

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ)**

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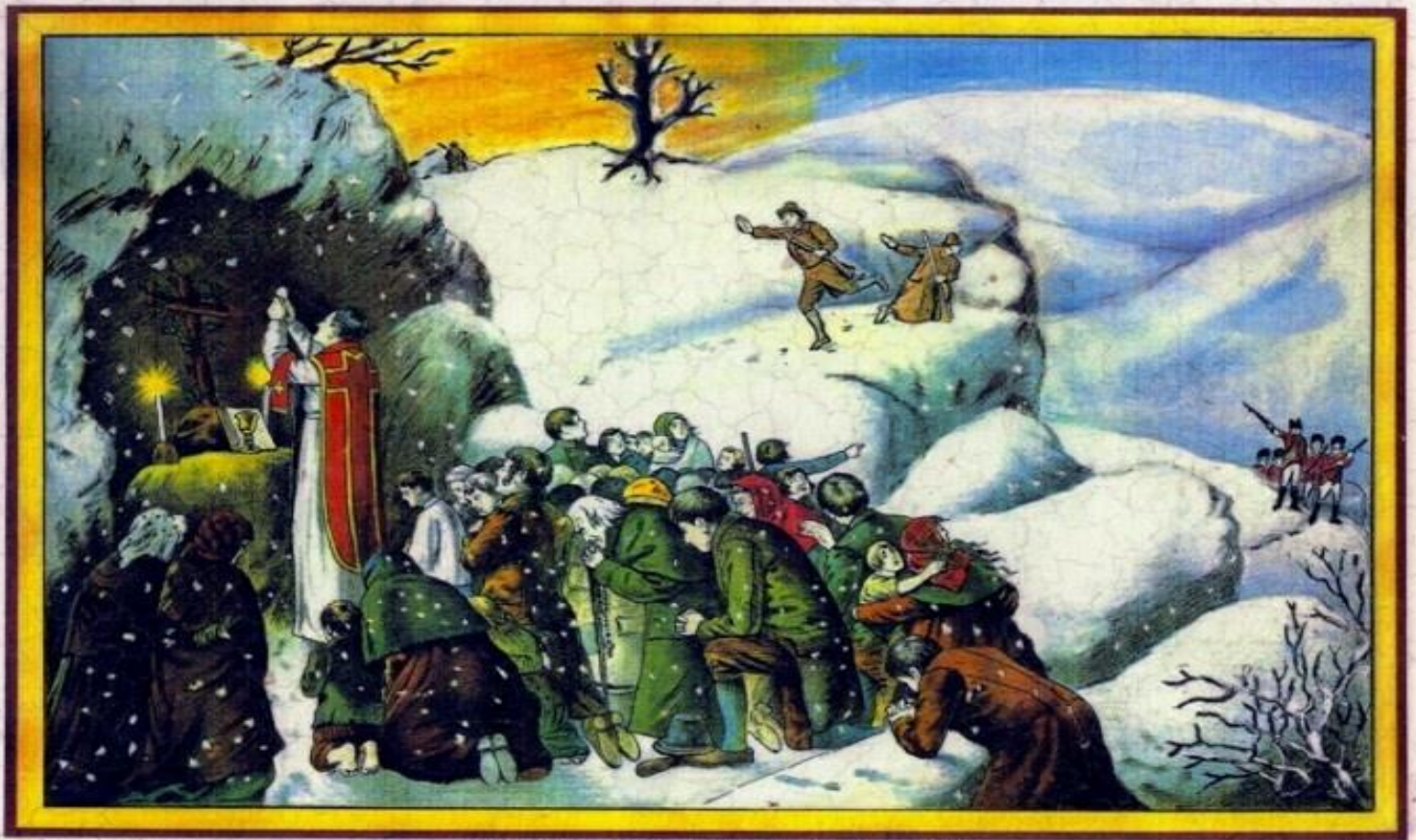
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## **Parish Office Opening Hours**

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



**MASS IN IRELAND'S PENAL DAYS**

*"Arouse their spirits so that, never forgetful of the "MASS ROCK," they shall faithfully cherish devotion to the Holy Eucharist as a standard of their Faith, and as a defence against errors."*

Extract from the message of Pope Pius XI to the people of Ireland at the opening of Eucharistic Congress 1932.

**Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

Some years ago, a young married couple gave me a picture of Mass being celebrated at a Mass Rock in Penal Times. It is wintertime, there is snow on the ground and a group of people are huddled around a priest who is celebrating Mass. Nearby a few men are keeping watch because there are soldiers, known as Red Coats, in the distance. What that group of men, women and children were doing was dangerous and provocative because they were breaking the law. I have come to like that picture a great deal because it reminds me of the fidelity of our ancestors, the sacrifices they made and their profound reverence for the Eucharist. We are speaking about people from only a few generations past.

They were men and women of courage, for whom the Mass was more precious than life itself. We only have to think of the efforts they made rising in the early hours of darkness and making their way barefoot through snow and rain to some secluded glen in order to take part in Mass. Even though they may not have

been very well educated, they were able to relate to that notion of sacrifice that is central to the Mass, when we recall that Jesus gave his life unsparingly, that he did not count the cost and that he was willing to lay down his life. And it was their conviction that they were uniting their struggle and pain to his self-offering to God the Father. Despite the terrible consequences of infringing the harsh penal laws of that time, those people treasured the Mass as the mainstay of their lives.

It would be a terrible shame then if we should become careless about the place of the Mass in our lives. It would be an insult to the memory of those brave people if we should say, "the Mass is boring" or "I couldn't be bothered." And it would be an indictment of their faith and loyalty if I should say, "I don't go to Mass because I get nothing out of it."

I realise times have changed and thank God. I am aware that because of our lifestyle and particularly because of the standard of entertainment we enjoy, it can be difficult to focus attention at Mass.

I would like to offer a few practical suggestions. The first has to do with our disposition. If my sole reason for going to Mass is simply to fulfill an obligation, or to keep the family happy, then Mass will probably be a dull experience. Instead of asking: Why do I **have** to go to Mass on Sunday (each weekend)? We should be asking: 'why do I **need** to go to Mass on Sunday'?

Obviously, I need to go to Mass to meet the Risen Lord in his Word and in his Sacrament so that I can be nourished for my pilgrim journey. I need to recharge my spiritual batteries so that I can go out and live like a follower of Jesus on Monday and every other day. And I need to be part of a community of like-minded people, to support them with my prayers and my presence just as I need to feel the support of their prayers and their presence.

I would also suggest that we be prepared to hear a word - God's word for you - so that if stopped on the way out, you could recall a word or a phrase that you claim as yours. Your word could be from any part of the Mass - it might be in one of the prayers; a line from the Gospel; it may be as simple as 'Thanks be to God' or as comforting as the words we say before Holy Communion 'My soul shall be healed.' Obviously, you will have to listen, listen with your ears, but also listen with your heart.

The other suggestion relates to the responses of the Mass. Participation is the greatest antidote to boredom. If you deliberately join in the prayers and the responses as clearly and as loudly as possible, you may find your involvement in Mass a richer experience.

And finally, I suggest that we cultivate reverence - bless ourselves correctly, genuflect properly and have a sense of respect for the sacredness of the church building. And may the celebration of the Eucharist transform us in such a way that we go from Mass, with a sense of joy in our hearts and a desire to love and serve the Lord.

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion for the children from our three primary schools has been arranged for Saturday 19 June at 11.00 am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh. Today, the children and their parents are invited to come in small groups to Beragh chapel to pray and prepare for the special day as notified.

### **Involvement in Anniversary and Month Memory Masses**

In Beragh parish it has been the practice that on the occasion of an anniversary or month's memory Mass, family members are invited to take part in some aspect of the liturgy on that Sunday. Because of Covid 19, there is at present no presentation of gifts at the offertory and the regular readers are asked to look after the readings. However, one family member can still take part in the Prayer of the Faithful if they so wish. A member of the Liturgy Group will usually contact the family in advance.

## Mary's Meals - Hungry for Metal Campaign

Mary's Meals, Beragh wish to say a massive thank you to each and every one of you who have helped in our recent fundraiser "Hungry for Metal".

The campaign was a huge success, raising a massive total of £17,000. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach this amount through scrap metal and money donations. The group are extremely grateful to our volunteers who drove near and far collecting metal and the men in Darcy's, Tattyreagh for all their help and support. This amount raised will go a long way in feeding school children all over the world.

## Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,  
*Conan Joseph Connolly.*

## Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 785

Loose Collection: £ 5

### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 92

Trócaire: £ 180

Education of Student Priests: £ 114

**Total: £1,176**

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of May was **£2,189.**

## Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Tom Rafferty; Anne McCarney;  
Bridie O’Sullivan.

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Kathleen Colton (Drumnakilly) and Seamus Colton;  Tommy Maguire;  Bridget Grugan.
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Eugene and Peg Sweeney.
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Eamon McClean.
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Private Intention.

### Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention.
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### Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
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### Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

## **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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- 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](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.

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