

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

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## **Parish Office Opening Hours**

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



**Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Being a shepherd in Israel was not easy because it meant living on the fringes of civilisation. The shepherd had to contend with prolonged periods of isolation and loneliness. He had to be alert, constantly watching over the flock, leading them to fresh pastures and protecting them from harm. Shepherds, like tax collectors and other outcasts, were at the bottom of the social scale.

Jesus assures us in today's gospel that no one will take his sheep away from him. The Father who entrusted the sheep to him in the first place, is infinitely powerful, and those who are under his protection have no need to fear. If God is for us, who can be against us?

Today is Vocations Sunday; we are mindful that every person has a vocation in life to respond to their baptismal calling and to use their gifts to the best of their ability for the betterment of society. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! God calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life or to live as generous single people. Let us pray then for each other's vocation. For each of us our fundamental vocation is to be compassionate people with a mind through which Christ thinks, a

heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and hands through which Christ helps. He is depending on us.

The need for dedicated men and women has never been greater, the demands never more challenging and the rewards never more worthwhile.

I like the following story which happened some years ago when the great actor Richard Burton was given a reception in his home parish. After listening to many complimentary speeches, the great gathering of his childhood friends and neighbours was asked if there was anything they would like to hear from the famous actor. After a minute's pause an old priest asked him if he could recite (Psalm 23) "The Lord is my Shepherd" which he had taught Burton in primary school. A strange look came over the actor's face. He paused for a moment, and then he said, "I will, on one condition - that after I have recited it, you, will do the same." The old priest said, "I am not an actor, but, if you wish it, I shall do so."

Impressively Richard Burton began the Psalm. His voice and intonation were perfect. He held his audience spellbound, and, as he finished, a great burst of applause broke from the audience. When it died away, the old man rose from his wheelchair and began to recite the same Psalm. His voice was feeble and shivering and his tone was not faultless. And, when he finished, there was not a dry eye in the room. Richard Burton stood up, and his voice quivered as he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I reached your eyes and ears, but my old parish priest has reached your hearts. The difference is just this: I know the Psalm, but he knows the Shepherd."

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **Rosary**

The Rosary will be recited every evening in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh (Monday - Saturday) during the month of May at 7.15 pm and on Sundays before 11.30 am Mass.

### **First Holy Communion**

In preparation for First Holy Communion on Saturday (14<sup>th</sup> May) there will be a series of meetings in Beragh Chapel this afternoon for the P4 children and their parents. Families are asked to come at the time specified in their letter of invitation.

### **Sick and Housebound**

In the coming days and weeks, the sick and housebound will be attended in their homes.

### **Trócaire Lenten Campaign**

Sincere thanks to all who returned their Trócaire donations. The full amount will be forwarded to Armagh in the coming week in order to avail of the Government's commitment to match £ for £. The total figure will be published in next week's bulletin.

### **Lough Derg Re-Opens**

Lough Derg welcomes Pilgrims again with a full Pilgrimage programme this summer. Three Day Pilgrimage: 1<sup>st</sup> June - 15<sup>th</sup> August. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late August through September. Booking essential. All booking information at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org), email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

### **Accord NI**

If you feel your relationship is in crisis or you just need a little guidance. If you and your partner feel you could benefit from Marriage and Relationship Counselling, contact your local ACCORD Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Protect your most precious investment. Let us, help you, support your marriage. Tel: 02890 233 002 for an appointment. Email: [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)  
Web site: [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

## **Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**

This year the Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May and will be joined by the Diocese of Dromore and the Knights of Columbanus.

## **Blessing of the Graves**

The Blessing of the Graves will be on the following dates:-

Seskinore - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 am;

Beragh - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30 pm;

Drumduff - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30 pm.

## **New Missionary Group: Apostles of Love Ireland**

Check out our Facebook and website [www.apostlesoflove.ie](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses)

### **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.

### **Congratulations**

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,  
*Eimear Niamh Corcoran.*

## Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 570

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 35

Drumduff: £ 15

Seskinore: £ 26

### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 50

Building Fund: £ 240

Priest's Dues: £ 105

**Total: £1,041**

### Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Martin Keenan; Peter McConnell;  
Noel Duddy; Annie Bogan;  
Francie Conroy (Funeral last Wednesday in Dunmoyle);  
Helena Donnelly (Funeral last Sunday in Greencastle);  
Claire McCrystal (Funeral in Beragh on Saturday).

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**                      **10.00 am** Private Intention.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May**                      **11.30 am** Peg Donnelly;  
  
Fr Francis Quigley.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**                      **9.00 am** Private Intention.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**                      **9.00 am** Private Intention.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**                      **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**                      **11.00 am** First Holy Communion.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**                      **11.30 am** Vincent Kelly.

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

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**                      **7.30 pm**    John, Mary, Eamon and Eugene Maguire.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**                **9.00 am**    Private Intention.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**                    **7.30 pm**    Philomena Clarke.

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

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May**                        **10.00 am**    Niamh McQuade.
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**                        **7.30 pm**    Mass in Memory of Mary McElhatton.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**                        **10.00 am**    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 [beraghparchial@btinternet.com](mailto:beraghparchial@btinternet.com) or put a note through the letterbox.

Please leave a telephone number so that you can be contacted.



## **Seskinore Forest 5K Run and Walk**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am**

Registration online: [www.athleticsni.org](http://www.athleticsni.org)

Unique wooden medals and trophies.

Specially designed Seskinore Forest Snoods for first 200 entries.

Proceeds shared between Seskinore Rural Community Group, McClintock, (Seskinore) and Sacred Heart, (Tattyreagh) Primary Schools.

All runners, walkers and spectators welcome.

Refreshments for all served immediately after the event.

Local residents should note that there may be short term traffic delays between 10.45 am and 12 noon.

## **Beragh Red Knights GAA**

Last week's lotto numbers were 1, 18, 20, 21 and 27. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Conor McNamee, Michelle Donnelly and Martin Hegarty. Next week's jackpot is £14,050 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh\\_Red\\_Knights\\_GAA](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA) or at local shops.

Tomorrow evening our U14 girls play Tattyreagh, the girls have played one and won one so far and will want to continue their start to the league. Throw in, in St Mary's Park, is at 7.15 pm. While on Tuesday evening, the minor girls travel to Clan Na Gael, throw in at 7.30 pm. On Thursday evening, our U13 boys host Galbally at 7.15 pm.

## **Walk in Memory of Anne McCarney**

A Memory Walk to commemorate Anne's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am - Cranaghan Way Walk at the Slieve Russell Hotel.

Registration Fee £5 (Please drop it into the Neonatal Unit or PayPal [joan12@hotmail.com](mailto:joan12@hotmail.com)).

There will also be a raffle. Donations are also welcome no matter how small. All proceeds going to Palliative Care Ward, Omagh and Anne's favourite charity - Children in Crossfire.

## **Rosary at the Grottos**

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) You can also register by texting 0872 786 552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

## **Clogher Valley Pieta Darkness into Light**

The upcoming Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley Walk takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 4.15 am starting from Ballygawley Hall.

The registration link is: [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://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](mailto: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.
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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.

To log on please go to: [www.beraghparish.com](http://www.beraghparish.com)