 pm**

Celebrate St Patrick’s life and legacy in this unique place. As part of the Home of St Patrick’s Festival, choral music is at the heart of a special evening of words, music and dance. While the world marks the most popular of Saints and Saints Days, only Armagh can claim the site of his first Church as the traditional and classical, ancient and modern, the reflective and exuberant, sacred and secular, all combine to make this a joyous occasion in St Patrick’s honour. A limited number of audience seats are available through The Market Place Theatre Box Office.

#### **St Patrick’s Symposium: Tending our Planet: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 am - 1.00 pm**

“I arise today through the strength of heaven: Light of sun, radiance of moon, splendour of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of wind, depth of sea, stability of earth, firmness of rock”. St Patrick. After the extremely positive impacts of previous symposia examining the themes of modern slavery, migration, peace-making and reminiscence within a modern context, this year’s St Patrick’s Symposium will

consider our relationship to the planet and the need for us to exercise responsible stewardship of the environment through talks, music, poetry and discussion. Our keynote speaker is John Barry, Professor of Green Political Economy at Queen's University, Belfast.

**Celebrating St Patrick with Armagh Cathedrals Partnership -**

**The Market Place Theatre: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm**

Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre. Armagh Cathedrals Partnership invite you to a special evening of music, story, poetry and prayer to celebrate St Patrick. The guest speaker will be Rev Dr Sahr Yambasu, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. During the evening, he will reflect on "Patrick the Missionary". It promises to be a very special evening as we celebrate the St Patrick's Festival in Armagh and light refreshments will be served afterwards.

**St Patrick's Lecture - The Market Place Theatre: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 11am - 12 noon**

Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre. On the eve of St Patrick's Day, the Primates of the two principal Churches in Ireland, Archbishop John McDowell and Archbishop Eamon Martin will discuss what St Patrick means to them in a 21<sup>st</sup> century context and how his words continue to resonate across the world.

**St Patrick's Vigil Walk - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 pm - 10.00 pm**

This event has become a popular activity during the city's Home of St Patrick's Festival. The Vigil Walk by torchlight is led by the leaders of the city's two Cathedrals, both called St Patrick's. Join them in prayer and conversation as the Vigil starts from the Church of Ireland Cathedral and moves to the Roman Catholic Cathedral, a symbolic reflection of St Patrick's own journey to unite through Christianity.

**Light The Fire 2022 - Hill of Slane - 17<sup>th</sup> March**

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join us in Slane, Co. Meath on St Patrick's Day, to pray together in the place where St Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Event begins at 4.00 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> March with Vespers on the Hill of Slane and procession to the church (weather permitting), at 5.00 pm. Holy Mass celebrated in the church by Bishop Michael Smith, retired Bishop of Meath, followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, 041 983 0441.

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## **Returning to regular Mass schedule**

As mentioned last Sunday, the previous Mass arrangements for the three chapels will come into effect on the weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April. In preparation for that, I am inviting a small group of volunteers in Drumduff and Seskinore to form as Covid 19 teams to look after sanitising protocols, as practiced in Beragh chapel. There will be a meeting next week to discuss the details.

## **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.

## **Novena of Hope**

The Novena of Hope at the Graan will run from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Sunday services are 9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon and 4.00 pm. Weekdays 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm. Further details are on the poster at the back of the chapel with leaflets in the hall.

The Graan telephone number is 02866 322 272.

## **Pro-Life Information Meeting**

Precious Life will hold a “Restore Personhood” Pre-election Campaign Meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March in The City Hotel, Armagh at 7.30 pm. All welcome. For more information, please contact Precious Life on 07592 280 522 or email [restore.personhood@gmail.com](mailto:restore.personhood@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> May and Confirmation on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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: £ 820

Loose Collection: £ 15

### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 80

Building Fund: £ 75

Priest's Dues: £ 115

**Total: £1,105**

## 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:** Fr Paddy Larkin; Fr Seamus McGinley;  
Fabian McDermott; Vincent Majirsky (Slovakia).

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Mass for the People.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Jim Franey;  Charles Mulholland;  Rose Conlon;  Matt and Lil Colton.
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>9.00 am</b>	Patrick, Vincent and Anne McCrystal.
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Margaret McAleer.
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>(Garvaghey)</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Fr McGinley (MM).
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Mass for the People.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Patsy, Rose and Damien Heaney and deceased members of the Heaney family and baby Breánan Grimes;  Frank McCartan;  Oliver Donaghy.

### **Church of St Patrick, Drumduff**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 am Private Intention.**

### **Church of St Malachy, Seskinore**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm Private Intention.**

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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 2, 4, 8, 9 and 15 . No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Geraldine Gormley and Damien Meenagh. Next week's jackpot is £13,600 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA> or at local shops.

A Taster Irish language evening has been organised to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm. Free to attend, all abilities welcome, especially anyone interested in learning the language. Refreshments provided. Register your interest in attending with Nicola 07538 122 275.

The countdown is on for the Beragh 5. The event is scheduled in for Easter Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 am. Due to the pandemic, the 5 mile road race and 5k walk/run has not taken place since 2019. The Club would like to invite all who would like to participate. Plenty of time to get into running shape.

It is that time of the year again where Club Membership is due. The Club would like to encourage as many as possible to do it online, by simply following this link: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh%20Red%20Knights%20GAA/Membership#MembershipOptions>.

### **Blood Donation**

There is a blood donation session in The Patrician, Carrickmore on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March (12.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm).

Please call 08085 534 653 to book an appointment.

### **Radio Maria**

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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](http://www.beraghparish.com) for the new link or go to [www.churchmedia.tv](http://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](http://www.beraghparish.com)