

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,

Very often the First Reading at Sunday Mass is reflected in the Gospel reading; today both stories follow a similar pattern:

Food is brought to the man of God.

The amount of food is specified.

Someone objects that the amount is inadequate.

The man of God commands that it be distributed.

There is enough to eat with some left over.

Jesus was brought up in a religious culture which regarded everyday things as holy. Food was a holy thing. The law required people to say a prayer of thanks every time they shared a meal. In his Encyclical letter, “Laudato Si” (on the care of our common home), Pope Francis

urges us to give “thanks to God before and after meals...that moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life...[paragraph 227]

At the time of Jesus, bread was the staple food of the day. “To eat bread” in Hebrew meant “to have a meal” and to share bread with another person was an expression of friendship and respect. Our word companion is derived from the Latin “com” = “with” and “panis” = “bread”, capturing the notion that the one with whom I break bread is indeed a friend. In the society of Jesus, the poor people ate barley bread; the rich ate the bread of wheat. Whether of barley or wheat, all bread was to be treated with the greatest respect: it was strictly forbidden to throw away bread, even as crumbs.

For the next five Sundays, we turn from the Gospel of Mark to the Gospel according to John and focus on the Eucharist. May we have respect for bread and indeed for all God’s gifts. And may we have a profound reverence for the Eucharist, the Bread of Life.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Annual Blessing of Graves

Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 restrictions do not permit large gatherings of people. Therefore, I am planning to bless privately all graves in each of the three cemeteries in Beragh parish during the week beginning Monday 16th August. In the meantime, I would encourage parishioners to begin tidying their family plots in the usual way.

St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited

Vacancy for 2 Youth Ministry Co-ordinators

[3 Year Fixed-Term Contract (subject to an 11 month Probationary Period)]

The Archdiocese of Armagh seeks to appoint two motivated and talented professionals, each to undertake the full-time roles of Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. The Youth Ministry Co-ordinators will work with the Diocesan Pastoral Team and be responsible for implementing the youth ministry element in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. They will work with parishes and pastoral areas to meet the goals of the Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission's (ADYC) Strategic Plan 2019-2024 '*Encourage, Enable and Empower.*' The plan reaches out to all young people in the Archdiocese of Armagh to provide faith formation and to enable the development of peer ministry. This will involve developing a wide range of network communications with parishes, families, schools, and community organisations. This is an excellent opportunity and challenge for two experienced candidates to join our Diocesan Team.

The appointments will be on a permanent full-time basis requiring 35 hours attendance each week, generally Monday-Friday. Flexibility in work pattern and hours worked will be requirements of these roles.

(Even though the Co-ordinators will work as part of a diocesan team, one will be based in the North and one in the South of the diocese).

Starting salary: £24,982 (or € equivalent).

If interested in making an application for either of these posts, please download, complete and return an Application Form from the Archdiocese of Armagh website at: armagharchdiocese.org, where you will also find the accompanying Job Description.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 13 August 2021 at 5.00 pm

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Sick and Housebound

I am grateful to a number of parishioners who asked me to visit family members or people within their area, who have been sick or housebound because of the pandemic. I am always happy to attend such people and administer the Sacraments in their own homes, mindful of the need to exercise the usual protocols.

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: £ 370

Other Collections

Candles: £ 85

Total: £ 455

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Mary Murray; Kevin McMenamin; Mary Dooley (Funeral in Newry on Tuesday past); Jimmy McElhatton (Funeral in Carrickmore on Friday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 25th July	9.00 am Private Intention.
	11.30 am Brigid Colton; Catherine and Owen O'Neill; Niall Gorman; Maureen and Vincent Lafferty & Kevin McCabe; Conall Donnelly.
Thursday 29th July	9.00 am Private Intention.
Friday 30th July	7.30 pm P J McClean.
Saturday 31st July	10.00 am Private Intention.

Sunday 1st August

9.00 am Private Intention.

11.30 am Margaret Tierney Herron;

John Montague and deceased members
of the Montague Family.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 26th July

9.00 am Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 28th July

7.30 pm Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

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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