

Beragh Parish Bulletin



Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) 19th June 2022

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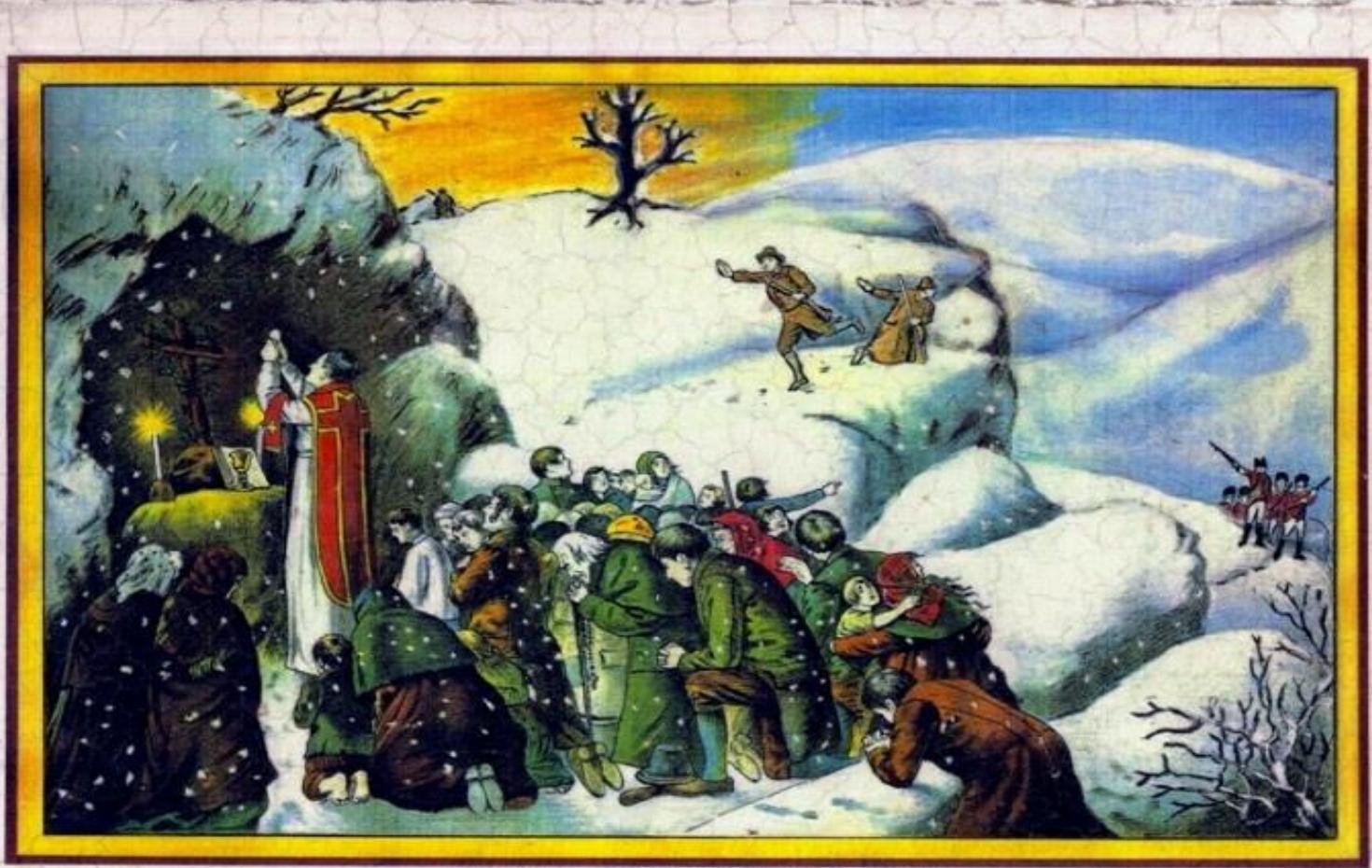
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Mondays: 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm; Fridays: 9.00 am - 1.30 pm.

**MASS IN IRELAND'S PENAL DAYS**

"Arouse their spirits so that, never forgetful of the "MASS ROCK," they shall faithfully cherish devotion to the Holy Eucharist as a standard of their Faith, and as a defence against errors."

Extract from the message of Pope Pius XI to the people of Ireland at the opening of Eucharistic Congress 1932.

Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Some years ago, a young married couple gave me a picture of Mass being celebrated at a Mass Rock in Penal Times. It is wintertime, there is snow on the ground and a group of people are huddled around a priest who is celebrating Mass. Nearby a few men are keeping watch because there are soldiers, known as Red Coats, in the distance. What that group of men, women and children were doing was dangerous and provocative because they were breaking the law. I have come to like that picture a great deal because it reminds me of the fidelity of our ancestors, the sacrifices they made and their profound reverence for the Eucharist. We are speaking about people from only a few generations past.

They were men and women of courage, for whom the Mass was more precious than life itself. We only have to think of the efforts they made rising in the early hours of darkness and making their way barefoot through snow and rain to some secluded glen in order to take part in Mass. Even though they may not have been very well educated, they were able to relate to that notion of sacrifice that is central to the Mass, when we recall that Jesus gave his life unsparingly, that he did not count the cost and that he was willing to lay down his life. It was their conviction that they were uniting their struggle and pain to his self-offering to God the Father. Despite the terrible consequences of infringing the harsh penal laws of that time, those people treasured the Mass as the mainstay of their lives.

It would be a terrible shame then if we should become careless about the place of the Mass in our lives. It would be an insult to the memory of those brave people if we should say, "the Mass is boring" or "I couldn't be bothered." And it would be an indictment of their faith and loyalty if I should say, "I don't go to Mass because I get nothing out of it." I realise times have changed and thank God. I am aware that because of our lifestyle, and particularly because of the standard of entertainment we enjoy, it can be difficult to focus attention at Mass.

I would like to offer a few practical suggestions. The first has to do with our disposition. If my sole reason for going to Mass is simply to fulfil an obligation, or to keep the family happy, then Mass will probably be a dull experience. Instead of asking: Why do I have to go to Mass each weekend? We should be asking: 'Why do I need to go to Mass every weekend'?

Obviously, I need to go to Mass to meet the Risen Lord in his Word and in his Sacrament so that I can be nourished for my pilgrim journey. I need to recharge my spiritual batteries so that I can go out and live like a follower of Jesus on Monday and every other day. And I need to be part of a community of like-minded people, to support them with my prayers and my presence just as I need to feel the support of their prayers and their presence.

I would also suggest that we be prepared to hear a word - God's word for you - so that if stopped on the way out, you could recall a word or a phrase that you claim as yours. Your word could be from any part of the Mass - it might be in one of the prayers; a line from the Gospel; it may be as simple as 'Thanks be to God' or as comforting as the words we say before Holy Communion 'My soul shall be healed.' Obviously, you will have to listen, listen with your ears, but also listen with your heart.

The other suggestion relates to the responses of the Mass. Participation is the greatest antidote to boredom. If you deliberately join in the prayers and the responses as clearly and as loudly as possible, you may find your involvement in Mass a richer experience.

And finally, I suggest that we cultivate reverence - bless ourselves correctly, genuflect properly and have a sense of respect for the sacredness of the church building. And may the celebration of the Eucharist transform us in such a way that we go from Mass, with a sense of joy in our hearts and a desire to love and serve the Lord.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Blessing of Graves

In the coming weeks we will celebrate the Annual Blessing of Graves in each of our three cemeteries; it has been three years since we have been able to do so in the usual format. Thank God people can gather once again to remember their loved ones and pray for their eternal rest. The blessing of graves is a lovely community celebration and a good opportunity for families and friends to reconnect each year. Respect for our dead and care for their places of burial is an important part of our Catholic tradition. I would like to compliment people on the way in which they look after their family plots, especially at this time of year. Can I ask parishioners to kindly attend to any neighbouring plots that appear neglected or look untidy; we can only assume that such graves no longer have relations to care for them.

Blessing of Graves

The Blessing of the Graves will be on the following dates:-

Seskinore - Sunday 19th June at 10.00 am;

Beragh - Sunday 26th June at 11.30 pm;

Drumduff - Saturday 2nd July at 7.30 pm.

A Blessing for Father's Day

God our Father, through the intercession of St Joseph, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers we know. We pray that they may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We remember fathers and grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memories and nourish us with their love. Amen

The Comboni Missionaries

This week-end Fr Sean Dempsey, a Comboni Missionary will speak at all Masses about their missionary work among the more marginalized people in the South of our world including the Central African Republic, South Sudan and the Republic of Congo. The aims of the Comboni Missionaries are:

- To proclaim the Gospel to those who have not heard it;
- To foster - according to Gospel values - peace, justice and the integrity of the creation worldwide;
- To serve and support young churches, particularly in Africa, as they grow and mature;
- To collect and distribute funds for the relief of famine and dire poverty;
- To promote the missionary spirit of the Catholic Church in Ireland and the rest of Europe.

Accord NI

If you feel your relationship is in crisis or you just need a little guidance. If you and your partner feel you could benefit from Marriage and Relationship Counselling, contact your local ACCORD Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Protect your most precious investment. Let us, help you, support your marriage. Tel: 02890 233 002 for an appointment. Email: info@accordni.com
Web site: www.accordni.com

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.

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.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 535.00

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 22.20

 Drumduff: £ 11.00

 Seskinore: £ 18.00

Candles: £ 90.00

Other Collections

Education of Student Priests: £ 45.00

Building Fund: £ 267.20

Priest's Dues: £ 467.00

Total: £1,455.40

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Peter Joe Mallon; Paddy McElhill;
John McElduff.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Saturday 18th June	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 19th June	11.30 am	Johanna Owens; Tommy, Patsy and Eileen Gartland.
Thursday 23rd June	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Friday 24th June	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Saturday 25th June	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 26th June (Blessing of Graves)	11.30 am	Michael and Nan McCann; Deceased members of the Dillon family; Margaret Logue.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Saturday 18th June	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Wednesday 22nd June	9.00 am	Joseph McCarney; (Drumduff PS End of Year Mass).
Saturday 25th June	7.30 pm	Private Intention.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Sunday 19th June	10.00 am	Blessing of Graves.
Monday 20th June	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 26th June	10.00 am	Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

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.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 2, 13, 15, 21 and 28. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Neasa McGlone, Orla Daffy and Eilish McGarvey. Next week's jackpot is £14,350 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

[https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh%20Red%20Knights%20GAA) or at local shops.

On Wednesday evening our U17 lads face Naomh Eoghan in the league. Throw in at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Park. On Friday evening, Senior and Reserve mens team travel to Galbally for another league fixture. Reserves at 6.45 pm with seniors at 8.00 pm.

In ladies football, our Seniors return to action tomorrow evening after their break. Tattyreagh will make the short travel across to St Mary's Park for a 7.30 pm throw in.

For the first time, Campa Chormaic will be held in Beragh in conjunction with Beragh Red Knights GFC. The camp will take place between Monday 1st August and Friday 5th August in St Mary's Park. The camp is open to Primary 4 to Primary 7 children. Registration costs £45 which includes a special bespoke Campa Chormaic jersey for each attendee. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment! Just go to the following link to register:

<https://campachormaic.com/campa-2019/>

Seskinore Rural Community Group

Wednesday 22nd June - 7.00 pm - Local History Tour

Led by Sam Dennison

Commencing at McClintock Primary School

Tuesday 28th June - 7.30 pm - Annual General Meeting

in Church of Ireland Hall (adjacent to Seskinore Forest)

All welcome to both events

Memory Walk - Flaxmill Centre, Drumduff

Thanks to all who braved the elements last Saturday morning to take part in the Sponsored Walk in memory of the late Anne McCarney. Thanks also to those who donated food and refreshments, made the tea, prepared the hall, marshalled or helped in any way.

£400 was added to the substantial amount already raised for two very worthy charities - Children in Crossfire and Palliative Care Omagh.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

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