

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today is Mission Sunday. But Mission, we must understand, doesn't just refer to Asia, Africa or the Far East. Mission refers to all of us, here and now in our own locality. Faith, like charity, begins at home. Somebody has made the observation that to be a Christian and to be Missionary, we need three bones: a back bone; a wish bone; a funny bone.

- We need a back bone to stand firm when all else seems to waver; to speak boldly for Christ within a culture that is mainly concerned only with the things of this world; to act uprightly when it is so easier to scheme, cheat or deny.
- We need a wish bone to dream dreams of a better world, to see beyond the confines of the present to the greener pastures of Christ's future where loneliness, anxiety and injustice give way to community, security and peace.

- We need a funnybone, to have the courage to laugh at our mistakes and to begin all over again, to realise that everything ultimately depends not on us but on the Spirit of Christ, to believe that the promises made by the Lord endure despite our weaknesses.

On this Mission Sunday we pray for the many Irish missionaries working in various parts of the world and we remember too the significant number of Irish men and women who lost their lives overseas because of violence and through sickness. Their example should encourage us to be willing to witness to Christ in the circumstances of our lives. St John Paul once prayed that the commemoration of such martyrs on Mission Sunday “would draw numerous young men and women to tread the same path of heroic fidelity”.

In this Month of the Missions we might pray the Rosary by offering the first decade for Africa, the second decade for America, the third decade for Europe, the fourth decade for Oceania and the fifth decade for Asia. We could also add the following prayer:

“Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. May your kingdom of justice, peace, love and forgiveness, be established in every land. In this time of coronavirus pandemic, we pray that your healing hand touch the sick, comfort the lonely and give new life to all. Be our companion on the road of life and help us to make your mission alive in our local community and throughout the world. Amen”.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

This weekend parishes in over 120 countries will celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a direct appeal from Pope Francis to give what you can so that overseas missionaries can reach and care for suffering men, women, and children.

On World Mission Sunday, all Mass collections, including those from the most impoverished churches in the developing world, will be offered to help further the reach of missionaries and mission. This appeal is a life-line, not only for missionaries but also for the future of the Church.

Worryingly, it faces a crisis. The worldwide pandemic means that less congregations can physically attend Mass, resulting in fewer offerings in the basket. The implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating.

Please, if you can, be extra generous this weekend. Your kindness will be used to fund the work of overseas missionaries who serve in some of the most impoverished and overcrowded communities in the world. To give what you can donate at www.wmi/mission, call Fiona in World Missions Ireland on 01 497 2035, or lodge money directly: IBAN - IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36, BIC - BOFIE2D, Account Name - Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Consecration of Beragh Parish in the Archdiocese of Armagh

On one occasion the disciples tried to heal a man who was possessed with an evil spirit and when they asked Jesus why they were unable to do so he explained, “this is the kind that can only be driven out with prayer and fasting”.

In recent months, many people have spoken about our need to turn to God and invoke his guidance during this global pandemic. Now that we are facing into the ‘second wave’ of Covid-19, with all the consequent implications for people’s health and the welfare of their livelihoods, we surely need to invoke God’s protection.

In light of many worthy suggestions as to what we as a parish might do, I am proposing that on Sunday 1st November, the Feast of All Saints, we Consecrate Beragh Parish to the Protection of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

“In times of calamity and disaster as the outbreak of a plague, we take the advice and example of the Saints and consecrate our parish, our families and friends to the safety and protection of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.”

This is a considerable and serious proposal, to which all parishioners are invited to partake. In the coming weeks, there will be further information regarding the details. In the meantime, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for anyone who wishes to make their Confessions at the following times:

Friday 23rd October 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm

Saturday 24th October 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

In keeping with all protocols, we will use the Crying Chapel in Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

Carlos Acutis

Born 3rd May 1991

Died 12th October 2006

Beatified 10th October 2020

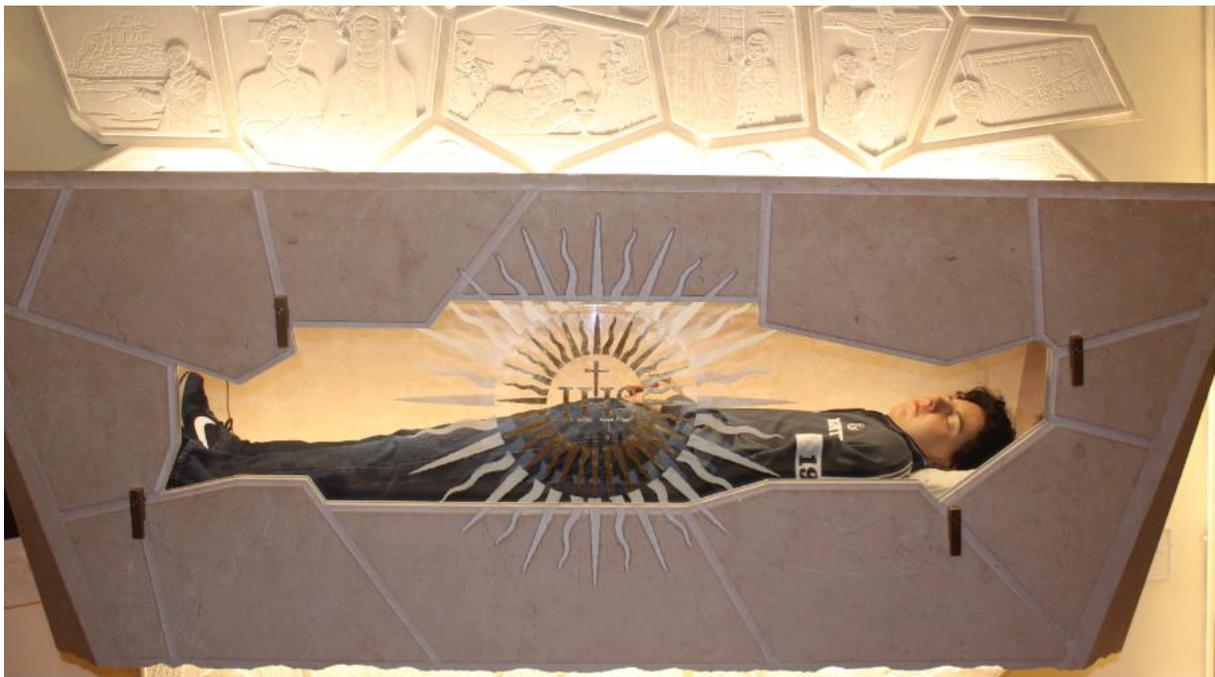


Last Saturday 10th October, Carlos Acutis was beatified in Assisi, Italy. Blessed Carlos was born in London on 3rd May 1991 to a wealthy Italian family. Shortly after his birth his parents Antonio and Andrea moved to Milan. As a young boy Carlos was noted for his cheerfulness, he was a talented footballer, had many friends and in due course became a computer wizard. Although his parents were not very devout Catholics, Carlos made his First Communion at the age of seven and subsequently developed a deep devotion to the Eucharist. He made a special effort to attend Mass every day and would spend long periods of prayer before the Tabernacle. He had a special interest in caring for the environment and had particular devotion to St Francis of Assisi. Being passionate about computers he developed a website dedicated to a cataloguing of Eucharistic miracles throughout the world. It was on the website that he said: "the more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven".

At the age of fourteen he contracted leukaemia and decided "to offer all the pain I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church." When the doctor treating him asked him if he was suffering much pain, he responded that "there are people who suffer much more than me". He died on 12th October 2006 at 6:45 a m and was buried in Assisi in accordance with his wishes.

A call for him to be beatified began not long after his death and the campaign gained momentum in 2013 after he was named a Servant of God, the first stage on the path towards sainthood. Carlo's mother Antonia attributes to his intercession the fact that, at the age of 44, she gave birth to twins - born exactly four years to the day since his death.

On 14th November 2019, the Medical Council of the Congregation for Saints' Causes expressed a positive opinion about a miracle in Brazil attributed to Carlos' intercession - a young boy, Mattheus, who was born with a pancreatic condition had heard about Carlos Acutis through his website and invoked his intercession during a prayer service. After investigation, Pope Francis confirmed the miracle's authenticity enabling his Beatification which had to be postponed on a few occasions because of Covid-19. The ceremony was held in the Church of St Francis in Assisi, with Cardinal Agostino Vallini presiding on the pope's behalf and was attended by his parents, his twin brother and sister who never met Carlos and countless young people gathered outside. The ceremony, with English translation, can be watched on YouTube.



The body of Blessed Carlos as he was buried in runners and jeans

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.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Sáerlaith Aoife McGuigan.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 609

Loose Collection: £ 54

Other Collections

Candles: £ 77

Building Fund: £ 180

Priest's Dues: £ 170

Total: £1,090

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Colton.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 18th October 11.30 am Mick Grimes;
Vincent McCullagh & his parents
John and Margaret McCullagh;
Peter Corcoran.

Tuesday 20th October 9.00 am Private Intention.

Thursday 22nd October 7.30 pm Michael Moore.

Saturday 24th October 10.00 am Nora Keenan.
12 noon (Wedding - numbers restricted).

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 19th October 7.30 pm Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 21st October 9.00 am Private Intention.

Friday 23rd October 11.30 am (Wedding - numbers restricted).

Oratory, Sixmilecross

The Rosary is available during October from Sixmilecross Oratory.
All Day. Every Day. Search You Tube for Sixmilecross Rosary.

Totus Tuus Magazine

Due to the Covid 19 Outbreak, the Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to start receiving Totus Tuus to your home, then please phone Fiona at 0868 760 058.

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.

Beragh GAA Notes

If anyone wants to order playing jerseys; training jerseys; round neck jumpers; training shorts; body warmers or skinnys for Christmas; Lisa Rodgers will be doing an order in two weeks time. (26th October). This will strictly be the ONLY order going in for these items before Christmas so please place your order with Lisa before then (07834 230 893).

Wind-breaker and waterproofs are also in the design process for Christmas sales. Details on those soon.

Lotto numbers for Sunday 11th October were 2, 6, 27, 28 and 29.
Eleanor Connolly matched 4 numbers and wins £50.
Next week's Jackpot rolls over to £9,950.