

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

A very important Climate Change Conference (COP 26) will be hosted in Glasgow at the end of October and the beginning of November 2021; it will bring together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners who will try to accelerate policies that will help protect and restore our environment.

Frightening scenes of horrific storms, devastating floods and ferocious wildfires have reminded us that we are in the grip of a crisis that must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

It is expected that Pope Francis will speak to the gathering because in his encyclical letter “Laudato Si” he has acknowledged that for too long human beings have treated the planet as if it were there solely for our use and exploitation. He urges us to see the deep connection we have with the world: “Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves. We are part of nature, included in it and in constant interaction with it”. Pope Francis maintains that dealing with climate change involves an approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and protecting nature.

We have a responsibility to respect the environment, not simply because of its benefit to us, but because of the countless relationships that exist between nature and people everywhere. The earth is calling us to act, and so all of us can make a real difference to people's lives through the small choices that we make: to live more simply and more sustainably, to conserve energy, to recycle and to stop polluting. It is up to us to be part of the solution rather than adding to the problem. Like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are called to examine how we relate to each other, and that includes our relationship with nature. And like the child, referred to by Jesus, we must live humbly.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Sick and Housebound

I wish to thank those people who made contact requesting a visit to a number of parishioners who are presently confined. In keeping with Covid 19 regulations, I will attend people in their homes over the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre

The following directed retreat and workshops will be led by Father Hugh Lagan SMA in October and November 2021. The retreat and workshops are open to everyone. Spaces are limited and the centre will operate in full compliance with all public health regulations.

Called By A New Name - Refocus, Recharge and Reconnect in a Post-Pandemic World (3 - 8 October £420/€490).

Hello You - Finding the Joy, Purpose and Happiness You Deserve (18 - 21 October £280/€325).

Broken Open - How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow (19 - 21 November £200/€230).

Lough Derg

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12 km loop, with a shorter 8 km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0 (0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org
Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Co. Laois - Autumn Courses Online

All Courses are at 19.00 - 21.00 (Irish Time) on ZOOM

To book a place please email ceo@mountstannes.com

Title: Laudato Si' in our Contemporary World

October 6, 13, 20, 27 (Sean McDonagh).

This course will explore Laudato Si and the Challenges of Biodiversity and Climate Change. €100 for full course.

Women in the Bible: Our Mothers in Faith

October 7, 14, 21, 28 (Rosalie Moloney).

The diverse women of the Bible offer us inspiring examples of Faith in action. This course invites us to follow in the footsteps of some of these remarkable but very human characters: from Ruth and Naomi and the mothers of Genesis to the women of Jesus' parables and the female leaders of the early Church. €100 for full course.

Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?

November 3, 10, 17, 24 (Michael Drumm).

There is a lot of talk today about Celtic Spirituality. But the question arises - what exactly is it? Does such a spirituality exist? Is it anything more than romantic nostalgia for a dead past? Who were the Celts? Can we access their spiritual insights? During this course some characteristics of Celtic life will be identified which might legitimately form the foundations for a renewed Celtic spirituality today. €100 for full course.

Exploring the Synodal Pathway: The Ongoing Reception of Vatican II

November 4, 11, 18, 25 (Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien).

This course will explore the upcoming Synod as the continuation of the Second Vatican Council with a particular focus on the Spirituality of Synodality; the participation of all, especially young people, and the need for structures and resources to support the local church.

Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien featuring Sr Nathalie Becquart and Rafael Luciani. €100 for full course.

Annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England - 23rd October

Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham.

For all those for whom distance prevents them attending in person, the Shrine livestream (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>) will carry the main events of the day so that those watching online can join in with the prayers and devotions.

The main programme commences with the midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. Details of the remainder of the programme can be found on our website at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>.

Week-end Masses

I am aware that some people in the parish are quite annoyed there is no Mass in St Malachy's, Seskinore on Sunday and no Mass in St Patrick's, Drumduff on Saturday evening, as was the practice in recent years. I share their disappointment, but unfortunately the situation is outside my control. I would love to be able to reinstate the arrangements we had prior to Covid-19. However, the current regulations regarding places of worship are determined, not by numbers in attendance, but by capacity. It is the responsibility of the parish to ensure that the building can safely accommodate people by ensuring the stipulated social distancing, in addition to the other protocols regarding signage, ventilation, and sanitisation etc. Given the size of Seskinore and Drumduff churches, it is not possible to have public week-end Masses until the Health Authorities and the Executive relax the present guidelines.

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.

Fundraising Update - Trócaire

In the coming weeks and months, it is possible that a Trócaire fundraiser may call to your home inviting monthly donations. Fundraising representatives will be wearing Trócaire blue branded jackets and face masks and will adhere to COVID compliance guidelines to ensure safety measures are met.

The door-to-door campaign allows us to reach people who have not donated to our Lenten appeal and also gives people the choice to donate in different ways. Monthly donations help Trócaire to plan ahead and have greater impact with the communities we exist to serve.

PS If you would like to contact Trócaire directly on any matter related to this initiative, you can contact Louise Walker on 00353 5053 225 or louise.walker@trocaire.org

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Sophia Grace Mullan.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 468.00

Loose Collection: £ 44.85

Other Collections

Candles: £ 101.00

Peter's Pence: £ 1.00

Building Fund: £ 320.00

Priest's Dues: £ 5.00

Total: £ 939.85

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Eilish McCarney; Rose McGurk;
Jim Montgomery; Jean McMackin;
Helen Devlin; Anthony Haigney;
Eoin Kerr (Funeral in Carrickmore on
Saturday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 19th September **9.00 am** Mass for the People.

 11.30 am William Spear and deceased members
 of the Spear Family.

Tuesday 21st September **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Wednesday 22nd September **7.30 pm** James Montgomery (MM).

Friday 24th September **7.30 pm** Cyril Nixon.

Saturday 25th September **10.00 am** Private Intention.

Sunday 26th September **9.00 am** Mass for the People.

 11.30 am Pat Conroy and deceased members of
 the Conroy Family; Eugene Gilroy and
 Paddy Maguire;

 Packie, Gabriella and Tina Owens;

 Liam and Joseph Grugan.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 20th September **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Thursday 23rd September **9.00 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.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Congratulations to the Tyrone Senior Football team on defeating Mayo in the All-Ireland Senior Football Final on Sunday past, and a special congratulations to our own, Hugh McAleer, who plays a role in the backroom team. Well done to all involved, a fantastic win that won't be forgotten.

Last week's lotto numbers were 8, 13, 18, 21 & 25 No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Paul Grimes. Next week's jackpot winner is £12,350 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.

Our Senior men return to action today (Sunday) after a lengthy break due to the county season taking priority. Both Senior and Reserve men take on Greencastle this afternoon, games start at 2.15 pm and 3.45 pm respectively.

For more up to date news on fixtures and club activity, please follow our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Baxter School of Irish Dancing

Class continues for beginners and current pupils on Fridays (6.00 pm - 7.15 pm) in St Oliver Plunkett PS, Beragh. All new beginners are welcome.

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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- 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