

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



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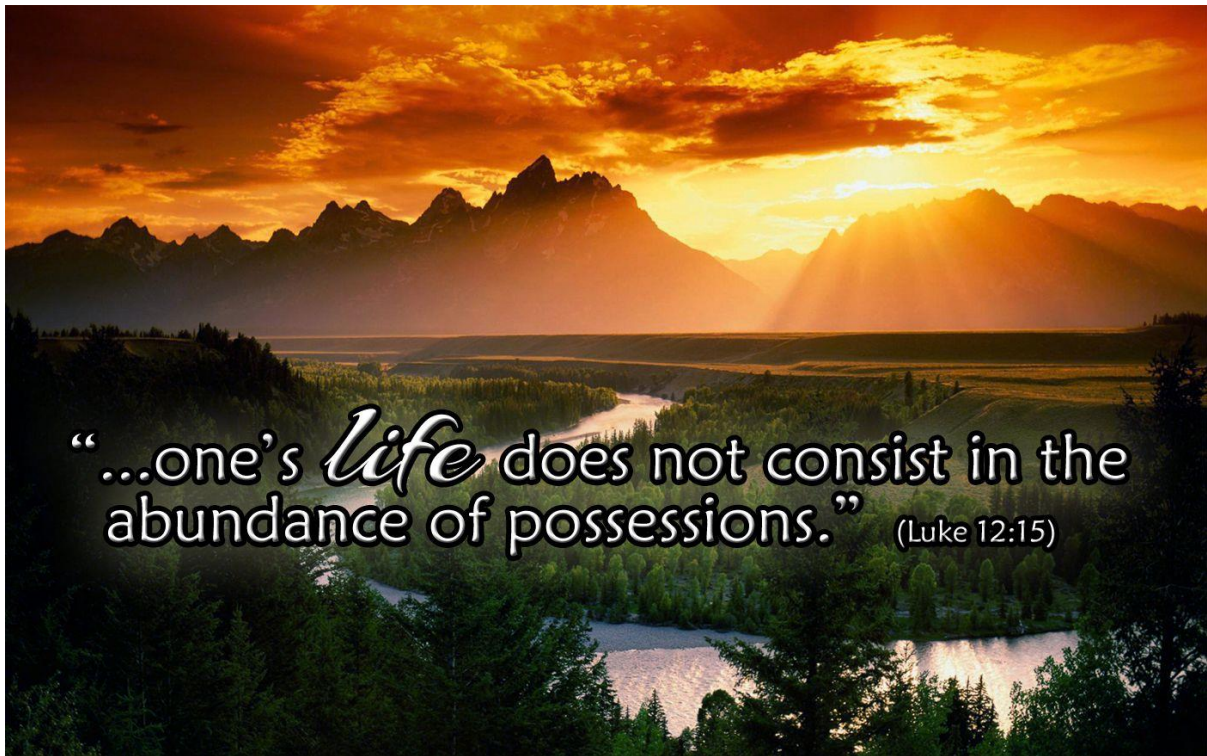
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## Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today's readings remind us that we can take nothing with us from this world except the good we have done during our lives. As the old saying puts it there are no pockets in shrouds and you never see a hearse with a tow bar.

We must be careful, however, not to misunderstand what Jesus is teaching in the parable. He is speaking against greed, not need. A certain amount of money and material possessions are necessary if we are to maintain our dignity as human beings and as children of God. When we look carefully at the parable of Jesus, we notice that the man in the story was rich to begin with, but he still wasn't satisfied. He says, "I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones - I will eat drink and be merry".

That parable reminds me of a story by the Russian writer Leo Tolstoy. It is the story of a landowner called Pakov whose main interest in life was to possess as much land as possible. One evening a stranger came to his house and told him that away to the South beyond the mountains there lived a tribe of people who had an endless amount of land and because they were a simple people, they would be easy to deal with. So Pakov set out immediately and found everything as the stranger had indicated. The people and their chieftain gave him a warm welcome and accepted the gifts he brought with him. They told him he could have as

much land as he wanted and wherever he wanted. “There's only one condition”, said the chieftain, “we sell by the day - as much land as you can walk around in a day, that much is yours. You must however return to the spot from which you started before the sun sets”.

Pakov could hardly sleep that night thinking of all the land he would possess the following day. As soon as the sun appeared Pakov set out as fast as he could run. Men followed on horseback and drove stakes into the ground, marking out the area he had covered. All day he ran circling as wide an area as possible and then the sun began to sink in the sky. Pakov made a desperate bid to get back to base, but now he was worn out from hunger and exhaustion, and it was still a long way back. If only he could make it before the sun would go down - and he did. He just made it as the sun vanished, but at that moment his knees buckled beneath him, and he collapsed to the ground, his face pressed into the earth. The chieftain called his men to get spades. “I think Pakov has earned what he requires - a piece of ground six foot long.”

Like the parable of Jesus, the story raises the question “how much is enough?” As someone said, “Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have.”

And finally, another story - the story of a very rich man who owned a huge mansion and a large estate. He was in the habit of boasting about his great wealth. One day he met a holy man and brought him on a tour of his property. All day long they drove through acres of woodland and pastures. They looked at hills covered with sheep and cattle and all the stock the rich man possessed. In the afternoon they strolled through the gardens and admired fine lawns and fountains and every kind of flower and shrub. When evening came the rich man brought the holy man through his mansion boasting about his antique furniture, his oriental carpets and the various pieces of art which he had acquired at great expense.

When they had completed the tour, the rich man was anxious to get some response from his visitor who had remained quiet for most of the day. “You have seen everything I possess - tell me what has impressed you most of all?”

The holy man looked at him and smiled. After some time, he said “You are indeed a very wealthy man, but I doubt if you are a rich man. Anyway, the one thing which struck me deeply was the view from your bedroom window upstairs. The rich man was puzzled and asked what he meant. “Well,” says he, “when you look out of your bedroom window - you have a perfect view of the graveyard”.

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **Sick and Housebound**

In the coming days and weeks, the sick and housebound will be attended in their homes.

### **Child Loss Matters**

#### **Supporting each other through child loss**

**Bereaved Parents  
Support Group  
(Everyone Welcome)**

**Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh**

**Meeting the last Saturday of each month at 10.00 am, the  
first meeting will be taking place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Light refreshments served 11.15 am**

A Journey of a thousand miles begins with one single step.

Start a new journey at your own pace alongside other parents who are surviving child loss. Our Group offers a way to feel supported in a safe non judgemental group setting with opportunities to engage in conversations in a relaxed manner, sharing our experiences of child loss and gaining new perspectives on ways to cope.

“There is no one better to understand child loss than another who has experienced it.”

## **Pilgrimage to Knock**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

National Day of Prayer for Priests concluding with Eucharist Healing Service with Sister Briege McKenna.

Bus leaving Crevenagh Park and Ride at approximately 8.30 am or Omagh Bus Station at 8.15 am.

Bus Fare: £20

Meals (Optional) €35

For more information, please contact Mona (02886 737 954) or Una (07743 575 969).

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

## **Matt Talbot Freedom from Addiction Mass**

The next Matt Talbot Freedom from addiction Mass takes place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction. During the month of August we pray specifically for those with Gambling addictions and all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

If you would like to enrol somebody in the society, please visit [www.matthalbotprayersociety.com](http://www.matthalbotprayersociety.com).

## **Weekend Workshop - Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre**

The Long Goodbye: Practical Advice for Caregivers of People Living with Dementia.

Many people living with dementia or caring for them feel as though they are alone. This workshop seeks to provide practical information and support so as to build a bridge of connection and understanding. We will explore each stage of the 'Journey with Dementia' from a person-centred perspective and explain how best to offer support to ensure the best quality of life for the person living with dementia and the people around them.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August (5.00 pm) - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August (2.00 pm) 2022  
£220/€260.

Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA.

Fr Lagan is a Priest with the Society of African Missions and a Chartered Clinical Psychologist. He has led retreats, workshops and trainings internationally on psychological and spiritual well-being, positive change, trauma, mental health and resilience.

Please contact Jacinta or Louise to reserve your place:

Telephone: 028 3082 1964

Email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

### **Accord NI**

If you feel your relationship is in crisis or you just need a little guidance. If you and your partner feel you could benefit from Marriage and Relationship Counselling, contact your local ACCORD Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Protect your most precious investment. Let us, help you, support your marriage. Tel: 02890 233 002 for an appointment. Email: [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)  
Web site: [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

### **New Missionary Group: Apostles of Love Ireland**

Check out our Facebook and website [www.apostlesoflove.ie](http://www.apostlesoflove.ie) for all our activities. We are a new providential missionary group based in the Armagh Diocese on the grounds of Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth. We would like to inform you of our many activities at our Oasis of Peace Retreat Centre for prayer, healing and pastoral care. We welcome you to visit us any time for a cuppa and chat at our Forest view tea room.

- “Come Away & Find Rest” join us from a choice of one of our Retreat Day’s to suit your needs.
- Join us on one of our highly recommended “Our Lady’s Pilgrim Days” 11.00 am - 6.00 pm on the last Saturday of each month (Medjugorje Style) - Our Lady’s School of Love or join us for our Monthly Holy Spirit School.
- Apostles of Love Eucharistic Prayer Group on Tuesday 11.00 am - 1.00 pm.
- Our Scripture School (beginners 10.30 am - 12 pm) (intermediate 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm) every Thursday.
- Book for our One - One Prayer and Healing Ministry, Unbound Ministry Pastoral Counselling or Spiritual accompaniment.
- Matt Talbot Calix Addiction Recovery Group 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Month, Be-Loved Faith and Support Group for Separated Ladies, St Joseph’s Food Chest for those in need.

Contact Deacon John Taaffe 0868 611 531 or Deacon Pat Butterly 0868 210 522 or Joan in the Office 0896 152 568.

## HSC NI Foster Care

HSC NI Foster Care is urgently appealing for more foster carers and supported lodgings hosts who can provide homes to young refugees who arrive in Northern Ireland without a parent or carer. For more information on becoming a foster carer or supported lodgings host, contact HSC NI Foster Care on 0800 0720 137 or visit [www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/young-refugees/](http://www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/young-refugees/)

## Diploma in Youth Ministry & Spirituality

Diploma in Youth Ministry and Spirituality from Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. The diploma is tailored for those who wish to work in Youth Ministry. For more information please see [www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses](http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses)

## 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](mailto:beraghparochial@btinternet.com) or contact the Parish Office on 02880 758 206.

## 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.

## Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, *Ellen Rose Darcy; Hugh Michael Darcy; Nellie Louise Conroy; Annie Mary Conroy and Rosie Anne Owens.*

## Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 870.00

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 12.00

Drumduff: £ 10.00

Seskinore: £ 18.50

Candles: £ 97.62

**Total: £1,008.12**

### Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Freddie Smyton; Bridie Kavanagh (Funeral in Ballygawley on Friday past).

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Martin Colton (MM).
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Maureen and Vincent Lafferty and Kevin McCabe;  John Montague.
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Private Intention.

### Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Ellen Cunningham.
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	John and Brigid Ward.

### Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	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.

## Training for Defibrillator

We are currently compiling a list of people who may wish to learn how to use the defibrillator.

If anyone is interested, please telephone the Office (02880 758 206); send an email [beraghparochial@btinternet.com](mailto:beraghparochial@btinternet.com) or put a note through the letterbox.

Please leave a telephone number so that you can be contacted.

## Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 6, 9, 15, 19 and 21. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Stephan Duffy, Dolores Gormley and Seamus McCrory . Next week's jackpot is £14,650 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA> or at local shops.

This evening, our Senior men travel to Galbally for another round in the league, in what will be their second fixture of the weekend. Throw in for reserves is at 4.30 pm and Seniors is at 6.00 pm. Next Friday, Eglisish visit St Mary's Park. Throw in for reserves is 6.45 pm and Seniors at 8.00 pm.

On Wednesday evening, the U17 lads make the short travel across to Eskra. Throw in at 7.30 pm.

In ladies football this week, our U14 girls play their preliminary round of the Championship against Tattyreagh. Throw in, in Tattyreagh, at 7.15 pm. Our Seniors host Aghaloo on Saturday evening. Throw in at 7.00 pm.

## 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](http://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](http://www.beraghparish.com) for the new link or go to [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv).

### **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](http://www.beraghparish.com)