

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.



*“You entrusted me with two talents;
here are two more that I have made”*

Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today we have another parable about the Kingdom of God; on this occasion Jesus tells a story about a man entrusting his three servants with a varying number of talents. When he later asks them to give an account of their progress, our attention is focused on the third servant who simply buried his talent in the ground with the result he had nothing to show.

At the time of Jesus, a talent was a unit of currency, whereas we might be inclined to think of a talent as a personal ability or a special gift, like being able to play football or sing. And while we have a responsibility to develop all such talents, it would be a mistake to think that Jesus was advocating financial success or encouraging material gain. In keeping with many parables, the meaning is deeper than first appears. It may have to do with living wisely, like the woman in the First reading, doing what is right and developing ourselves to become what God wants us to be. Every person is talented - what matters is not what people's talents are, but how we use them in the service of promoting the Kingdom of God.

In the final analysis, the parable of the talents is all about love. Life is God's gift to us. What we do with life is our gift to God.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Commemoration of our Dead

It has been the custom to come together in the month of November to remember our dead and pray particularly for those who have died since this time last year. Because of the current circumstances relating to Covid-19, I would like to propose an alternative format for this year's memorial prayer service.

There have been 24 deaths/burials in Beragh parish during the past twelve months. On Sunday 22nd November we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in the Church's year. On that day there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm.

During each half hour period we will pray specially for four people from the list of those who have died, beginning 1st November 2019. Family and friends of those people will be invited to come at that time, if they wish to do so. All other parishioners are invited to come and pray at any time. The specific details of names and times will be published later and the next of kin will also be informed.

Mary's Meals Beragh Group

Our Mary's Meals Group would like to say a massive thanks to each and every one of you who have donated to our cause in the past year. We are currently sponsoring a school in Mtangatanga, Malawi, providing 377 pupils at the school with a school meal every day.

We have reached our target of £5,995 for this year to sponsor our school. In the current situation people have been more than generous and we are so grateful. We will continue to sponsor this school in the coming years and without your help this wouldn't be possible.

Food + School = Hope.

Face Coverings in Churches

Thank you for continuing to ensure that our celebration of Mass and other Liturgies remain safe places for all who join us. It has been acknowledged that the wearing of face masks, in conjunction with hand washing and social distancing etc are likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others and ourselves. While the government has not formally made it mandatory, all Church leaders strongly recommend that people attending church should wear face coverings, with the exception of those people considered exempt and children under the age of 13.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:	£ 877
Loose Collection:	£ 50

Other Collections

Candles:	£ 120
Messenger:	£ 113
Missions:	£ 116
Building Fund:	£ 340
Priest's Dues:	£ 165
Total:	£1,781

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Charlie Grugan; Fr John O'Leary PE, AP;
Connie Aherne; Peter Curran; Brigid McAleer;
Mary Quinn; Mary Ann Owens; Simon Bradley.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 15th November 11.30 am Fr Arthur McAnerney;
Thomas Tierney;
Joe Doherty;
Mona McCann and Mary McCartan;
Pat Grimes (Roscavey) and deceased
members of the Grimes Family;
Seamus Heaney.

Tuesday 17th November 9.00 am Private Intention.

Wednesday 18th November 7.30 pm Sean Donnelly.

Friday 20th November 7.30 pm Kathleen Scullion (MM).

Sunday 22nd November 11.30 am John Gallagher.

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 16th November 7.30 pm Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Thursday 19th November 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.