

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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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,

The story of Jesus being overruled and rejected by the people in his hometown of Nazareth has been enacted in countless ways ever since.

We can imagine a public meeting being convened in a local hall to settle some grievance that is a matter of concern to the community. The mood of the meeting is angry, and feelings are running high. Each succeeding speaker fuels the seething emotion with calls for hard-line action. Sean takes the microphone and begins to speak. The hall is hushed; there is something about him that arrests everybody's attention. He speaks calmly and simply, pointing out a more just and reasonable way of dealing with the situation. Many heed him and others nod in agreement. But the more aggressive are hellbent on militant action no matter what the majority think. The heckling starts. Sean's motives are questioned; what is he getting out of settling? And somebody calls into question his breeding and his background. How dare he tell anybody what should be done? Who does he think he is?

Sean's integrity might be obvious and his arguments irrefutable but some resort to slander, ridicule and mob rule. He is shouted down and overruled.

Something similar happened to Jesus when he spoke to his neighbours and friends in his hometown of Nazareth. The same thing has often happened to many a man or woman speaking the truth with courage and love. Don't be surprised when it happens to you.

“Loving God, in Baptism you call me to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. Strengthen me with the courage and generosity to respond to your call especially when I have to walk a lonely and difficult path.”

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Ordination to Diaconate

Five men will be ordained permanent deacons by Archbishop Eamon on Sunday 30th January in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. They are Pat Butterly (Drogheda), George Kingsnorth (Dromintee) and Eunan McCreesh (Drumcree).

Brendan McAlister and Gerry McBrien will be ordained for the Diocese of Dromore. We thank God for the service of these men and for their wives and families who have helped and supported them on their journey. We congratulate them and ask the Lord to bless them abundantly in their mission of handing on the faith.

Independent Review of Education

The Department of Education (NI) set up an Independent Review of Education in October 2021. The review panel are now seeking the views of the whole community on the strengths and weaknesses of our current system and on our future priorities for education. This is an important juncture in the future development of our education system, and so the trustees of Catholic schools would encourage school communities and parishioners to contribute to this review. The consultation can be found at:

<https://www.independentreviewofeducation.org.uk/your-views>.

The consultation closes on 4th February 2022.

Emerging from Covid 19 Pandemic

While some Covid 19 restrictions are being lifted, we are being advised to take a gradual approach to any changes at parish level, conscious that the Omicron variant is still rampant in our communities and that many of our people are themselves vulnerable. The Irish bishops will be meeting next week to consider the situation and we will be updated accordingly.

The Sacred Heart Messenger

The Sacred Heart Messenger is a long-established magazine that has made its way into countless homes down through the years. Today it continues to provide a wealth of information on important social and religious issues along with topical articles relating to everyday living. The annual subscription for twelve editions is £22. Elizabeth Montague is our Parish Promoter and does a marvellous job in distributing the magazine, with the kind assistance of

Sean McCabe, Seskinore and Brian McCullagh, Drumduff. Those who already get it are asked to renew their subscription at this time and anyone who would like to receive the Sacred Heart Messenger or offer it as a gift to a friend, are invited to give their details. It is warmly recommended for families with children and young adults.

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 Wakes and Funerals

When a person has died as a result of Covid 19, new regulations governing arrangements for wakes and funerals have come into effect from September 2021. Where there is a negligible risk of transmitting the Covid 19 infection, the remains of the deceased are allowed to be taken home and viewing is permitted. They can also be brought to the church for the funeral Mass. However, the regulations regarding numbers permitted to gather, social distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings must be observed. Anyone who has had a positive Covid 19 test result or anyone who is symptomatic should not attend.

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.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:	£649.46
Loose Collection:	£ 35.00

Other Collections

Candles:	£128.13
Messenger:	£ 30.00
Total:	£842.59

Parish Envelopes

To make it easier for Parishioners, Counters and Admin - if you are returning envelopes for past weeks/months, please put your total contribution in one envelope. Envelopes are always counted and recorded against the date for which they are received.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Bernadette Grimes; Margaret Denise Smyth;
Sean Kelly; Paddy McGinley; Dolores McAtasney;
Felix McNally (formerly of Sixmilecross - died in
England - Burial of Ashes in Dunmoyle last Saturday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 30th January	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Ellen McKeron; James and Ellen Grimes.
Tuesday 1st February	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 3rd February	6.00 pm	Michael Kerr.
Friday 4th February	7.30 pm	Kieran Maguire.
Saturday 5th February	10.00 am	Matthew and Mary Rodgers.
Sunday 6th February	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Mickey Murphy.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 2nd February 9.00 am Private Intention.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 31st January 7.30 pm Private Intention.

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.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 1, 4, 16, 20 and 27. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Johanne O'Neill, Fearghal Hackett and Dermot Owens. Next week's jackpot is £13,300 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA or at local shops.

A Hatha Yoga course with Amy Conway will begin on Monday 7th February at 7.00 pm in Beragh Community Hub. Hatha yoga is a practice that involves breathing, yoga poses and mediation. Open to all age groups, the course will be £30 which can be paid on the first night. Due to COVID restrictions the class must be booked to secure your space.

On Tuesday 8th February at 6.30 pm in Beragh Community Hub, beginner Irish lessons are taking place. The programme will last 6 weeks and is open to all age groups.

Follow our Club social media pages to keep up to date.

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