

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**The Baptism of the Lord (Year B)**

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## **Parish Office Opening Hours**

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, it is appropriate that we recall the promises made on our behalf when we were baptised. Today we pray for all those who have been baptised in this parish during the past twelve months.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we became followers of Jesus Christ and members of God's Church; the significance of this, however, would not be appreciated if we did not have within our homes good parents and in our schools diligent teachers to share their faith with us. So today we pray that God's Holy Spirit will accompany all parents, and indeed all in our community, who have the awesome challenge of passing on the precious gift of faith.

When parents bring their new baby to be baptised the priest questions them: “You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training her/him in the practice of the faith. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?” And throughout the ceremony, parents are reminded of the grave responsibility they undertake as the “first teachers of faith”.

On this day when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we pray that all parents be aware that their own personal example of Christian living will be the most powerful and lasting influence of all. If, for example, parents do not ever pray in their home or ignore Mass at the weekend, then there is little possibility that their children will be people of faith. If ever one generation is lost to the faith, it is difficult and rare for the next generation to return to the practice of their religion once more. Handing on the faith is like a relay race, in which one team hands on the torch or the baton to the team taking over from it. If the torch is once allowed to fall, if the baton is once dropped and lost, each succeeding team, however hard it tries, will have great difficulty in reaching the finishing tape.

It is not so much a question of handing on a set of truths or facts; it is more a matter of offering our children and young people a vision of life based on the values of Jesus Christ that will give them a sense of purpose and fulfilment.

May today’s feast encourage all of us to renew our baptismal promises and deepen our commitment as followers of Jesus Christ.

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **Message from Archbishop Eamon Martin regarding Public Worship**

In recent days we have all become increasingly concerned about the serious public health position and the extremely high level of transmission of the Covid-19 virus. I have been following closely the continuing escalation of numbers in hospital and in intensive care and sadly, the number of associated deaths. It is clear that our healthcare staff and other carers are under almost unsustainable pressure. The clear message from health officials is that this situation is going to worsen significantly over the coming weeks.

I am very grateful to all in our parishes who have been working to ensure that our gatherings for public worship are as safe as possible. At this time, however, I feel it is vital that we all do what we can to support the unequivocal message from public health authorities that the movement and gathering of people should be minimised and that as many people as possible *stay at home* for the sake of health, life and the common good.

In light of ongoing consultations with the NI Executive and with Public Health Authorities, the Northern Bishops have decided that for a limited period (from midnight on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021, subject to review in late January), the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should take place without the physical presence of the faithful - with the exception of marriage, funeral and baptismal liturgies. Arrangements for recording and/or live-streaming and making individual visits for private prayer are also permissible in accordance with regulations. We encourage parishes, where possible, to continue to broadcast the celebration of Mass - and other devotions and prayer services - online and on other media, knowing that faith and prayer can be a tremendous support to individuals and society during these difficult times.

Of course, we make this decision reluctantly, conscious that not being able to gather for public worship can cause pain for all the faithful. It is our hope that this limited period of sacrifice will be for the protection of life and health and for the greater good of all.

Please continue to pray for the sick, the bereaved and all those whose livelihoods have been particularly impacted by the pandemic. Please also keep in your daily prayers all health workers, carers, chaplains and other essential workers.

### **Mass arrangements for Beragh Parish**

Sunday Mass streamed by webcam at 11.30 am Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday streamed by webcam at 9.00 am Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

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

## Marriage Congratulations

Congratulations to *Roisin McSorley and Aidan McGale* who were married recently.

## Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 527

### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 25

Christmas Day: £ 60

Sick and Retired Priests: £ 283

**Total: £ 895**

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of December was **£2,277.43**.

## Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Betty Neville; Sheila Hannigan; Anto Duffy;  
Madge Gavin.

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Mary and Jimmy Donnelly (Simon) and deceased members of the Donnelly Family.  Laurence Connolly;  John & Catherine McCabe and Rita McElhatton and Paul & Noelle Mitford and Bridie Clements;  Sarah and John Curran & Mary, Rosaleen, Anne, Thomas and Martin Curran;  Brendan McNamee.
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Patrick and Annie McAleer.
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Dermot, Peter and Catherine Meenagh;  Bridget Gartland;  Dan and Rose McSorley & deceased members of the McSorley Family (Clogherney).

## **Oratory, Sixmilecross**

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

## **St Vincent de Paul Society, Beragh**

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Beragh, would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas Appeal. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people this year, including the contributions from our local schools.

Our special collection, along with donations received, amounted to £6,177.00. We were also able to make 67 hampers from food donated and these were all distributed to local families.

This was a different Christmas for so many people, but we wish to thank everyone, who through their generosity, enabled us to reach so many families in need in our Parish in the run up to Christmas.

## **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.