

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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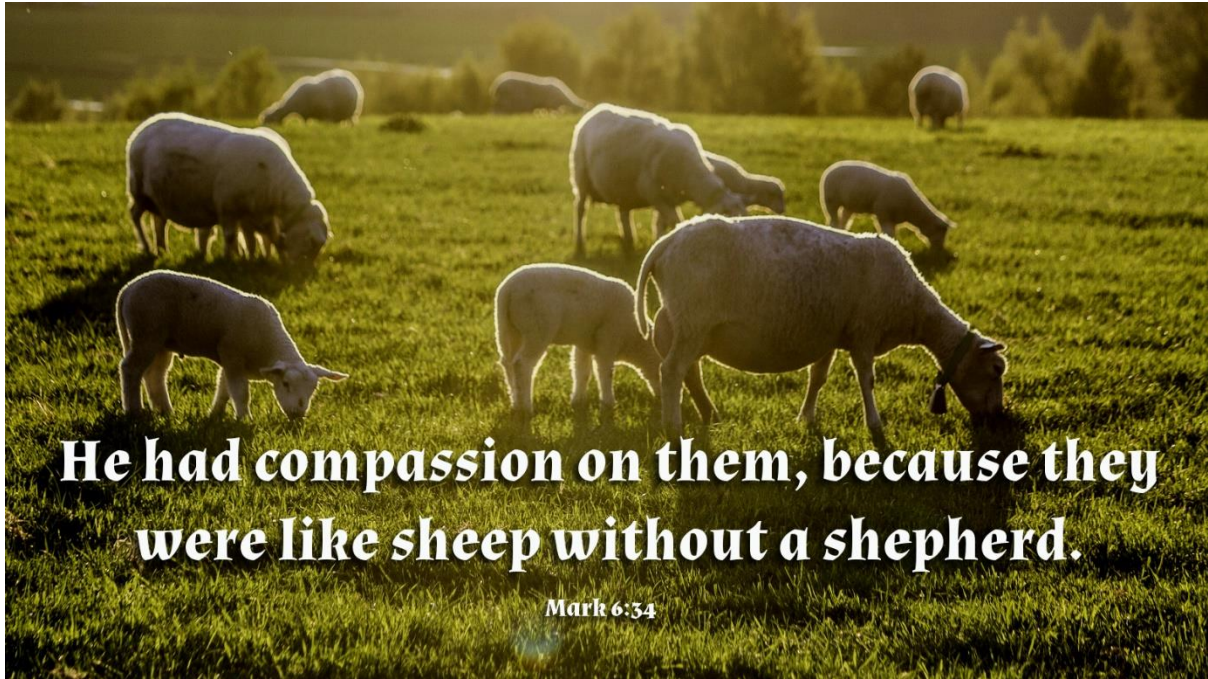
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

“So little time and so much to do” - that seems to be a common expression, especially since we have emerged from the Covid-19 lockdown. In some respects, we are catching up on those things that had to be cancelled or postponed while people attempt to balance time for work and time for family, doing shopping, driving children here and there, caring for elderly parents and juggling a host of other responsibilities. At the end of the day, some might feel they are sandwiched in the middle, trying to accommodate everyone - being all things to all people, and precious little to themselves.

A sandwich is an apt symbol - something that speaks of hurry and rush, grabbed quickly, filling a gap. A sandwich is usually swallowed, not savoured. During these days it could well happen that life swallows people up, and that's not good. While appliances may be designed more for replacement than repair, the human body is not.

In today's readings there are several images that speak of a different pace: we have shepherds gathering the flock and looking after them as described by Jeremiah in the First Reading. There is the peace and unity referred to by St Paul in the Second Reading, while the green valleys with still waters of the Psalm beckon us back to a more leisurely lifestyle. In the Gospel we listen to Jesus advising his apostles to come apart to a lonely place where they can pause and reflect in order to realign their priorities and open their hearts to God.

In reality we might not be able to do much about the things life throws at us, but maybe we could slow down and be less hurried. Maybe as an antidote we could give more attention to whatever we do and be more present to whoever we are with. Maybe as Seamus Heaney says, we could "*some time, take time, to make time*". That would seem to be the way of Jesus. It's also the difference between living and existing.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Annual Blessing of Graves

Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 restrictions do not permit large gatherings of people. Therefore, I am planning to bless privately all graves in each of the three cemeteries in Beragh parish during the week beginning Monday 16th August. In the meantime, I would encourage parishioners to begin tidying their family plots in the usual way.

St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited

Vacancy for 2 Youth Ministry Co-ordinators

[3 Year Fixed-Term Contract (subject to an 11 month Probationary Period)]

The Archdiocese of Armagh seeks to appoint two motivated and talented professionals, each to undertake the full-time roles of Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. The Youth Ministry Co-ordinators will work with the Diocesan Pastoral Team and be responsible for implementing the youth ministry element in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. They will work with parishes and pastoral areas to meet the goals of the Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission's (ADYC) Strategic Plan 2019-2024 '*Encourage, Enable and Empower.*' The plan reaches out to all young people in the Archdiocese of Armagh to provide faith formation and to enable the development of peer ministry. This will involve developing a wide range of network communications with parishes, families, schools, and community organisations. This is an excellent opportunity and challenge for two experienced candidates to join our Diocesan Team.

The appointments will be on a permanent full-time basis requiring 35 hours attendance each week, generally Monday-Friday. Flexibility in work pattern and hours worked will be requirements of these roles.

(Even though the Co-ordinators will work as part of a diocesan team, one will be based in the North and one in the South of the diocese).

Starting salary: £24,982 (or € equivalent).

If interested in making an application for either of these posts, please download, complete and return an Application Form from the Archdiocese of Armagh website at: armagharchdiocese.org, where you will also find the accompanying Job Description.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 13 August 2021 at 5.00 pm

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Sick and Housebound

I am grateful to a number of parishioners who asked me to visit family members or people within their area, who have been sick or housebound because of the pandemic. I am always happy to attend such people and administer the Sacraments in their own homes, mindful of the need to exercise the usual protocols.

Do you want to learn more about your Faith?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The course takes two years with one night per week and two weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams.

Our Theology course will be continuing this year, starting on Tuesday 14th September. If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 893.50

Loose Collection: £ 70.00

Other Collections

Candles: £ 95.00

Building Fund: £ 119.50

Education of Student Priests: £ 15.00

Priest's Dues: £ 292.00

Total: £1,485.00

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Mary Murray (Fintona); Kevin McMenamin (funeral in Dunmoyle last Monday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 18th July **9.00 am** Private Intention.
11.30 am Paddy McCrystal;
T J Kelly.

Tuesday 20th July **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Thursday 22nd July **7.30 pm** Annie Kilpatrick.

Friday 23rd July **7.30 pm** Bridie, Patsy and Seamus McCrory.

Saturday 24th July **10.00 am** Olive Owens.

Sunday 25th July **9.00 am** Private Intention.
11.30 am Brigid Colton;
Catherine and Owen O'Neill;
Niall Gorman;
Maureen and Vincent Lafferty &
Kevin McCabe.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 19th July **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 21st July **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Beragh Red Knights marked the culmination of their Online Competition when they presented the £50,000 first prize to the lucky winner Declan Owens, Sixmilecross. We congratulate Declan and wish him much pleasure in spending his prize money.

Other prize winners were:-

Declan Tierney, Beragh who won a weekend for two at a hotel of his choice courtesy of Press Up Entertainment;

£200 - Sean Boyle, Sixmilecross;

£200 - Turlough McGarrity, Carrickmore;

£200 - Pat Traynor, Ballygawley;

£200 - Katrina McNamee, Sixmilecross;

£200 - Kieran Moloney, Omagh.

The Club wish to recognise the generosity of those who purchased and sold entries, those who gave of their time to make and edit videos; the Donnelly Group based in Enniskillen; Brian Keys Tractors, Dromore and Camper NI in Hillsborough for facilitating our requirements in relation to prizes.

Thanks to everyone involved in making this fundraising venture for Beragh Red Knights a great success.

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

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