

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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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,

What might appear to be strange instructions that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel before he sends them out in pairs were intended to counteract practices that were then common, whereby bogus preachers used preaching as a mask for making money. Jesus is very specific - "take nothing for the journey except a staff". The disciples are to stay wherever they are welcomed, so they can't be choosy about their lodgings. Simplicity is the key - no baggage, no luxuries, no distractions...

Some years ago, there was a programme on American television, where three or four people were given trolleys in a supermarket and allotted a certain amount of time to fill them with groceries. The winner was decided as the one who had the highest bill at the checkout. A whistle blew, and the stampede began! They bumped into each other, items missed the trolley as they were thrown from a distance and other items were discarded in favour of more expensive

discoveries. When the whistle blew, they made their way to the checkout. As they waited, they looked into each other's trolleys and saw things they had missed and were annoyed at some of the stupid choices they had made.

We could replay that scenario again, except this time one of the people is a committed Christian. We have the whistle, the stampede and the same again except that our Christian friend acts differently. He strolls along at his ease and puts in some bread, milk and sugar. He picks up an item that fell from one of the other trolleys and puts it back on the shelf. At the final whistle they arrive at the checkout. Our friend gets everybody's attention - the reaction is one of puzzlement, anger and mockery. One of them says, "Who let you out? Did nobody tell you what this is about? Why are you so laid back? Why didn't you go for it like the rest of us?" The young man smiles and replies, "My father owns the supermarket".

Being aware of who we are and what we are, as children of God, should make a difference to the way we make our pilgrim journey through this world.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Annual Blessing of Graves

Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 restrictions do not permit large gatherings of people. Therefore, I am planning to bless privately all graves in each of the three cemeteries in Beragh parish during the week beginning Monday 16th August. In the meantime, I would encourage parishioners to begin tidying their family plots in the usual way.

Sick and Housebound

I am grateful to a number of parishioners who asked me to visit family members or people within their area, who have been sick or housebound because of the pandemic. I am always happy to attend such people and administer the Sacraments in their own homes, mindful of the need to exercise the usual protocols.

Do you want to learn more about your Faith?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The course takes two years with one night per week and two weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams.

Our Theology course will be continuing this year, starting on Tuesday 14th September. If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie

Counters

Any former counters who would like to assist with the weekly collections, or if anyone new would like to volunteer, please drop a note into the Office, email or telephone.

We would especially welcome any John Paul II Award students.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 1,050

Loose Collection: £ 15

Other Collections

Building Fund: £ 390

Total: £ 1,455

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Philip McElhatton; Alice Campbell;
Noelle Mitford.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

- Sunday 11th July** **9.00 am** Private Intention.
11.30 am Patrick Grimes;
Margaret McCartan;
Michael, Sarah and Pat Grimes,
Mary and Paddy Colton and deceased
members of the Grimes Family;
Kathleen Bunting.
- Thursday 15th July** **9.00 am** Private Intention.
- Friday 16th July** **9.00 am** Private Intention.
Wedding (Restricted Numbers).
- Saturday 17th July** **10.00 am** Private Intention.
- Sunday 18th July** **9.00 am** Private Intention.
11.30 am Paddy McCrystal;
T J Kelly.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

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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.

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