

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B**

**20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

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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,**

As we move into the last week of Advent, many of us might find ourselves ‘on the last legs - with so much to do and so little time to do it. Regardless of the pressures and the expectations, we can’t ignore the impact of Covid-19 and the need to act responsibly and sensibly.

Maybe the greatest preparation any of us could make for Christmas would be to set aside a little bit of time - 15 or 20 minutes - find a quiet place where you won’t be disturbed; take today’s Gospel (Luke 1:26 - 38); read it quietly for yourself a few times; reflect on it and allow the Lord to speak to your heart in silence.

We all live with questions and challenges: “How can I do this? How will I manage such a situation? How will I deal with all that lies before me?” On reflection we may discover that we have many of the answers in today’s Gospel.

Listen carefully to the words of the Angel Gabriel as if they were spoken to you personally: “Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you”. Maybe you don’t really believe that God favours you or that you are precious in God’s eyes. Accept also Gabriel’s

reassurance to Mary as being offered to you: “Do not be afraid”. Ponder the significance of that phrase..... If you are still feeling anxious and uneasy, think about the following words, which are God’s own promise: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you”. You might think about those areas of your life where you have lost hope, where you experience your own powerlessness, where you feel inadequate and afraid. There is great encouragement in this Gospel because the Lord is always faithful to his promise. Repeat to yourself, again and again, the parting words of the angel: “Nothing is impossible to God”.

And finally, pay attention to the words of Mary, “Let what you have said be done to me”. What a simple and profound prayer.

May each of us have something of Mary’s trust, her confidence and her total surrender to the strange and sometimes mysterious ways of God.

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

**Confessions**

<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:</b>	<b>9.30 am - 11.00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:</b>	<b>5.00 pm - 7.00 pm</b>

**Beragh Parish Covid 19 Team**

There will be a short meeting for the COVID team and any others who might be interested, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00 pm.

## Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:	£1,655
Loose Collection:	£ 13

### **Other Collections**

Candles:	£ 234
Messenger:	£ 89
Bishop's Collection:	£ 297
Building Fund:	£ 190
Priest's Dues:	£1,270
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£3,748</b>

## Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Frank McElhatton; Margaret Corrigan;  
Johnny Clarke.

## Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Mary McSorley; Brendan Prevett; Anna Grimes.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Christmas Eve.
	<b>9.00 pm</b>	Christmas Eve.
	<b>12 Midnight</b>	John Donnelly.

<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Christmas Day.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Christmas Day.
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Margaret McDonald; Eugene McCrystal and Jack McEnhill.

**St Malachy's Church, Seskinore**

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention.
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**Church of St Patrick, Drumduff**

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Johnny Clarke (MM).
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<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
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**Oratory, Sixmilecross**

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

**ASPIRE**

ASPIRE, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview preparation. ASPIRE also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements.

Contact ASPIRE on Omagh 02882 246 535, Enniskillen 02866 326 478, mobile 07799 471 448 or email [aspire@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:aspire@fermanaghomagh.com)

## **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](http://www.beraghparish.com) for the new link or go to [www.churchmedia.tv](http://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.