

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today's gospel reminds us of the origins of the phrase 'doubting Thomas', a name given to the man who refused to believe that the Risen Jesus had appeared to the other ten apostles. Sometimes people are better remembered for the mistakes they make than the good they do. The score missed in the final minutes of a crucial football match can blight a whole career. Even though Thomas made one of the most perfect acts of faith when he said, "My Lord and my God", he is remembered not as a 'believing' Thomas but as a 'doubting' Thomas. And that's what makes him very real - the stubborn independent streak, the open enquiring mind, the humble willingness to be convinced, and finally the total forthright commitment to serve and to give.

Thomas had chosen to distance himself from the others, to grieve in solitude and to work through his loss by himself. And yet, it wasn't until he re-joined the community that his deepest questions were answered. On his own, he had only his doubts for company; in community he encountered the Risen Lord. The story of Thomas calls each of us into community and it beckons to those who no longer walk with us. It also assures us that healthy questioning can lead to worthwhile knowledge. It challenges us above all, to accept that faith

is not just a creed of belief but a fire in the heart that impels us to reach out in service to others.

In sacred art this event of Thomas being uncertain about what he has been told by his friends, is formally termed “The Incredulity of St Thomas” and has been a common image since the early 6th century when it appeared in various mosaics. The copy above is from a painting by Caravaggio, probably about 1602. Thomas’ face shows surprise as Jesus holds his hand and guides it into the wound.

May we too be surprised by the Lord’s presence in our midst, and may we be counted among those ‘who have not seen and yet believe’. May St Thomas, the patron of doubters, pray for all of us.

With blessings, Monsignor Colum.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trocaire needs our help more than ever. Out of the media spotlight this year, countless families are suffering in forgotten crises from Covid to poverty and climate change. Please return your Trócaire box to help them or give directly on www.trocaire.org or by Freephone 1800 408 408 and let love be their lifeline.

Donations from Northern Ireland or the UK will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

This year the Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May and will be joined by the Diocese of Dromore and the Knights of Columbanus.

Accord

Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Courses. Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie Selections will take place in June with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families.

New Missionary Group: Apostles of Love Ireland

Check out our Facebook and website www.apostlesoflove.ie for all our activities. We are a new providential missionary group based in the Armagh Diocese on the grounds of Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth. We would like to inform you of our many activities at our Oasis of Peace Retreat Centre for prayer, healing and pastoral care. We welcome you to visit us any time for a cuppa and chat at our Forest view tea room.

- “Come Away & Find Rest” join us from a choice of one of our Retreat Day’s to suit your needs.
- Join us on one of our highly recommended “Our Lady’s Pilgrim Days” 11.00 am - 6.00 pm on the last Saturday of each month (Medjugorje Style) - Our Lady’s School of Love or join us for our Monthly Holy Spirit School.
- Apostles of Love Eucharistic Prayer Group on Tuesday 11.00 am - 1.00 pm.
- Our Scripture School (beginners 10.30 am - 12 pm) (intermediate 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm) every Thursday.
- Book for our One - One Prayer and Healing Ministry, Unbound Ministry Pastoral Counselling or Spiritual accompaniment.
- Matt Talbot Calix Addiction Recovery Group 3rd Saturday of Month, Be-Loved Faith and Support Group for Separated Ladies, St Joseph’s Food Chest for those in need.

Contact Deacon John Taaffe 0868 611 531 or Deacon Pat Butterly 0868 210 522 or Joan in the Office 0896 152 568.

HSC NI Foster Care

HSC NI Foster Care is urgently appealing for more foster carers and supported lodgings hosts who can provide homes to young refugees who arrive in Northern Ireland without a parent or carer. For more information on becoming a foster carer or supported lodgings host, contact HSC NI Foster Care on 0800 0720 137 or visit www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/young-refugees/

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC)

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC) are seeking to recruit an exceptional individual who will lead us into the next phase of our work. The General Secretary is the senior executive officer, who will provide analytical and strategic analysis and direction to inter-church relations and ecumenism in Ireland.

The details and the application pack are available at www.irishchurches.org/vacancy.

Diploma in Youth Ministry & Spirituality

Diploma in Youth Ministry and Spirituality from Saint Patrick’s College, Maynooth. The diploma is tailored for those who wish to work in Youth Ministry. For more information please see www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses

Sunday Missal

Because we are still not allowed to distribute parish bulletins in paper form, some people regret not being able to follow the readings and prayers during Sunday Mass. It might be opportune, therefore, to consider purchasing a Roman Missal for the New Year, which would cover the 3-year cycle.

If anyone would like to place an order, please do so by e mail beraghparochial@btinternet.com or contact the Parish Office on 02880 758 206.

Important Dates for 2022

Providing there are no Covid restrictions, it is hoped to celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May and Confirmation on Saturday 11th June.

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.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, *Mason Jack Galbraith*.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 765.00

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 63.70

Drumduff: £ 11.00

Seskinore: £ 41.20

Other Collections

Candles: £ 150.00

Priest's Dues: £1,825.00

Total: £2,855.90

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Philip McHugh;
Niall Colgan;
Francie Houston;
Martin Keenan (Mullaslin).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 24th April	11.30 am	Tommy, Susan and Thomas McGarvey; Jim and Margaret O'Neill and deceased members of the Campbell family (Clougherney); Breen Family (Kilnaheery).
Friday 29th April	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
Saturday 30th April	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 1st May	11.30 am	Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Saturday 23rd April	7.30 pm	John Daly.
Saturday 30th April	7.30 pm	Private Intention.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Sunday 24th April	10.00 am	Sean McAlinney.
Sunday 1st May	10.00 am	William, Rose and Liam Crawford.

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.

Training for Defibrillator

We are currently compiling a list of people who may wish to learn how to use the defibrillator.

If anyone is interested, please telephone the Office (02880 758 206); send an email beraghparochial@btinternet.com or put a note through the letterbox.

Please leave a telephone number so that you can be contacted.

Seskinore Forest 5K Run and Walk

Saturday 7th May at 11.00 am

Registration online: www.athleticsni.org

Unique wooden medals and trophies.

Specially designed Seskinore Forest Snoods for first 200 entries.

Proceeds shared between Seskinore Rural Community Group, McClintock, (Seskinore) and Sacred Heart, (Tattyreagh) Primary Schools.

All runners, walkers and spectators welcome.

Refreshments for all served immediately after the event.

Local residents should note that there may be short term traffic delays between 10.45 am and 12 noon.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 7, 8, 18, 23 and 24. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Nuala Lawrence. Next week's jackpot is £13,950 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA) or at local shops.

In ladies football, our minor girls continue their league campaign as they host Strabane on Tuesday evening (26th April). Throw in at 7.15 pm. While next Saturday evening (30th April), our Senior ladies are away to Badoney - throw in at 7.00 pm.

Our U13 boys are also on the road this week as they take on Rock in their league. Throw in at 7.15 pm on Thursday evening (28th April).

Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 0872 786 552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Clogher Valley Pieta Darkness into Light

The upcoming Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley Walk takes place on Saturday 7th May at 4.15 am starting from Ballygawley Hall.

The registration link is: www.darknessintolight.ie and you will receive a free memorial T-Shirt when you sign up. You can register as an individual, family or large group/club.

We will be supporting local charity The Niamh Louise Foundation whilst also supporting Pieta House.

If anyone has any questions please email: Ballygawley@darknessintolight.ie or visit our Facebook page Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley.

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:

- 1 Via Digital TV - Saorview 210.
- 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