

Beragh Parish Bulletin



6th Sunday after Easter

9th May 2021

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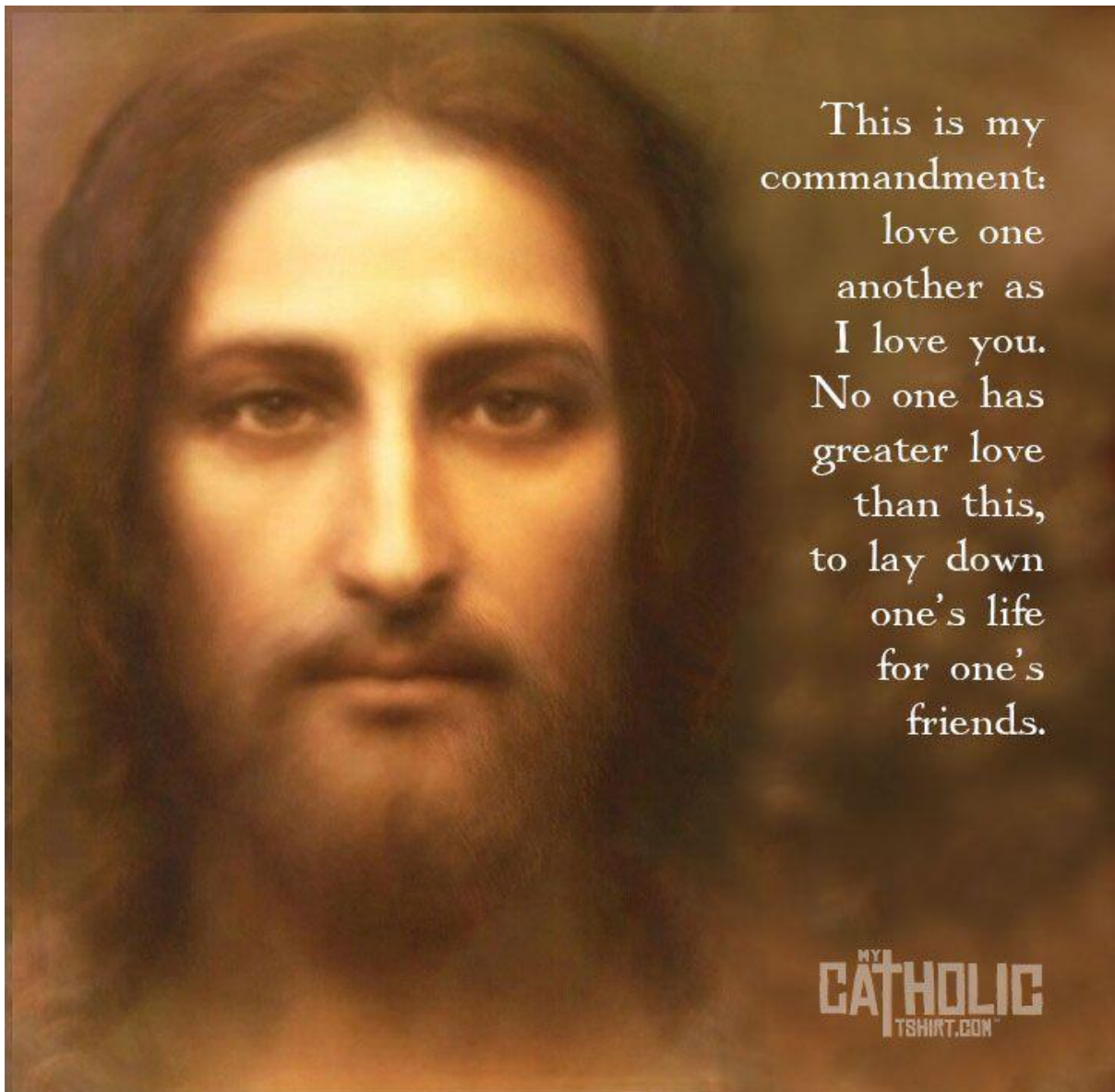
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



This is my
commandment:
love one
another as
I love you.
No one has
greater love
than this,
to lay down
one's life
for one's
friends.

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Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

I sometimes try to imagine the terrible loneliness of the ‘American Wake’ of years gone by. So many of our people had to emigrate from every county in Ireland to the United States and other parts of the world, knowing that they might never return. In those days they had little means of communication, so the farewell party on the eve of departure was indeed equivalent to a wake.

Today’s gospel is also a story of farewell and departure. It is taken from a section of St John’s gospel known as ‘The Farewell Discourse’. The setting is the Last Supper, the night before Jesus’ crucifixion. For a group of people who had become dependent on him as leader and friend, they must have felt lonely and bewildered. Not only were they engulfed by the sadness of his impending death, but they were overwhelmed by a terrible sense of confusion and

emptiness. The uncertainty of a future without Jesus disturbed them deeply.

With great gentleness and compassion, Jesus reassures them of the special relationship he has with them, “You are my friends...You did not choose me, no, I chose you. What I command you is to love one another.....the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name”.

The intimacy of that relationship will be fortified with the coming of the Holy Spirit, who is called the Advocate and Helper. During our own times of uncertainty and confusion, and especially in our moments of personal loneliness and fear, let us remind ourselves that Jesus has promised us the same Advocate to be with us as Comforter and Consoler.

According to the Gospel reading, what the Lord asks of us in return is that we love him by keeping his commandments: “If you love me you will keep my commandments.” We are called to be immersed in a culture of kindness and to have the living expression of God’s goodness reflected in all that we do and say. Yet we know from experience that love and friendship make demands on us. Parents, for example, give freely of their time and energy to caring for their children, but it often requires great effort and much sacrifice. In responding to the needs of friends or spouses, people can be challenged to ‘lay down’ their own ‘lives’ at least for a time, so that something better can be achieved. You might like to recall a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Many thanks to all who returned their Trocaire contributions, which will be greatly received by those working with the 'world's poorest of the poor'. This is a final appeal to anyone who may yet wish to make a donation - please return all monies and cheques to the parish before 12th May. As mentioned previously, the government will match all amounts £ per £, but the deadline is 20th May.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Joseph Francis Conroy.

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 9.00 am and 11.30 am Mass.

Confirmation

Confirmation for children in Primary 7 from our three primary schools has been arranged for Sunday 23rd May in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 3.00 pm.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £1,764

Loose Collection: £ 43

Other Collections

Candles: £ 210

Special Collections: £ 30

Trócaire: £ 570

Building Fund: £ 160

Priest's Dues: £ 395

Total: £3,172

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Francis Harte; Fr Harry Coyle; Eileen Sherry.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 9th May	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	Lawrence McGirr (MM); Roseanne and John Donnelly and deceased members of the McCarroll Family; Brian Cavanagh.
Tuesday 11th May	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 13th May	9.00 am	Francie Barrett.
Friday 14th May	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Saturday 15th May	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 16th May	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	Vincent Kelly; Hugh McClean.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 10th May **7.30 am** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 12th May **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Parish Finances

Anyone who was supposed to receive a box of envelopes and did not do so, please contact the Parish Office on (02880 758 206) or send an email to beraghparochial@btinternet.com

Radio Maria

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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