

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



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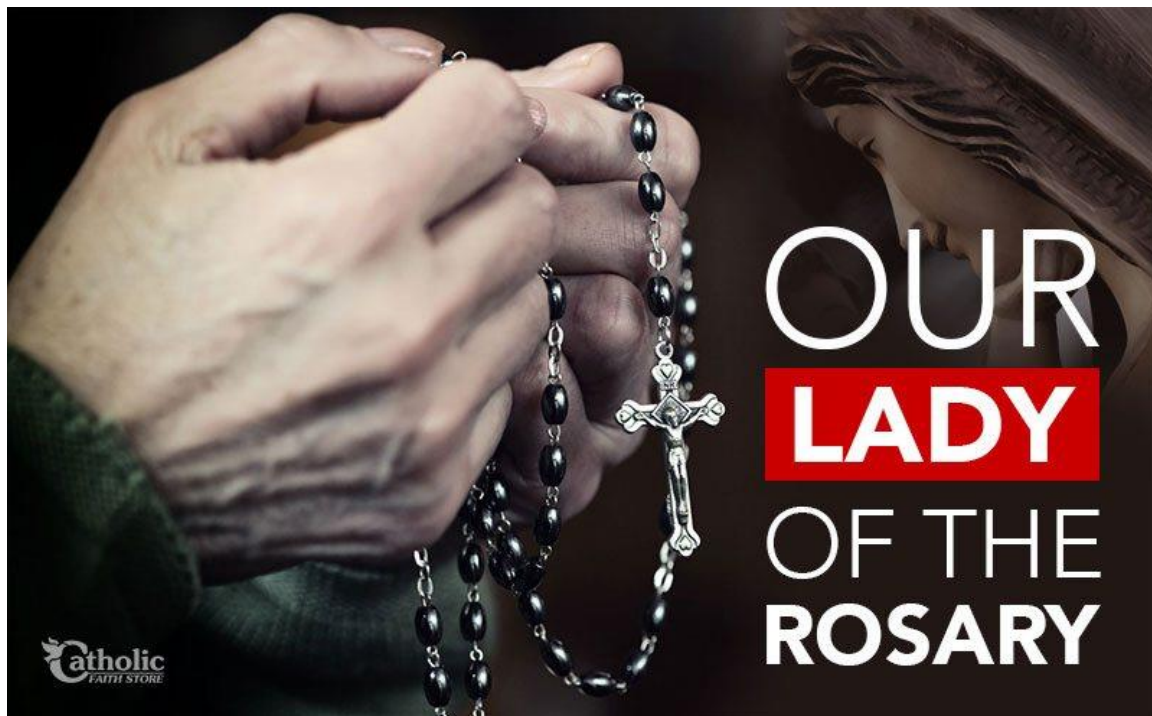
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## Parish Office Opening Hours

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



**Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

I'd like to share two incidents that might be relevant during this month of October. The first took place a hundred years ago when a young university student found himself seated in a train carriage beside an old man who was praying the Rosary. The old man seemed to be very intent on his prayers as he moved the beads through his fingers. When he had finished the young student looked curiously at him, "Sir, I hope you don't think I'm being impertinent, but do you still believe in such outdated things?" "Yes, I do", replied the man, "Do you not?"

The student burst out laughing, "Of course I don't. I think it's silly and old fashioned. If you would take my advice, you'd throw those beads out the window and learn from science. Science has the answer to all our problems. You should learn what science has to say about life."

"Science? I do not understand this science you refer to. Perhaps you can explain it to me," said the man humbly with tears in his eyes. The student could see that the old man was deeply moved, so to avoid hurting his feelings any further, he said, "Please give me your address and I will send you some literature to help you on the matter".

The man fumbled inside the pocket of his coat and gave the young man his visiting card. On glancing at the card, the student bowed his head in shame and became silent. On the card he read 'Louis Pasteur, Director of the Institute of Scientific Research, Paris'.

The other incident relates to Bing Crosby who became a multi-millionaire as a very renowned singer and actor. Having reached the pinnacle of his career, he was able to retire as one of the best loved celebrities of his generation. Bing was an accomplished golfer and it seemed almost appropriate that he should sustain a fatal heart attack while taking part in his favourite pastime. In trying to confirm his identity, the police discovered that the only possession carried by the famous man who owned so much was his Rosary Beads.

The month of October is the month of the Rosary and the month of the Missions. Thankfully, many people have great devotion to the Rosary which they regard as a very important prayer. For others it might be an appropriate time to relocate your Rosary Beads and to begin with one decade....pray it slowly.....offer it for a particular intention, especially for Irish Missionaries.....do Mary the great honour of recognising her as Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **October Devotions**

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and October Devotions in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh this Sunday evening (10<sup>th</sup> October) at 7.30 pm.

### **Covid 19 Wakes and Funerals**

When a person has died as a result of Covid 19, new regulations governing arrangements for wakes and funerals have come into effect from September 2021. Where there is a negligible risk of transmitting the Covid 19 infection, the remains of the deceased are allowed to be taken home and viewing is permitted. They can also be brought to the church for the funeral Mass. However, the regulations regarding numbers permitted to gather, social distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings must be observed. Anyone who has had a positive Covid 19 test result or anyone who is symptomatic should not attend.

## **The Hail Holy Queen Conference**

Today, 10<sup>th</sup> October, the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30 pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely, being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or text your location to 0872 786 552.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre**

The following directed retreat and workshops will be led by Father Hugh Lagan SMA in October and November 2021. The retreat and workshops are open to everyone. Spaces are limited and the centre will operate in full compliance with all public health regulations.

Hello You - Finding the Joy, Purpose and Happiness You Deserve (18 - 21 October £280/€325).

Broken Open - How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow (19 - 21 November £200/€230).

### **Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Co. Laois - Autumn Courses Online**

All Courses are at 19.00 - 21.00 (Irish Time) on ZOOM

To book a place please email [ceo@mountstannes.com](mailto:ceo@mountstannes.com)

#### **Title: Laudato Si' in our Contemporary World**

October 13, 20, 27 (Sean McDonagh).

This course will explore Laudato Si and the Challenges of Biodiversity and Climate Change. €100 for full course.

#### **Women in the Bible: Our Mothers in Faith**

October 14, 21, 28 (Rosalie Moloney).

The diverse women of the Bible offer us inspiring examples of Faith in action. This course invites us to follow in the footsteps of some of these remarkable but very human characters: from Ruth and Naomi and the mothers of Genesis to the women of Jesus' parables and the female leaders of the early Church. €100 for full course.

## **Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?**

November 3, 10, 17, 24 (Michael Drumm).

There is a lot of talk today about Celtic Spirituality. But the question arises - what exactly is it? Does such a spirituality exist? Is it anything more than romantic nostalgia for a dead past? Who were the Celts? Can we access their spiritual insights?

During this course some characteristics of Celtic life will be identified which might legitimately form the foundations for a renewed Celtic spirituality today.

€100 for full course.

## **Exploring the Synodal Pathway: The Ongoing Reception of Vatican II**

November 4, 11, 18, 25 (Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien).

This course will explore the upcoming Synod as the continuation of the Second Vatican Council with a particular focus on the Spirituality of Synodality; the participation of all, especially young people, and the need for structures and resources to support the local church.

Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien featuring Sr Nathalie Becquart and Rafael Luciani.  
€100 for full course.

## **Annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England - 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham.

For all those for whom distance prevents them attending in person, the Shrine livestream (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>) will carry the main events of the day so that those watching online can join in with the prayers and devotions.

The main programme commences with the midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. Details of the remainder of the programme can be found on our website at

<http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>.

## **Week-end Masses**

I am aware that some people in the parish are quite annoyed there is no Mass in St Malachy's, Seskinore on Sunday and no Mass in St Patrick's, Drumduff on Saturday evening, as was the practice in recent years. I share their disappointment, but unfortunately the situation is outside my control. I would love to be able to reinstate the arrangements we had prior to Covid-19.

However, the current regulations regarding places of worship are determined, not by numbers in attendance, but by capacity. It is the responsibility of the parish to ensure that the building can safely accommodate people by ensuring the stipulated social distancing, in addition to the other protocols regarding signage, ventilation, and sanitisation etc. Given the size of Seskinore and Drumduff churches, it is not possible to have public week-end Masses until the Health Authorities and the Executive relax the present guidelines.

## 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.

### Fundraising Update - Trócaire

In the coming weeks and months, it is possible that a Trócaire fundraiser may call to your home inviting monthly donations. Fundraising representatives will be wearing Trócaire blue branded jackets and face masks and will adhere to COVID compliance guidelines to ensure safety measures are met.

The door-to-door campaign allows us to reach people who have not donated to our Lenten appeal and also gives people the choice to donate in different ways. Monthly donations help Trócaire to plan ahead and have greater impact with the communities we exist to serve.

PS If you would like to contact Trócaire directly on any matter related to this initiative, you can contact Louise Walker on 00353 5053 225 or [louise.walker@trocaire.org](mailto:louise.walker@trocaire.org)

### Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 982.75

Loose Collection: £ 10.00

#### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 102.66

Priest's Dues: £1,275.05

**Total: £2,370.46**





## **Defibrillator**

The Defibrillator has now been installed at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

## **Beragh Red Knights GAA**

Last week's lotto numbers were 5, 7, 10, 18 & 27. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Philomena McGirr, Grace McCann & Aidan McMullan. Next week's jackpot is £12,500 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.

This morning (Sunday), our U16 girls are in action. After last weekend's defeat to Fintona, the girls play Drumragh and throw in is at 11.00 am.

Our Senior men won their first round of the Intermediate Championship last weekend, with an impressive win against Naomh Eoghan. The men progress to the quarter finals, where they take on Gortin - details to be confirmed, but the game is expected for sometime next weekend. Today (Sunday), however, the men are playing in their league campaign with Clogher - the opposition on this occasion. The reserve team plays first at 1.00 pm and the seniors follow at 2.30 pm. Please note that this time is a change from the usual Sunday games.

## **Flaxmill Centre, Drumduff**

Gym is now open as follows:-

Tuesday and Friday mornings 10.00 am - 12 noon;

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

Rates still £2 per session or £10 per month.

Registration on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October (7.00 pm - 8.30 pm).

## **St Columbanus Award**

Applications are invited for the St Columbanus Award - Sponsored by the Knight's of St Columbanus, Omagh.

The Award is open to individuals under 25 years of age, to groups from second level schools and colleges and groups from parishes within the area of Omagh Council.

Award aimed at projects which:

- (a) Encourage and inspire young people in the practice of their Catholic faith.
- (b) Develop leadership skills to encourage others to become more involved in their local community.
- (c) Reflects the ethos and Spirit of St Columbanus.

Application forms are available from: [www.knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](http://www.knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)

Closing date for completed applications: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.



## **Baxter School of Irish Dancing**

Class continues for beginners and current pupils on Fridays (6.00 pm - 7.15 pm) in St Oliver Plunkett PS, Beragh. All new beginners are welcome.

## **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
- 2 Download our **free** App "Radio Maria Ireland"
- 3 Streaming on our website - [www.maria.ie](http://www.maria.ie)
- 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)