

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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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,

Today's gospel launches Jesus on his public ministry. He has come to proclaim the reign of God. 'Repent and believe the Good News'. To assist him in this task, he calls some fishermen to leave their nets and follow him.

I remember on one occasion coming across a skit, written in the form of a letter, directed to Jesus of Nazareth and from a firm called the Jordon Management Consultants:

'Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the character profiles of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken part in our various assessment skills; we have not only run the tests through our computer, but we have also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologists and vocational consultants. The evaluations of all the tests are included and you will want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our service and for your guidance, we make some general overall observations. This comes without any additional fees.

It is the professional opinion of our consultants that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have any concept of working together as a team. Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to outbursts of wild temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas is deeply sceptical and does not seem to trust anybody. We have serious misgivings about the integrity of Matthew seeing that he worked formerly as a tax collector. Some of the others have strong political opinions and could have radical leanings towards military involvement.

One of the candidates, however, does show great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness; he has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man.

We wish you every success in your new venture and include herewith our professional fees.

Yours sincerely, Jordon Management Consultants.'

While the above is intended as a bit of a spoof, it does carry a certain degree of truth. It underlines the fact that the twelve men chosen by Jesus were indeed a strange and motley crew. But it also reminds us that the Lord does not judge by appearances. The Lord does not measure a person's worth by the standards of the world. The Lord sees what is in a person's heart and the potential they have within them to make a difference. And that is what it's about - making a difference.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Catholic Schools Week 2021

This year we celebrate Catholic Schools Week in a time of unprecedented challenge and uncertainty. It seems appropriate that in this instance the theme is: Catholic Schools - Communities of Faith and Resilience. The current pandemic has shown us that Catholic schools are indeed communities of faith and resilience. We salute the determination and courage of our principals and teachers who have gone out of their way to reach out to our young people in very difficult circumstances. In doing so, they have put flesh on the words of a beautiful hymn Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est - Where charity and love are found, God is present.

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

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:	£ 241
Loose Collection:	£ 20

Other Collections

Candles:	£ 274
Messenger:	£ 366
Christmas Day:	£ 295
Special Collections:	£ 145
Building Fund:	£ 195
Priest's Dues:	£ 260
Total:	£1,796

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Sheila Hannigan; Anto Duffy; Madge Gavin;
Fr Michael Seery; Ben McQuaid (England);
Tilly O’Dea (Tuam); Sean McGeown (Derrymacash).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 24th January	11.30 am	Christopher Mullin and deceased members of the Mullin Family; Patrick, Margaret and Fr James Grimes.
Monday 25th January	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 26th January	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Wednesday 27th January	9.00 am	Cassie McCullagh.
Thursday 28th January	9.00 am	Sheila Hannigan (MM).
Friday 29th January	7.30 pm	Anto Duffy (MM).
Saturday 30th January	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 31st January	11.30 am	Ellen McKeron.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Dún Uladh

“Dún Uladh’s music classes are back for 2021 and will be continuing online via Zoom. Lessons available in tin whistle, flute, fiddle, banjo, harp, button accordion and concertina for all ages and abilities. Instruments also available to hire. For further information or to register, please email music@dunuladh.ie”

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.