

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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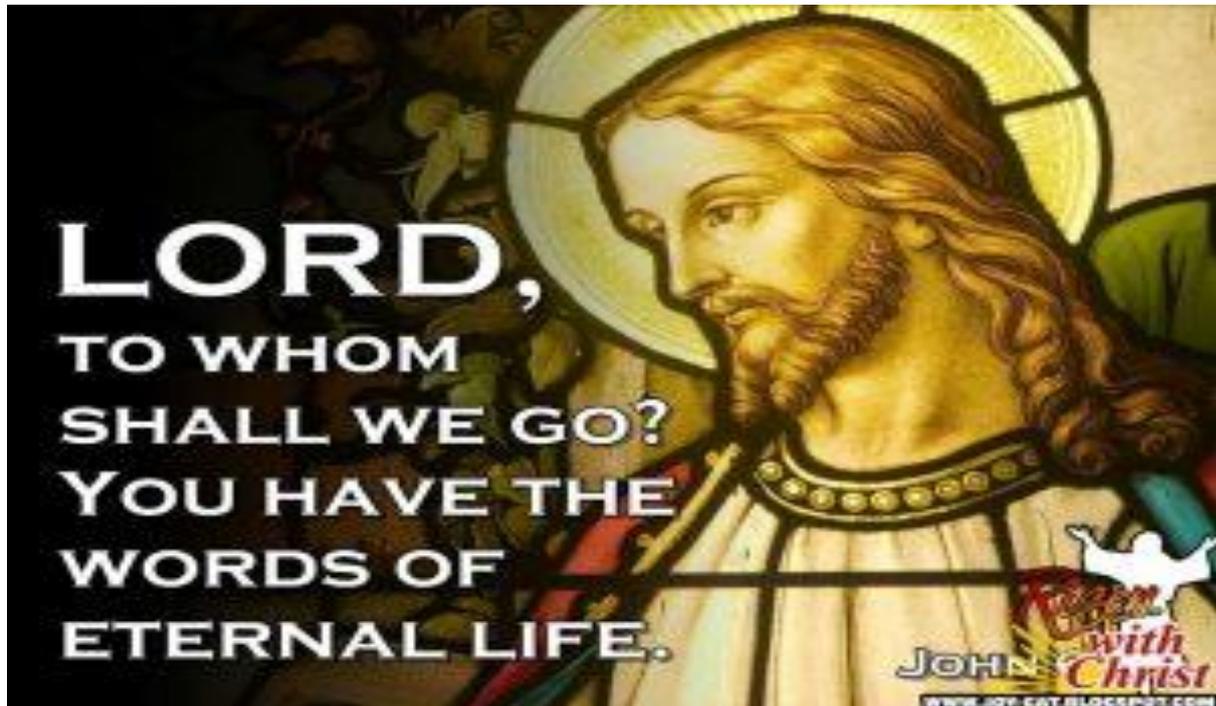
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

For the past few weeks, the Sunday Gospel has focused on St John's teaching on the Bread of Life and has reminded us of the awesome privilege of receiving the Lord in Holy Communion. This is no casual meeting, but an encounter with the Risen Jesus, deserving our utmost reverence and attention. The Eucharist is the Lord coming to us as the food of life, giving us nourishment and sustenance for our pilgrim journey of faith: "Whoever eats me will draw life from me".

Loyalty and fidelity are at the core of the Readings for this Sunday:

In the First Reading Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel and challenges their loyalty to God; he reminds them of how the Lord has led them to the Promised Land and how he has sustained them on their pilgrim journey. He then gives them a choice in terms of whom they now wish to serve.

The people are in no doubt that they will serve the Lord who has been so faithful to them in the past. "We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God..... We will serve the Lord, for he is our God".

In the Second Reading St Paul focuses on marriage as a vocation. He speaks about the very special relationship between husband and wife that reflects the love Christ has for the Church.

Then in the Gospel we observe a separation of the ways: like the people in the First Reading, the followers of Jesus are given a choice. Some find his teaching too difficult to comprehend and feel offended. They drift away murmuring under their breath, “This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?” While the believers stay on, some of them are not too sure what is entailed. In answer to the question from Jesus, “What about you, do you want to go away too?”, Peter speaks on behalf of the others: “Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life?”

This is a scene that has been repeated often down through the centuries. Some still find the message and the practice too hard and walk no more with Jesus.

As for ourselves, we too have to reflect on that question: “Will you also go away?”

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

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

Do you want to learn more about your Faith?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The course takes two years with one night per week and two weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams.

Our Theology course will be continuing this year, starting on Tuesday 14th September. If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 907

Other Collections

Candles: £ 120

Peter's Pence: £ 215

Building Fund: £ 115

Priest's Dues: £ 440

Total: £1,797

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Mary Dooley; Jimmy McElhatton; Maureen McGarrity; Kathleen McKee; Gussie McDonald; Eilish McCarney (funeral in Garvaghey on Monday past).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 22nd August	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	Michael McNelis.
Thursday 26th August	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Friday 27th August	7.30 pm	Cathy Cox and Margaret & Condry McMahan.
Saturday 28th August	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 29th August	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	John and Rose Donaghy.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 4, 7, 15, 20 & 30. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Anne Nelligan & Ida McFarland. Next week's jackpot is £12,150 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 U13 boys are in championship action this week as they take on Loughmacrory in the semi-final on Wednesday evening. With games coming thick and fast, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates on games and results.

The Club also would like to wish Tyrone senior players, management and backroom team the best of luck in the All Ireland Football Semi-Final.

Radio Maria

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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