

Beragh Parish Bulletin



3rd Sunday of Advent Year B Gaudete Sunday

13th December 2020

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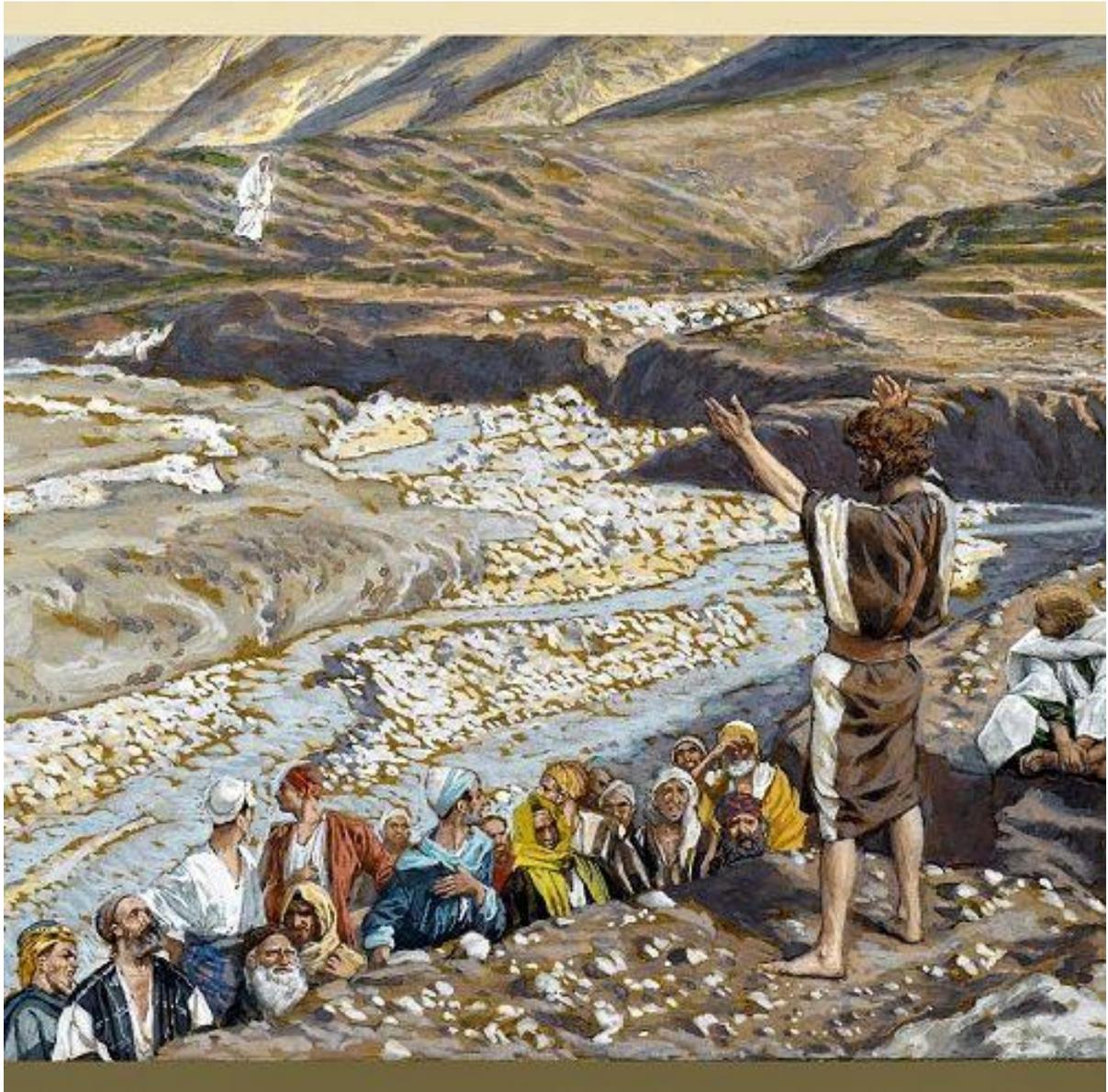
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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

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Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Once again, the subject of today's gospel is John the Baptist - a man who was well known to the scribes and pharisees and other leading Jews of the day. They could not but admire the sincerity of his words and the simplicity of his lifestyle. He courageously spoke the truth, especially the need to be reconciled to God. His message and his personal witness were so persuasive that some questioned whether he was maybe the Messiah, the promised messenger from God. His reply was unequivocal. "I am not the Christ", and he went on to explain that he was only a witness and that one much greater than he would come among them.

Advent invites us to prepare for the one who is much greater and to take time to reflect and allow our spirit to meet God's Spirit:

We await the birth of God's Anointed One.
Come, O Gift of heaven's harmony,
and attune my third ear,
the ear of my heart
so that I may listen and be alert, like John the Baptist.

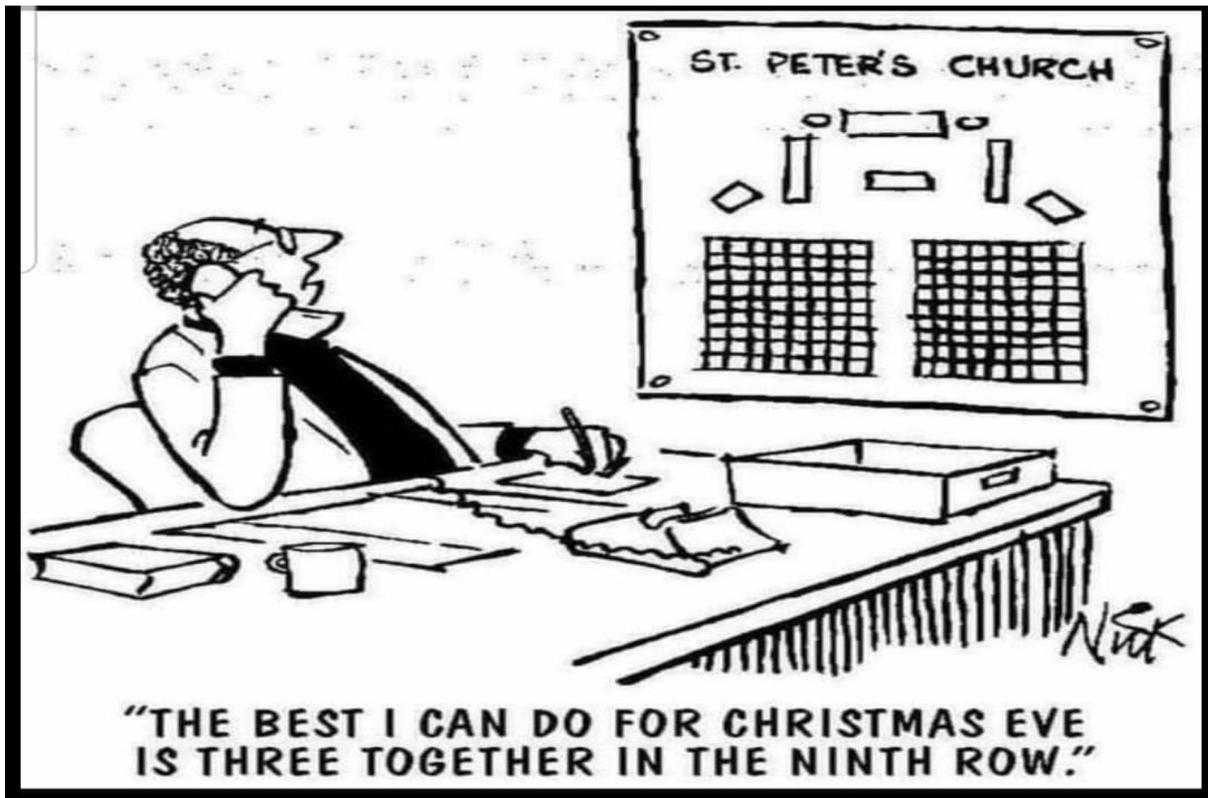
O God, the time is short,
these days are too few as I prepare for the feast
of the birth of Mary's son.
Busy days, crowded to the brim,
with long lists of gifts to buy and things that must be done.

Quiet me within,
Clothe my body in peacefulness, that your Word
Once again may take flesh -
As once it did in holy Mary
Long Advent days ago.

“God our Father help us prepare the manger of our hearts for the coming of Christ. As we listen to John the Baptist calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make straight his paths, we ask for clarity and insight. Reveal to us our real sins: the flaws, the hurts and the resentments that we harbour in our hearts. Make us aware of the negligence and indifference that stunts our commitment as followers of Christ. Help us to realise the impact our selfish behaviour can have on other people. Give us the courage to entrust our past to your mercy and to commend our future to your providence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen”.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Arrangements for Christmas Masses



I want to thank the Parish Covid 19 Team for all their assistance in making the preparations for Christmas Masses this year. Nobody could have envisaged a situation where we would have to ask people to book their chapel seats in advance; unfortunately, the circumstances this year are very exceptional, and the safety and welfare of parishioners must be a priority.

I want to thank all those who have been in contact requesting tickets. At present the 6.00 pm Mass is fully booked to the permitted capacity - there are some seats available for 9.00 pm on Christmas Eve and ample places at all the other Masses.

Envelopes containing tickets for **6.00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve** will be available for collection at the entrance to Beragh Chapel from 12 noon on Thursday 17th December. I would ask people to pick them up at your earliest convenience.

Arrangements for the collection of other tickets will be announced in due course.

Confessions for Christmas

Friday 18th December: 6.00 pm - 7.15 pm

Saturday 19th December: 10.30 am - 12 noon

Sunday Missals

Anyone wishing to purchase a Sunday Missal and to receive it in advance of Christmas are asked to place their orders by e mail or telephone before Friday 18th December. The hardback colours for gold gilt edge are Black, Tan, Blue, Red and White £8.70 and for plain white edge are Black, Blue, Brown and Green £7.00.

Standing Order Payments

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of November was £2,304.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul welcomes your continued and ongoing support. We are facing a very different kind of Christmas this year. If you would like to contribute to our special Christmas collection - envelopes will be distributed after Masses on Sunday 13th December and collected the following Sunday.

Last year we spent £27,409.00. All money donated will go directly to helping families in our Parish.

Thank you for your generosity.

Beragh Parish Covid 19 Team

There will be a short meeting for the COVID team and any others who might be interested, on Wednesday 16th December at 7.00 pm.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Fr Frank McElhatton; Margaret Corrigan;
Johnny Clarke.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 13th December **9.00 am** Jimmy, Teasie and Aggie Donnelly.

11.30 am Mary Ann Owens (MM);

Barney Colton;

Marion Kerr.

Tuesday 15th December **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Thursday 17th December **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Friday 18th December **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Saturday 19th December **10.00 am** Private Intention.

Sunday 20th December **9.00 am** Private Intention

11.30 am Mary McSorley;

Brendan Prevett;

Anna Grimes.

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 14th December **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 16th December **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

ASPIRE

ASPIRE, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview preparation. ASPIRE also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements.

Contact ASPIRE on Omagh 02882 246 535, Enniskillen 02866 326 478, mobile 07799 471 448 or email aspire@fermanaghomagh.com

Music and Singing at Mass

Beragh Parish is blessed with a number of people throughout the parish who have been blessed with beautiful singing voices in addition to others who are able to play musical instruments. We are extremely grateful to those individuals and groups who use their God given talents to enhance our liturgical celebrations. With the current Covid-19 restrictions, regular large choirs are discouraged, but that should not prevent us from having some music and singing at Sunday Mass.

I am extending an invitation to people throughout the parish who would be interested to kindly make contact with Mrs Clare McAleer - (Telephone: 07984 653 698 email: cmcaleer85@gmail.com). The intention is to draw up a rota for 9.00 am and 11.30 am Masses in Beragh.

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.