

Beragh Parish Bulletin



Easter Sunday Year C

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



8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

~ *John 20:3-9*

Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

There is a common expression: “It’s always the darkest before dawn”. As Mary made her way to the tomb ‘very early on the first day of the week’, it must have been dark indeed. Apart from the physical darkness that surrounded her, Mary was experiencing the inner darkness of sorrow and the terrible pain of grief. She felt not only the pain of loss for her friend Jesus, but the loss of all the hopes and dreams that he had promised of a better world, a world of peace and love, a world of mercy and forgiveness and above all the promise of eternal life. Yet, she had watched him suffer and die the shameful death of a criminal, abandoned and alone. It was very dark.

All of us have our moments of darkness - times when we felt our lives were falling apart, times of disappointment, or depression and loss. J R R Tolkien, the great English writer, whose works include “The Hobbit” and “The Lord of the Rings” once described the resurrection as a “*eucatastrophe*”. A catastrophe is a disaster, a tragedy, an abject failure, but by adding “*eu*” before the word “catastrophe” its meaning becomes the very opposite.

Eucatastrophe is a reversal, a spectacular turn of events, a miracle; something neither expected nor dreamed of. Such was the resurrection of Jesus.

The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus is the central mystery of our faith. As St Paul said a long time ago, “If Jesus is not raised from the dead, then our faith is useless”.

One of the many ancient symbols used to describe the impact of Christian belief in the Resurrection was the phoenix. This beautiful bird symbolised hope and transformation of life after death. According to legend, only one phoenix could live at a time.

A Greek poet, writing in the eighth century B C, said the phoenix lived nine times longer than most other birds. When the phoenix felt death approaching, it built itself a pyre of wild cinnamon and died in the flames. But from the ashes there then arose a new phoenix, which tenderly encased its parent’s remains in an egg of myrrh and flew with them to the Egyptian city of Heliopolis, where it laid them on the Altar of the Sun. These ashes were said to have the power of bringing a dead man back to life. In Christian art, the resurrected phoenix became a popular symbol of Christ risen from the grave.

During these Easter days let us ask the Risen Lord to renew our faith and deepen our hope and, in our prayers, let us:

look backward - to see Christ dying for us;

look upward - to see Christ pleading for us;

look inward - to see Christ living within us;

look forward - to see Christ coming for us.

With all the peace and joy of the Risen Lord. Alleluia!

Monsignor Colum.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trocaire needs our help more than ever. Out of the media spotlight this year, countless families are suffering in forgotten crises from Covid to poverty and climate change. Please return your Trócaire box to help them or give directly on www.trocaire.org or by Freephone 1800 408 408 and let love be their lifeline.

Donations from Northern Ireland or the UK will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

This year the Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May and will be joined by the Diocese of Dromore and the Knights of Columbanus.

Accord

Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Courses. Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie Selections will take place in June with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

There will be **NO 5.30 pm Mass** in St Patrick's Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

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.

Important Dates for 2022

Providing there are no Covid restrictions, it is hoped to celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May and Confirmation on Saturday 11th June.

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,
Ryan Paul McCarron.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 1,040.00

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 25.00

Drumduff: £ 20.00

Seskinore: £ 74.52

Other Collections

Candles: £ 94.71

Building Fund: £ 121.00

Priest's Dues: £ 701.10

Total: £2,076.33

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of March was
£2,478.34.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Philip McHugh;
Niall Colgan;
Francie Houston.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Saturday 16th April	9.00 pm	Easter Vigil.
Sunday 17th April	11.30 am	Owen Montague; Peggy and John McNelis; Sean Owens; Barney O'Neill; Lucy Jane O'Neill.
Monday 18th April	11.30 am	Wedding.
Tuesday 19th April	7.30 pm	Mary Broderick.
Friday 22nd April	7.30 pm	Frank and Annie Farley.
Sunday 24th April	11.30 am	Tommy, Susan and Thomas McGarvey; Jim and Margaret O'Neill and deceased members of the Campbell family (Clougherney); Breen Family (Kilnaheery).

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Sunday 17th April	9.00 am	Margaret Owens.
Wednesday 20th April	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Saturday 23rd April	7.30 pm	John Daly.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Sunday 17th April	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Monday 18th April	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Sunday 24th April	10.00 am	Sean McAlinney.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

The Devine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday (15th April) and concludes on Mercy Sunday (24th April).

This year the ceremonies are in St Mary’s Church, Aughnacloy.

Confessions at 2.30 pm.

The Divine Chaplet will be recited before 3.00 pm Mass.

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.

Live Entertainment at Kelly's Inn

On Saturday 23rd April @ 8.00 pm

**60's, 70's and 80's Disco and Country Music
With DJ Don - Rewind Disco/Joe Campbell**

**In Aid of Air Ambulance NI and Beragh and
Sixmilecross Community First Responders**

Tickets £10

(Tickets available from Paul Tallon - The Medical Hall, Sixmilecross)

Beragh Red Knights GAA

We as a Club would like to wish each member of our Club and wider community a Happy Easter holiday.

Last week's lotto numbers were 10, 12, 17, 18 and 30. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Mary Carters, Gerry Donnelly and Anne McCartan. Next week's jackpot is £13,900 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA> or at local shops.

Well done to all who competed in the Beragh 5, particularly those who organised the event. Great to have back in the annual calendar after Covid.

Calling all budding artists! The Painting Workshops are back! Suitable for all children aged 5+. Happening on Tuesday 19th April 10.00 am - 12.30 pm. Create your own masterpiece to take home with step by step instructions, guided by Nicola.

£10 per child. Booking essential - text Nicola to register 07538 122 275.

On Tuesday evening (19th April) our U14 girls are in action against Drumragh in their first league game. Throw in at 7.00 pm. While Thursday evening (21st April), our U13 boys host Clonoe in the league. Throw in, in St Mary's Park, is at 6.45 pm.

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.

Clogher Valley Pieta Darkness into Light

The upcoming Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley Walk takes place on Saturday 7th May at 4.15 am starting from Ballygawley Hall.

The registration link is: www.darknessintolight.ie and you will receive a free memorial T-Shirt when you sign up. You can register as an individual, family or large group/club.

We will be supporting local charity The Niamh Louise Foundation whilst also supporting Pieta House.

If anyone has any questions please email: Ballygawley@darknessintolight.ie or visit our Facebook page Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley.

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:

- 1 Via Digital TV - Saorview 210.
- 2 Download our **free** App “Radio Maria Ireland”.
- 3 Streaming on our website - www.maria.ie
- 4 Via our “Listen Live Radio” link on our Facebook page.
- 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. 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.

To log on please go to: www.beraghparish.com