

Beragh Parish Bulletin



Feast of the Holy Trinity

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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,

Somewhere I recall being told that a mystery is something that cannot be explained and that we can't fully understand. This might be correct, but it's not the full truth. Many of the most valuable things in life cannot be explained completely, but they can be experienced and appreciated. As St Bernadette once said about Lourdes, "To those who do not believe, no explanation is possible. To those who believe, no explanation is necessary." Today's feast of the Holy Trinity is also about appreciating and savouring the intimate love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit rather than trying to understand it. Such savouring cannot be rushed or manipulated; it is a gift of God. In

prayerful solitude we remind ourselves that we are in God's presence; we quieten the mind and heart to make space for God; we simply listen in stillness and peace. Nothing very apparent may happen, but what a loss it would be if we didn't take time to attune our spirit to God's Spirit.

St Augustine has been recognised as one of the most influential theologians in the Church. He longed to understand the doctrine of the Trinity and spent many years reflecting on ways to explain it logically. There is a story told that one day as he was walking along a beach, he saw a small child playing on the shore. The child, having made a hole in the sand, ran to the sea with a little cup, filled it with water and then ran back to pour it into the hole. Augustine watched in wonderment and then he asked, "Little child, what are you doing?" The child looked up and replied, "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole". "How is it possible," Augustine enquired, "that you can empty this immense sea into this tiny hole with that tiny cup? It is not feasible!" To which the child replied, "And how do you suppose you will ever comprehend, with your tiny mind, the vast immensity of God? It is not feasible."

One of the difficulties we have in trying to grasp anything about the mystery of God is related to language. We have to depend on human language and imagery to describe the indescribable. Elizabeth Johnson, a contemporary theologian, does that very simply: "The Triune God can be compared to a flowering plant with its deep, invisible root (God the Father), its green stem reaching into the world from that root (God the Son) which opens to spread beauty and fragrance and to fructify the earth with fruit and seed (God the Holy Spirit). And it is all the one living plant".

Essentially, the Trinity is about relationship. We can relate in different ways to God: at times we might relate better to God the Father, described as "tenderness, compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness" (today's First Reading). At other times we might feel closer to God the Son who came into the world "not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved" (today's Gospel). At other times we depend on God the Holy Spirit to refresh us and to renew the face of the earth.

The last line of today's Second Reading gives us an early scriptural foundation for belief in the Trinity and is sometimes used at the beginning of Mass as a beautiful greeting. On this feast of the Holy Trinity, I make it my prayer for you - may the GRACE of Jesus be with you; may the LOVE of God be with you and may the FELLOWSHIP (friendship) of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Monsignor Colum.

Confirmation 2021

Congratulations to the twenty-eight young people who were Confirmed in the Church of the Immaculate Conception last Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost. These young people are a credit to their parents and families. A special word of appreciation to the teachers who prepared them and thanks to the choir and musicians who added greatly to the occasion.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for the children from our three primary schools has been arranged for Saturday 19 June at 11.00 am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh. On Sunday 6 June, the children and their parents will be invited to come in small groups to Beragh chapel to pray and prepare for the special day.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Today, the Archdiocese of Armagh will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock. Sadly, for the second year running it will not be possible for everyone to travel. However, it will be broadcast from the Shrine at 3.00 pm with Bishop Michael chief-celebrant and preacher. People are invited to participate by visiting the diocesan website: <https://www.armaghdiocese.org>

Accord Service seeking Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord has 54 centres in dioceses across Ireland. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Deirdre on 07980 898 399 or by email to info@accordni.com.

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday June 4th. Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on www.accordni.com

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Simona Knapcokova.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

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| Weekly Envelopes: | £ 649 |
| Loose Collection: | £ 22 |

Other Collections

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| Candles: | £ 107 |
| Trócaire: | £ 25 |
| Education of Student Priests: | £ 372 |
| Building Fund: | £ 60 |
| Total: | £1,235 |

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2021

Despite these challenging times and all the difficulties associated with Covid 19, Beragh Parish has responded magnificently to this year's Trócaire appeal.

A total amount of £6,731 (including Euro currencies) has been forwarded to the Archdiocese of Armagh. Thankfully, the UK Aid Match Scheme means this amount will be doubled. Many people in developing countries including the women of Sudan will benefit greatly. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Fr Tom Rafferty;
Anne McCarney (Funeral on Wednesday in Loughmacrory);
Bridie O'Sullivan (Funeral on Saturday in Dunmoyle).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

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| Sunday 30th May | 9.00 am | Shane Smyth. |
| | 11.30 am | James Caffrey (1 st Anniversary). |
| Tuesday 1st June | 9.00 am | Private Intention. |
| Thursday 3rd June | 9.00 am | Private Intention. |
| Friday 4th June | 7.30 pm | Bertie, Joe and Mary McGarrity and Eta and George Nixon. |
| Saturday 5th June | 10.00 am | Private Intention. |
| Sunday 6th June | 11.30 am | Kathleen Colton (Drumnakilly) and Seamus Colton; Tommy Maguire. |

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

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| Monday 31st May | 7.30 pm | Private Intention. |
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Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

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| Wednesday 2nd June | 9.00 am | Brendan McNally and deceased members of the McNally Family. |
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Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Parish Finances

Anyone wishing to receive a box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office on (02880 758 206) or send an email to beraghparochial@btinternet.com

Baxter School of Dancing classes resume on Friday 28 May - Friday 25 June 2021 in St Oliver Plunkett PS. New beginners welcome. Class starts at 6.00 pm - 7.15 pm. Strict covid regulations will be in place. Please contact 07808 763 185 for further details and to book your place.

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