

Beragh Parish Bulletin



1st Sunday Advent Year B

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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 is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year. During the season of Advent, which runs from today until 24th December, we are preparing for the coming of Christ. While there is a tendency to concentrate on the Nativity as the celebration of Christ's historical coming in to the world, I think it is important that we don't lose sight of the other aspects of his coming as well. During these days of Advent, we might reflect on the coming of Christ in a threefold way:

We commemorate the historical birth of Jesus as Son of God. "*The Word was made flesh and lived among us*". Jesus shared in our humanity so that we might share in his divinity.

We acknowledge the fact that Christ continues to come to us in mystery every day, especially in his Word and in his Sacraments. The Lord's abiding presence is with us and within us.

We look forward in hope to Christ's final coming at the end of time. The Lord will come again in glory and hand over the Kingdom to the Father.

In short - we celebrate Christ's coming in HISTORY at Bethlehem;
we celebrate Christ's coming in MYSTERY each day;
we celebrate Christ's coming in GLORY at the end of time.

In the meantime, society will propel us towards Christmas with alarming speed, giving us a regular countdown of the number of shopping days available. In the midst of all the many distractions, in addition to the concerns around Covid-19, we have to be careful not to miss 'the reason for the season'. Despite our best efforts to acknowledge the annual slogan to - "*Put Christ back into Christmas*", we can feel overwhelmed and become distracted.

Let us be watchful! Let us be awake! Let our prayer be 'Come, Lord Jesus.'

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Beragh Parish

Mass arrangements for Christmas 2020

All Masses will be in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

Christmas Eve

(Thursday 24th December)

Mass at 6.00pm

Mass at 9.00 pm

Mass at midnight

Christmas Day

(Friday 25th December)

Mass at 9.00 am

Mass at 11.30 am

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to have Mass in St Patrick's, Drumduff or St Malachy's, Seskinore.

The safety and well-being of everyone is of paramount importance. It is worth recalling: *"In the current emergency situation, all Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass."*

Parishioners who wish to attend one of the Christmas Masses are asked to contact the Parish Office **before Friday 18th December** to book seats and receive a ticket. Priority will be given to people belonging to Beragh Parish and will be allocated on a "first come" basis.

Requests can be made by: E mail beraghparochial@btinternet.com

Telephoning Parish Office (028) 80 758 206 on -

Tuesday (1.00 pm - 4.00 pm);

Thursday (9.00 am - 1.30 pm);

Friday (9.00 am - 1.30 pm).

Dropping a note or letter to the Parochial House.

Please state your name and contact details; the Mass you wish to attend, including your second preference; the number of people who will be part of your 'family bubble'.

Beragh Parish Covid 19 Team

There will be a short meeting for the COVID team and any others who might be interested, on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.00 pm.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 581

Loose Collection: £ 20

Other Collections

Candles: £ 96

Messenger: £ 248

Missions: £ 15

Building Fund: £ 145

Priest's Dues: £ 140

Total: £1,245

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Simon Bradley; Sean Molloy; Neil McGarvey; Liam Crawford (Claudy - funeral last Monday in Foreglen); Fr Frank McElhatton (funeral last Wednesday in St Colmcille's Church, Carrickmore); Margaret Corrigan (nee Molloy) (funeral in St Colmcille's Church last Thursday - burial in Beragh).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 29th November **9.00 am** Brigid Gallagher
(Anniversary at this time).

11.30 am Karen Rose Chand;

Packie and Annie Rodgers;
Eileen Rodgers and Agnes Early;

Michael Christopher.

Monday 30th November **9.00 am** Private Intention.
Tuesday 1st December **9.00 am** Private Intention.
Wednesday 2nd December **9.00 am** Private Intention.
Thursday 3rd December **9.00 am** Private Intention.
Friday 4th December **9.00 am** Private Intention.
Saturday 5th December **9.00 am** Private Intention.
Sunday 6th December **9.00 am** Private Intention.

11.30 am Sarah Logue;

Johnny and Mary Broderick.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Blood Donation Sessions

There will be blood donation sessions in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December (1.00 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm). Please call 08085 534 653 to book an appointment.

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

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). 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 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.