

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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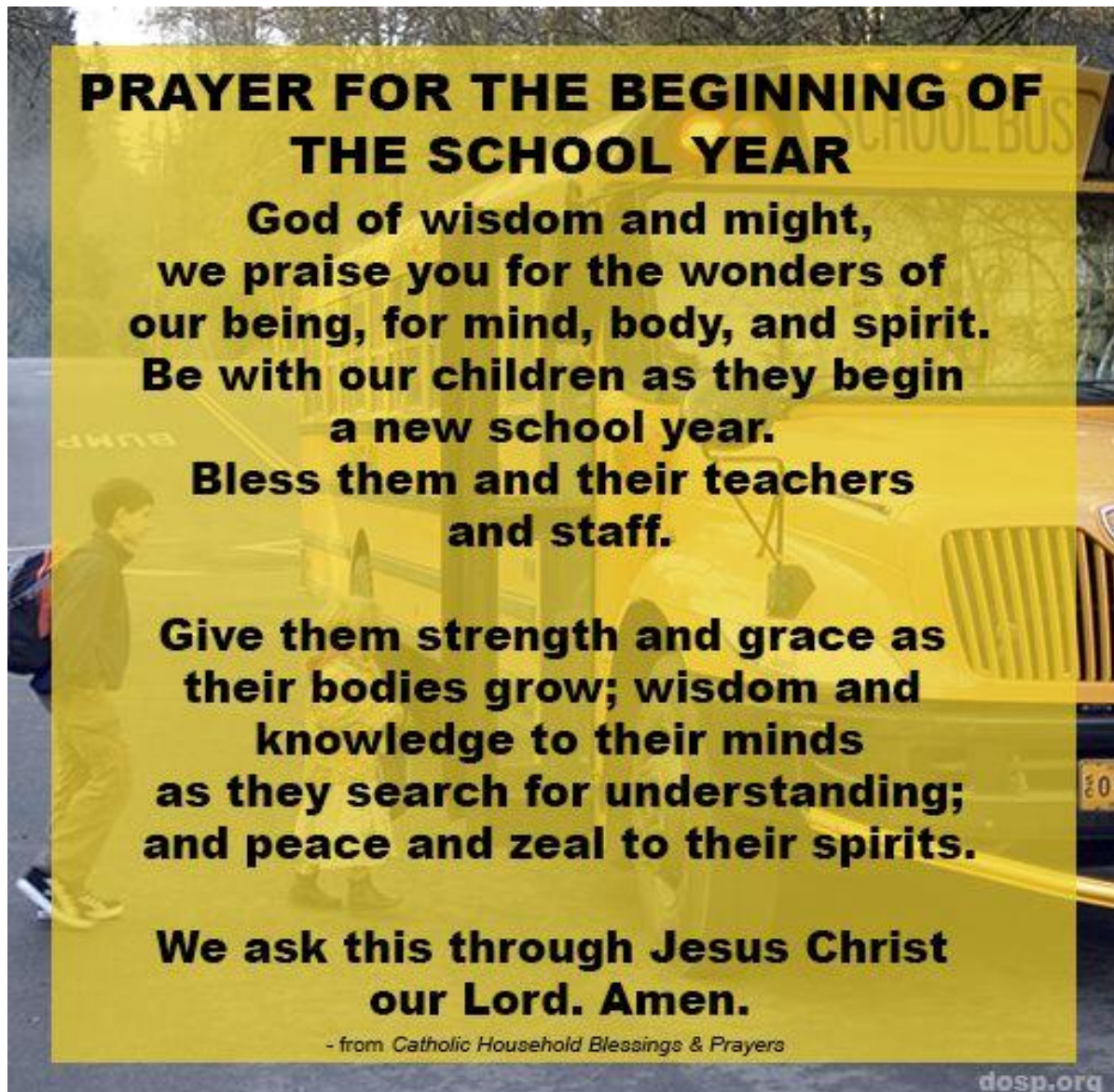
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

In the coming days and weeks, many children and young people will begin a new school year. Let us hope that it will be less disruptive and less stressful than the last one when parents and teachers had to cope with unprecedented challenges because of the coronavirus pandemic. We now pray God's protection and guidance on all of them as they face into the months ahead.

A long time ago, the Greek philosopher Plato wrote: "The object of education is to teach us to love what is beautiful." Sometimes we might get an impression that the educational system is only concerned about academic achievement and has very little to do with the kind of suitability for a way of life that was once described as "vocation".

Producing top guns in Science, Maths and English is undoubtedly very important, but sometimes we might wonder if our young people are being adequately equipped for living - do they have the resources to use and develop the gifts they will need as adults? What do they know about the world around them, and more significantly, the world within them? Have they a sense of wonder and appreciation for the higher things in life? Do they have some thought for the hungers of the human heart and the longing for completion that only a spiritual perspective can give? Are they aware that we don't have here in this world a lasting city, but that we are merely pilgrims towards a greater destiny? That's a big agenda, but in some respects it's what true education should be about. For that reason, I like the following:

A Teacher's Prayer

I want to teach my students how to live this life on earth,
to face its struggles and its strife and improve their worth.

Not just the lessons in a book or how the rivers flow,
but how to choose the proper path wherever they may go.

To understand eternal truth and know what's right from wrong,
appreciate the beauty of a flower and even sing a song.

For if I help the young to grow in wisdom and in grace,
then I shall feel I've done my bit and helped them find their place.

And so, I ask your guidance, Lord, that I may do my part,
for character, for confidence and serenity of heart.

With very blessing for the year ahead, Monsignor Colum.

Annual Blessing of Graves

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions, it has not been possible to have the usual large gatherings for the blessing of graves. While it is regrettable that people could not join with family and friends to remember their dead, we have to exercise caution during this ongoing pandemic. I want to assure people that last weekend I blessed all graves in the three cemeteries in the parish and offered Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. I would like to thank you for attending to your family plots and I compliment you on the way you look after our cemeteries as sacred and holy places.

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: £180

Loose Collection: £365

Other Collections

Candles: £ 10

Peter's Pence: £ 60

Building Fund: £ 60

Priest's Dues: £180

Total: £855

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Kathleen McKee; Gussie McDonald; Eilish McCarney; Rose McGurk (Watford); Jim Montgomery (Funeral on Thursday past in Beragh).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 29th August	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	John and Rose Donaghy.
Tuesday 31st August	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 2nd September	7.30 pm	Brigid McNamee and deceased Members of the Corrigan Family and Arthur McKenna.
Friday 3rd September	7.30 pm	John Broderick.
Saturday 4th September	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 5th September	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	Margaret Conroy; Hugh and Joe (Jnr) Franey.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 30th August **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 1st September **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Schools Return

Our three local schools, Beragh, Drumduff and Roscavey return on Wednesday 1 September 2021.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 6, 13, 15, 25 & 29. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Conor McLaughlin. Next week's jackpot is £12,200 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.

This afternoon (Sunday) both the senior and reserve teams travel to Aughnacloy, to take on Aghaloo. Although this will be the reserve team's third game back since the break, it will be the Seniors first. It will also be the return of the Sunday games for both teams, throw in at 2.15 pm and 3.45 pm. In ladies football, our seniors are back in action after a few weeks break as well. They take on Clann Na Gael, in what will be a tough test for the girls. Throw in 7.00 pm on Saturday (4th September). With games coming thick and fast, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates on games and results.

The Club would also like to remind our members that coronavirus is still a major issue in our society, and that certain measures such as social distancing, wearing masks and washing hands are simple but effective methods of avoiding the virus. This is a responsibility each and every one of us needs to take seriously.

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:

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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