

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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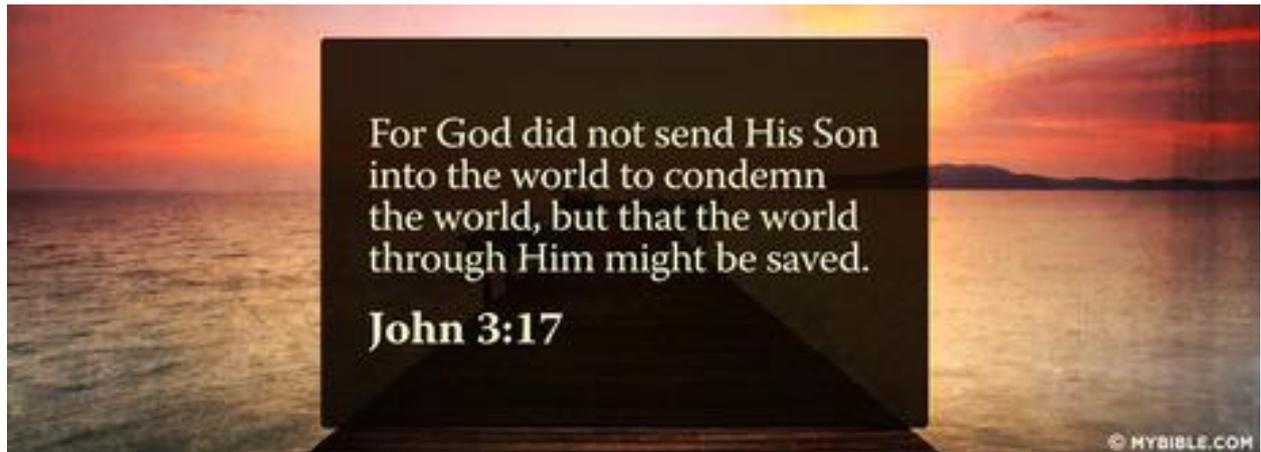
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

We are almost halfway through Lent! Even though we may not have adhered to all the intentions of Ash Wednesday, we can still consider doing something worthwhile for the time remaining. I came across an inspirational article called "Just for Today" by KL Holmes which might be helpful:

- 1. Just for today; I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life-problems at once. I can do some things for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep them up for a lifetime.*
- 2. Just for today, I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, speak gently, act courteously, be liberal with flattery, criticise not one bit nor find fault with anything, and not try to regulate nor improve anybody else.*
- 3. Just for today; I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, care for it, and nourish it, and not abuse it nor neglect it; so that it will be a perfect machine for my will.*
- 4. Just for today, I will try to strengthen my mind, I will study. I will learn something useful; I will not idle my time with TV (social media). I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.*

5. *Just for today, I will exercise my soul:*

(a) I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. If anybody knows of it, it will not count.

(b) I will do at least two good things I don't want to do.

(c) I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt. They may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

6. *Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my family, my work, and my luck as they come, and fit myself to them.*

7. *Just for today, I will have a quiet half hour, all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, I will think of God, in order to get a little more perspective to my life.*

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Parish Finances and Covid 19

It is over a year since we first heard of Coronavirus. I don't think anybody could have predicted, back then, the impact it would have on all aspects of our lives.

Apart from the devastating effect of Covid related deaths and sickness, many people have suffered economically while others have struggled with a whole range of financial challenges.

All the more reason why I want to thank sincerely those parishioners who continued to offer their financial support by returning their envelopes, and in many cases backdating their contributions. I also include the growing number of parishioners who have opted to pay by standing order or direct debit.

It is understandable that the parish income for the past twelve months has been severely affected, especially when people were advised to stay at home and, for long periods of time, could not attend Mass. Unfortunately, there was no reprieve for service utilities like water, oil and insurance, along with other sundry parish expenses.

New envelopes will be distributed shortly throughout the parish. Therefore, I am gently reminding parishioners, if you can, to complete outstanding envelopes from the current box and return them to Beragh chapel in the coming weeks. I would encourage parishioners to consider the advantages of online giving and I would remind everyone of the enormous benefit to the parish of signing up for GIFT aid. The relevant forms are available from the parish office.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who contributes in any way to the upkeep of the parish, especially in these challenging times. It is my prayer that ‘the Lord who sees all that is done in secret’ will reward you abundantly.

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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Why not drop a line to our Priest Director, Fr Eamonn McCarthy, at Maria Ireland, St Anthony’s Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22

Lenten Devotions

People are invited to take part in Lenten Devotions on Sunday evening at 7.00 pm and Stations of the Cross on Friday evening at 7.30 pm by logging into the webcam page and selecting Mobile Camera at the bottom left.

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.

The 2021 Census

The 2021 Census takes place on 21st March 2021 and is co-ordinated by the NI Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA). The census happens only once every ten years and provides a picture of all the people and households in Northern Ireland. Next week all households in Northern Ireland will receive a census pack with details on how to complete.

The pack will contain an access code for completing online or details on how to request a paper form. Your answers are important and completely confidential. Your personal data will never be shared. As soon as you receive your pack you can complete your census.

If you don't receive a pack, have lost your access code or have any questions call the contact centre for free on **0800 3282 021** or visit the website at www.census.gov.uk/ni. Here you can find out about the support available to help you complete - including guidance in Braille, Easy Read, British and Irish Sign Language and large print questionnaires.

Trocaire 2021 “Until love conquers fear”

This year the focus is on the suffering people of South Sudan, depicted by the two mothers Ajak and her friend Awut, who feature on the Trocaire box. Widowed by war and trapped in poverty, they are now fearful of the Covid pandemic. They have no hope without help.

This is what Fr James in Sudan writes, “We are going through deep pain. This is my cry to you: please do not leave us alone. Please give your support this Lent to my people in South Sudan. In their poverty, in their fears of war, in their traumatised spirit they are trying their best to come out of it. The child who is crying may be the future leader of this country who will transform this whole situation. We shall not give up and we shall always pray for you. Hold our hands. Walk with us. We need your prayers. We need your support. With your help a good day can come for South Sudan.”

Trócaire Lenten Talks

Trócaire is hosting a number of Lent webinars/workshops. To sign up click the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsitZjQ6LENkWcgfhJng9VHUFfTxTTSq4jelHAZRpCgzqLWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Neighbour Policing

The local Police Officer for Beragh is Constable Sean Cunningham who can be contacted on mobile 07833 451 487 or by Telephone 101 and asking for extension 56233 Email: Sean.cunningham@psni.police.uk

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Peter McSwiggan; Frank Poyntz; Ellen Jane Conroy; Barney McKillion, who died in Surrey; Annie Conway (funeral in Dunamore on Friday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 14th March	11.30 am	Patsy, Rose, Liam and Damien Heaney and Baby Breannan Grimes;
		Frank McCartan;
		Claire Devine.
	7.00 pm	Lenten Devotions.
Monday 15th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 16th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	9.00 am	Oliver Donaghy.
Wednesday 17th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	9.00 am	Brendan Breen and his parents Edward and Margaret Breen.
Thursday 18th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	9.00 am	Private Intention.

Friday 19th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 20th March	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 21st March	11.30 am	Mick Grimes.
	7.00 pm	Lenten Devotions.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

The Stations of the Cross and the Rosary will be available on YouTube during Lent ... ALL DAY EVERY DAY ... (24/7).

Search YouTube OR your internet browser for sixmilecross oratory rosary stations.

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.

Year of Reflection and Prayer

The 'Year of Reflection and Prayer', which was launched last January to begin the process of pastoral planning in the diocese, was due to conclude at the end of this month. Due, however, to the Covid-19 pandemic and to the ongoing restrictions on movement and gathering, the Pastoral Team has decided to extend this period of reflection until the end of June.

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