

Beragh Parish Bulletin



Feast of Holy Trinity

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

The feast of Pentecost which we celebrated last week reminds us that we cannot begin to understand the truth of God without the help of the Holy Spirit. “The Holy Spirit will enlighten you and teach you”. Today we realise that we depend on Jesus to show us and tell us more about the mystery of God. As he said to the apostle Philip, “To have seen me is to have seen the Father”. So, the mystery of the Trinity is at the heart of our Christian faith and that is why we begin and end everything in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

St Augustine is regarded as one of the most influential theologians in the Church. He longed to understand the doctrine of the Trinity and spent many years reflecting on ways to explain it logically. There is a story told that one day as he was walking along a beach, he saw a small boy playing on the shore. The child, having made a hole in the sand, ran to the sea with a little cup, filled it with water and then ran back to pour it into the hole. Augustine watched in wonderment and then he asked, "My dear child, what are you doing?" The little boy looked up and replied, "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole". "How is it possible," Augustine enquired, "that you can empty this immense sea into this tiny hole with that tiny cup? It is not feasible!" to which the child replied, "And how do you suppose you will ever comprehend, with your tiny mind, the vast immensity of God? It is not feasible."

One of the difficulties we have in trying to grasp anything about the mystery of God is related to language. We have to depend on human language and imagery to describe the indescribable.

Elizabeth Johnson's reflection is a good example: "The Triune God can be compared to a flowering plant with its deep, invisible root (God the Father), its green stem reaching into the world from that root (God the Son) which opens to spread beauty and fragrance and to fructify the earth with fruit and seed (God the Holy Spirit). And it is all the one living plant".

Even when we think we understand the mystery of God, we are still only beginning. We are still only children playing on the shore. But Jesus has lifted the veil on the mystery, and so we know that our games have a meaning and that our lives have a goal. We have a Father who cares about us; we have a Brother who died for us; and we have a Friend and Comforter who will guide us to the shores of eternity.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Blessing of Graves

In the coming weeks we will celebrate the Annual Blessing of Graves in each of our three cemeteries; it has been three years since we have been able to do so in the usual format. Thank God people can gather once again to remember their loved ones and pray for their eternal rest. The blessing of graves is a lovely community celebration and a good opportunity for families and friends to reconnect each year. Respect for our dead and care for their places of burial is an important part of our Catholic tradition. I would like to compliment people on the way in which they look after their family plots, especially at this time of year. Can I ask parishioners to kindly attend to any neighbouring plots that appear neglected or look untidy; we can only assume that such graves no longer have relations to care for them.

Blessing of Graves

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

Seskinore - Sunday 19th June at 10.00 am;

Beragh - Sunday 26th June at 11.30 pm;

Drumduff - Saturday 2nd July at 7.30 pm.

The Comboni Missionaries

Next week-end Fr Sean Dempsey, a Comboni Missionary will speak at all Masses about their missionary work among the more marginalized people in the South of our world including the Central African Republic, South Sudan and the Republic of Congo. The aims of the Comboni Missionaries are:

- To proclaim the Gospel to those who have not heard it;
- To foster - according to Gospel values - peace, justice and the integrity of the creation worldwide;
- To serve and support young churches, particularly in Africa, as they grow and mature;
- To collect and distribute funds for the relief of famine and dire poverty;
- To promote the missionary spirit of the Catholic Church in Ireland and the rest of Europe.

Eucharist Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

The Eucharist Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 18th June. Bus en-route from Cookstown, pick up point at Crevenagh Park and Ride at approximately 8.15 am or Omagh bus station at 8.30 am.

Bus Fare £20 sterling; Meals €35 (optional).

For more information or to book: Contact Una 07743 575 969 or Mona 02886 737 954.

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
Web site: www.accordni.com

New Missionary Group: Apostles of Love Ireland

Check out our Facebook and website 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 3rd 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/

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.

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

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 or contact the Parish Office on 02880 758 206.

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, *Gerard Callen McCullagh*.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 367.50

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 12.00

Seskinore: £ 10.50

Candles: £ 80.00

Other Collections

Education of Student Priests: £ 15.00

Building Fund: £ 50.00

Priest's Dues: £1,170.00

Total: £1,705.00

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Harry McNamee; Peter Joe Mallon;
Paddy McElhill (Funeral last Sunday in Beragh);
John McElduff (Funeral last Sunday in Loughmacrory).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Saturday 11th June	11.00 am	Confirmation.
Sunday 12th June	11.30 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 14th June	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 16th June	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Friday 17th June	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Saturday 18th June	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 19th June	11.30 am	Johanna Owens; Tommy, Patsy and Eileen Gartland.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Saturday 11th June	7.30 pm	Baby Kate Fay.
Wednesday 15th June	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Saturday 18th June	7.30 pm	Private Intention.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Sunday 12th June	10.00 am	Bridget Grugan.
Monday 13th June	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Sunday 19th June	10.00 am	Blessing of Graves.

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 beraghparochial@btinternet.com or put a note through the letterbox.

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

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 1, 5, 10, 14 and 25. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Sharon Farley. Next week's jackpot is £14,300 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA

This morning, our U14 girls travel to Castlederg for another league fixture. Throw in at 11.00 am.

Next Friday our Senior and Reserve men's team host Naomh Eoghan in round 5 of their league. Reserves at 6.45 pm, while seniors will be at 8.00 pm.

Our indoor facility is now available to rent out. The hall is capable of hosting a wide variety of activities. Just contact Patsy on 07879 416 946 or email beraghcommunityhub@gmail.com to book or for more details.

For the first time, Campa Chormaic will be held in Beragh in conjunction with Beragh Red Knights GFC. The camp will take place between Monday 1st August and Friday 5th August in St Mary's Park. The camp is open to Primary 4 - Primary 7 children. Registration costs £45 which includes a special bespoke Campa Chormaic jersey for each attendee. Places are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment! Just go to the following link to register: <https://campachormaic.com/campa-2019/>

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 You can also register by texting 0872 786 552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

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:

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- 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 for the new link or go to www.churchmedia.tv.

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