

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A**

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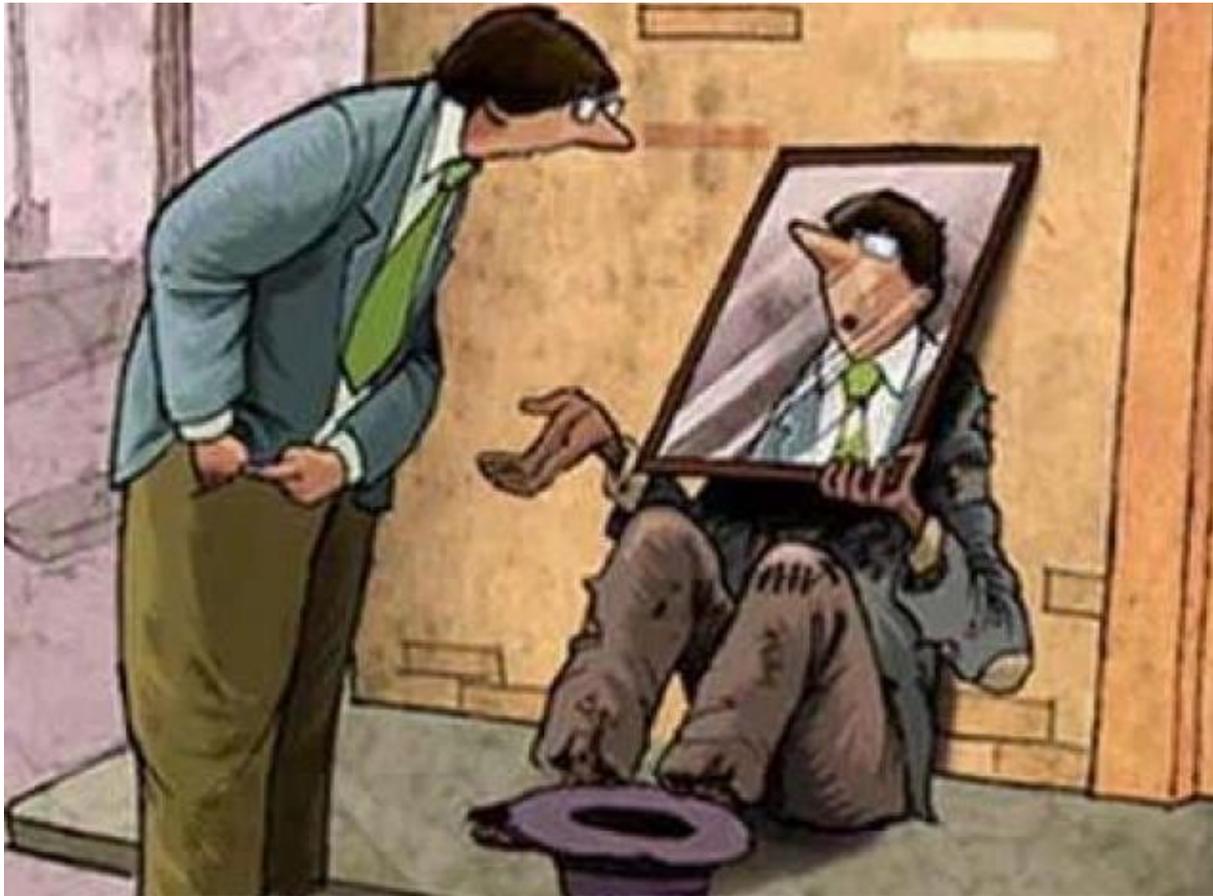
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## Parish Office Opening Hours

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



**“Love God and love your neighbour as yourself.”**

**Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

During this Book Month, I am reading an international bestseller called *“The 21 - A Journey into the Land of Coptic Martyrs”* by Matin Mosebach (Plough Publishing House).

Based on a propaganda video depicting the beheading of twenty-one men by ISIS militants on a Libyan beach, the author recounts his visit to the village of these young men who belonged to the Coptic Church and describes the homes and the families that had influenced their deep faith. He is amazed there is no obvious grief or talk of revenge, but only pride among these humble people at the thought of having such brave martyrs in their community and saints now in heaven. It is a consuming read which highlights the rich spirituality that has sustained such minority Christians in an Arab world.

The twenty-one Copts, brutally martyred on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015, join a litany of modern-day saints like Oscar Romero, Maximillian Kolbe and Damian of Molokai, to mention only a few - those who gave ultimate witness to the demands of what is referred to in today's Gospel. The two great commandments - to love God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind and to love your neighbour as yourself - are an invitation to explore, to seek out and to be sensitive to the myriad ways in which we can respond to Jesus in the way we live our lives in our place. We are called to love the God we cannot see and to love the neighbour we can see so well.

Many of the saints down through the ages and many of the people we will remember in the month of November echoed that love in their relationship with God and in their service of others.

Reading about the lives of saints might no longer be fashionable; that's why I am enjoying Martin Mosebach's magnificent book - in this National Book Month.

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **Mission Sunday 2020**

On behalf of the poorest and most vulnerable communities in our wider Church family, thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday last weekend. Your kindness and prayers for our overseas missionaries and the people they serve are always appreciated and greatly needed. Any further donations will be accepted up until next weekend and then the total amount will be published and forwarded.

### **Consecration of Beragh Parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Since the effects of the global pandemic hit our families and our lifestyle back in March, I am aware that it has been particularly stressful and demanding for many people. The various restrictions and the necessary precautions required have impacted all our lives in a way we could never have imagined. Now that we are facing into the winter months and the possibility of further 'lockdowns', I think it is prudent to turn to God to invoke his guidance and protection. On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November Beragh Parish will be consecrated to the protection of the Sacred Heart in a formal ceremony in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 7.00 pm. While parishioners are welcome to attend in person by observing the usual Covid 19 regulations, it is hoped that many at home and abroad will participate by following on the webcam.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the past it was customary to go to Confessions in preparation for the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. This week there will be an opportunity to do so on:

Thursday (29<sup>th</sup> October) 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;

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Saturday (31<sup>st</sup> October) 10.30 am to 11.00 am; 12 noon to 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm).

## Parish Dead List

Envelopes for the Parish Dead list are available at the back of the chapel in Beragh. These should be completed and returned before Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## Face Coverings in Churches

Thank you for continuing to ensure that our celebration of Mass and other Liturgies remain safe places for all who join us. It has been acknowledged that the wearing of face masks, in conjunction with hand washing and social distancing etc are likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others and ourselves. While the government has not formally made it mandatory, all Church leaders strongly recommend that people attending church should wear face coverings, with the exception of those people considered exempt and children under the age of 13.

## Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:                      £ 782

Loose Collection:                      £ 22

### **Other Collections**

Candles:                                      £ 90

Missions:                                      £1,206

Building Fund:                              £ 145

Priest's Dues:                                £ 185

**Total:                                        £2,430**

**Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord**

All Names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Kathleen Colton; Kathleen Scullion (nee McCartan).

**Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh**

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	James and Ellen Grimes.
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Nellie Conroy.
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Nickle and Mary Grimes; Ben Donaghy; Mary and Jack Donnelly.

**St Malachy's Church, Seskinore**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**      **7.30 pm**      Private Intention.

**Church of St Patrick, Drumduff**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**      **9.00 am**      Private Intention.

**Oratory, Sixmilecross**

The Rosary is available during October from Sixmilecross Oratory.  
All Day. Every Day. Search You Tube for Sixmilecross Rosary.

## **ASPIRE**

ASPIRE, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview preparation. ASPIRE also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements.

Contact ASPIRE on Omagh 02882 246 535, Enniskillen 02866 326 478, mobile 07799 471 448 or email [aspire@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:aspire@fermanaghomagh.com)

## **Irish Language Classes**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Irish language activities continue on line and can still be joined. Irish language classes Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Singing in Irish class/circle Thursday 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm. Irish conversation circle Friday 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm.

Street/road signage in Irish can be provided for residents in the district by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in the case of the consent necessary having been given by inhabitants. More information on this and events above available from [culture@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:culture@fermanaghomagh.com)

## **Totus Tuus Magazine**

Due to the Covid 19 Outbreak, the Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to start receiving Totus Tuus to your home, then please phone Fiona at 0868 760 058.

## **Music and Singing at Mass**

Beragh Parish is blessed with a number of people throughout the parish who have been blessed with beautiful singing voices in addition to others who are able to play musical instruments. We are extremely grateful to those individuals and groups who use their God given talents to enhance our liturgical celebrations. With the current Covid-19 restrictions, regular large choirs are discouraged, but that should not prevent us from having some music and singing at Sunday Mass.

I am extending an invitation to people throughout the parish who would be interested to kindly make contact with Mrs Clare McAleer - (Telephone: 07984 653 698 email: [cmcaleer85@gmail.com](mailto:cmcaleer85@gmail.com)). The intention is to draw up a rota for 9.00 am and 11.30 am Masses in Beragh.

### **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.