

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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Parish Office Opening Hours

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

TEACHER'S

Prayer

Lord, please bless my students
And help them as they grow?
May I teach them faithfully
The things they need to know.
So they may face the future
Knowing they're prepared,
And when they think of school days,
May they know their teacher cared.

Hugh Monroe

Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

In recent days, many children and young people have made a new start to a very different academic year. Over the past six months they and their teachers have coped with unprecedented challenges as a result 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." During the past few weeks there has been so much controversy about results and points and places, you might get the impression that the educational system is only 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 people? 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, 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.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, *Charlie John Donnelly; Zach Ryan Tracey and Leo John Hamilton.*

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 551

Loose Collection: £ 7

Other Collections

Candles: £ 65

Peter's Pence: £ 37

Purchase of Grave: £ 100

Building Fund: £ 25

Priest's Dues: £ 75

Total: £ 860

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Terry O'Hagan; Eamon McAlinney;
Oliver O'Neill; Joe Barrett; Paddy McGarvey;
John Donnelly (Altamuskin - funeral in Dunmoyle last Monday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 30th August 11.30 am	Nan Donnelly.
Tuesday 1st September 9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 3rd September 7.30 pm	Brigid McNamee and deceased members of the Corrigan Family.
Friday 4th September 7.30 pm	Margaret Conroy.
Saturday 5th September 10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 6th September 11.30 am	Gerard McDonald; Hugh and Joe Franey.

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 31st August 7.30 pm Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 2nd September 9.00 am Private Intention.

Blessing of Graves

Unfortunately, the current restrictions relating to Covid-19 has not allowed us to hold the annual blessing of graves in the normal manner. Because this is an important event for many parishioners, especially those away from home and those bereaved during the past year, I think it is important that the graves be blessed and our dead remembered. Thankfully, the blessing for Beragh Cemetery took place one morning last week and a recording of same can be viewed on the Parish Website www.beraghparish.com and Parish Facebook.

The blessing of graves for Drumduff and Seskinore will take place in the near future.

The Oratory in Sixmilecross will be closed until further notice.

It's worth noting that the Rosary and Masses from the Oratory are available on You Tube. Search for "sixmilecross oratory youtube".

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.

Theology Programme

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 with predominantly online classes, starting on 8th September 2020.

If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact Milanda on 00353 429 336 393 or email: milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9.00 am - 2.00 pm). All are welcome.

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.

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