

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B**

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

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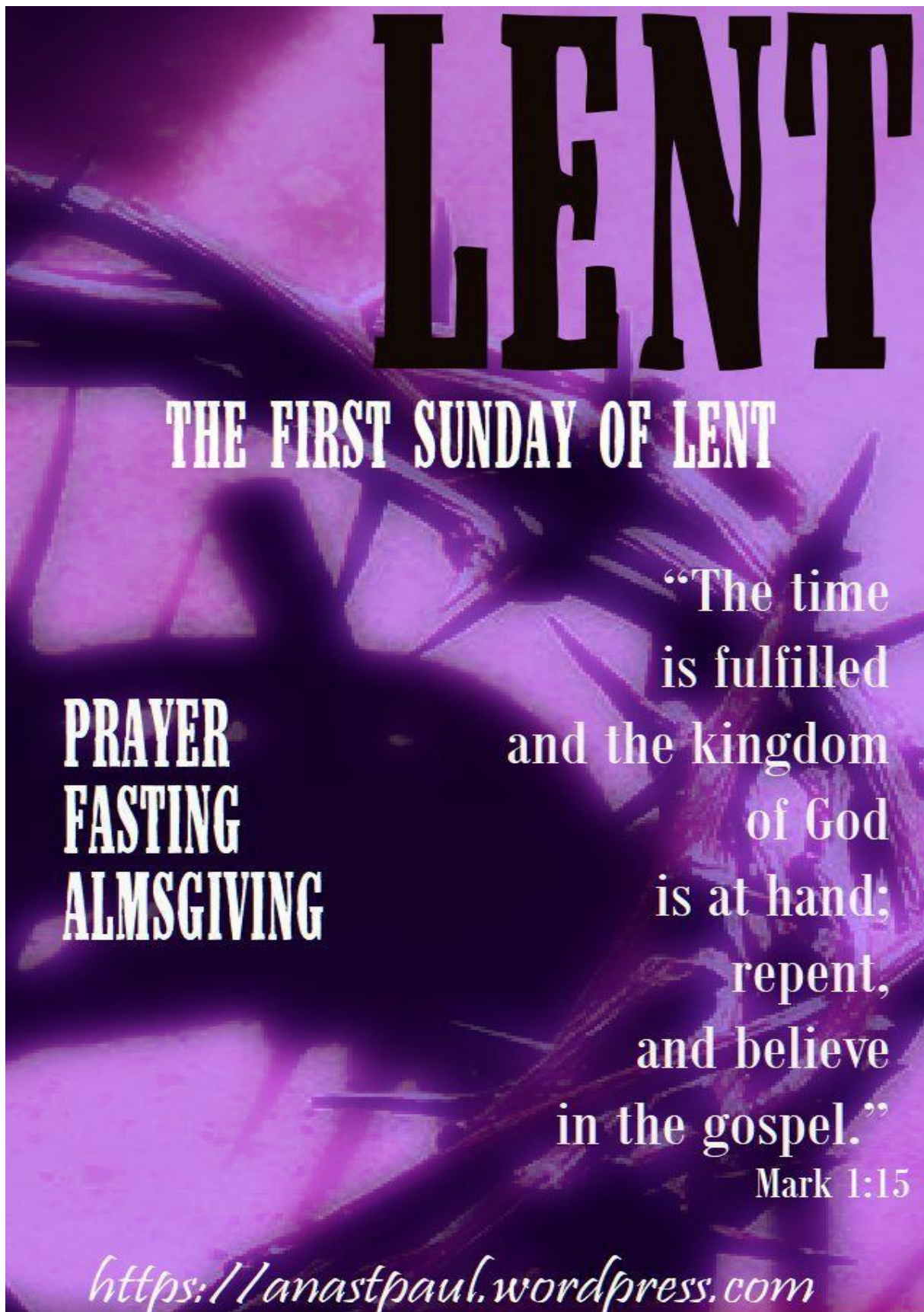
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## **Parish Office Opening Hours**

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

We have begun our Lenten journey, which leads to Holy Week when we will commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Lent shouldn't be a sad, dreary season that has to be patiently endured. The preface of today's Mass reminds us that it is a joyful season: "Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of willing service to our neighbour."

Lent then is a time of grace - a time to experience afresh the breath of the Spirit and the embrace of the Father's love - a time to grow in our relationship with Christ.

We often think of Lent as a time when we try to give up things - and there can be a real value in that. But maybe another way of understanding Lent is to see it as the time when we try to give in to the many ways that God may be touching our lives.

- Although the Lord is always present to us, we are not always present to the Lord.
- Although the Kingdom of God is close at hand, as we are told in today's gospel, we don't always entrust ourselves to that Good News.
- Although we can have moments in the wilderness wrestling with the wild beasts and confronting our own demons, we forget that the angels are looking after us.

As we awaken spiritually and try to appreciate that the Lord is around us, above us and below us, at our right hand and at our left hand, then we will travel with confidence through this joyful season.

**With every blessing for a faith filled and fruitful Lent.**

**Monsignor Colum.**

## **Lenten Devotions**

During the Sundays of Lent there will be a short time of prayer and reflection every Sunday evening, streamed by webcam, at 7.00 pm. People are invited to link in.

## **Trocaire**

Trocaire boxes are available in Beragh Chapel and can be picked up during private visits. This year the focus is on families in South Sudan, struggling for the basic necessities of life. *“From all of us at Trocaire, thank you for loving with your whole heart this Lent. And thank you for giving what ever feels generous to you”*.

## **Living Christian Faith**

Knock Shrine will continue a new online series to engage people in conversations about faith. You can join at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) or on Facebook@knockshrine. On this Thursday evening at 8.30 pm a number of young Irish adults will discuss the strength they derive from their faith and suggest ways we can better communicate the joy of the Gospel today.

## **Congratulations**

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, *Clodagh Sheila Donnelly*.

## **Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord**

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Tommy McGeough; Mick Kerr; Michael Murphy; Fr Enda Keenan; Carmel O’Hanlon; Mary Bennett; Peter McSwiggan (funeral in Gortin on Saturday).

## **Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February    11.30 am**    May Gordon and deceased members of the Gordon family and James McHugh;

Louis McNamee and deceased members of the McNamee family;

Madeline Slane;

Terence and Patsy Mullin and their son  
Joe Mullin;

Peter Corcoran

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**7.00 am and 9.00 am**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.00 am**

Patrick & Vincent McCrystal **9.00 am**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.00 am and 9.00 am**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.00 am and 9.00 am**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.00 am and 9.00 am**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am**

Private Intention.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 am**

Kevin Spriddell;

Michael Mullin.

### **Oratory, Sixmilecross**

The Stations of the Cross and the Rosary will be available on YouTube during Lent ... ALL DAY EVERY DAY ... (24/7).

Search YouTube OR your internet browser for sixmilecross oratory rosary stations.

### **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.

### **Year of Reflection and Prayer**

The 'Year of Reflection and Prayer', which was launched last January to begin the process of pastoral planning in the diocese, was due to conclude at the end of this month. Due, however, to the Covid-19 pandemic and to the ongoing restrictions on movement and gathering, the Pastoral Team has decided to extend this period of reflection until the end of June.

A video was released on Thursday evening (January 28<sup>th</sup>) on Facebook and [www.armaghprays.com](http://www.armaghprays.com) to outline the resources the team have made available to parishes and parishioners in the months ahead. These resources include a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes for the sick, for healthcare workers, and for an end to the pandemic, six sessions of prayer and reflection during Lent on our experience of Church, reflections on the role of St. Joseph to coincide with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in May, four sessions in June from the 'Let's Talk Family' programme to mark the Year of the Family and several resources to support faith formation in schools and homes.

The video also includes two questions for reflection. Parishioners are encouraged to send their responses to [yprarmagh@gmail.com](mailto:yprarmagh@gmail.com).

### **Mass arrangements for Beragh Parish**

All Masses from Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh are streamed via webcam.

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