

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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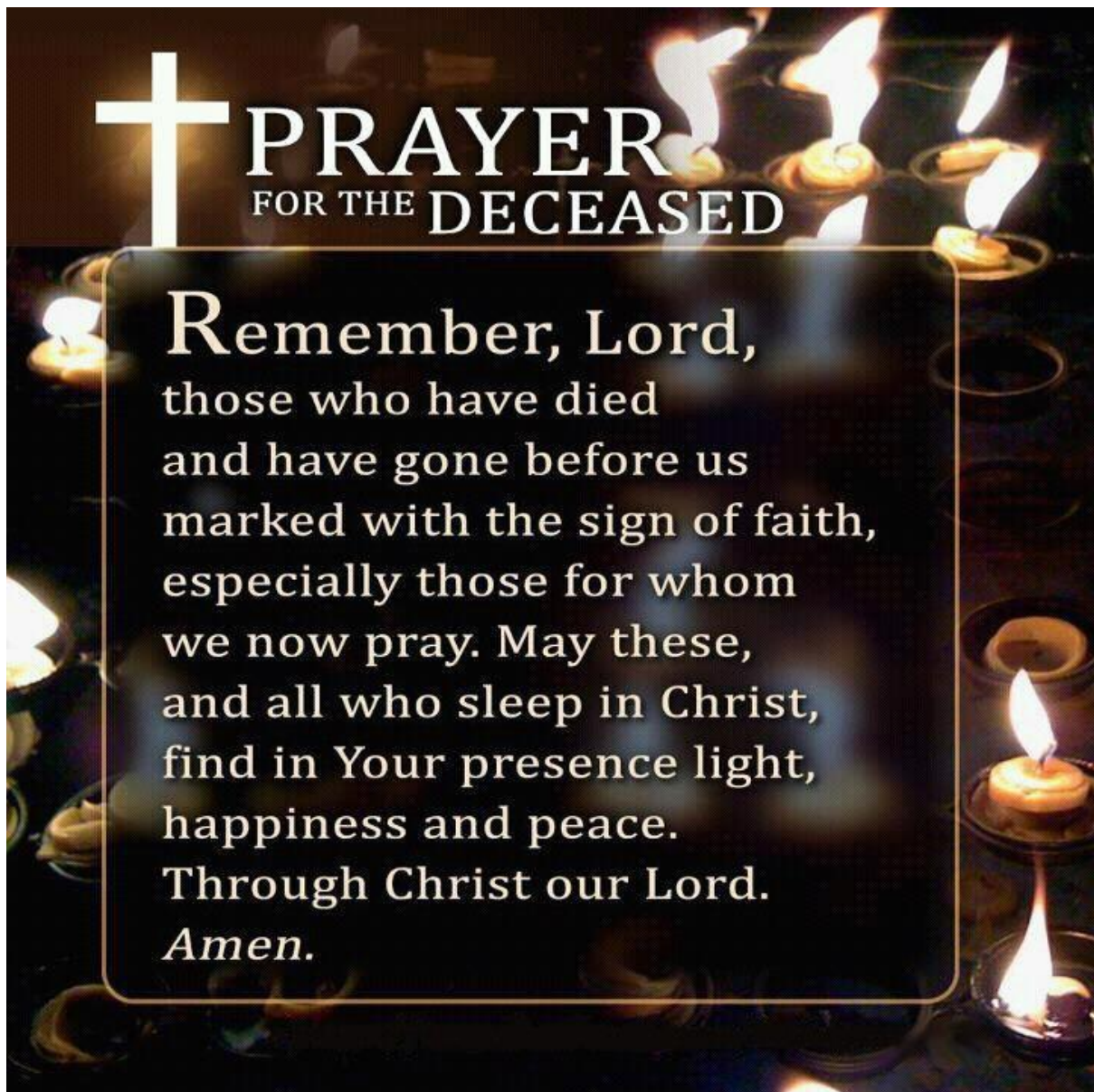
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

The month of November marks an important time within the Church's calendar when we remember those who have gone before us:

Monday 1st November we celebrate the Feast of All Saints;

Tuesday 2nd November we commemorate All the Faithful Departed;

Wednesday 3rd November we celebrate the Feast of St Malachy, native of Armagh and patron of our diocese.

Saturday 6th November we commemorate All Saints of Ireland.

It has been customary for Catholics to gain a plenary indulgence for the souls of the departed by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead from 1st November to 8th November. It is also a common practice at this time of year to complete the November Dead List to ensure that Mass is offered every month for all our deceased who will also be remembered in prayer every Sunday.

I'm sure you've often watched funeral services in some of the television soaps from across the water, where a close friend or relative of the person being buried or cremated gets up to give a eulogy. With great poignancy, they usually extol the virtues of the deceased person and stress how they will be sorely missed. It makes for powerful drama and ensures riveted viewing, but it is invariably secular in its content. When people don't have a faith dimension to their lives and when God doesn't feature too much on their agenda, then there is very little to focus on except the impact of death and the memories of the person who has died. In many of the television scenarios there is seldom a spiritual context because the people generally are non-believers or have only a vague attachment to Christian beliefs.

Writing to the Thessalonians, St Paul once offered a piece of sound advice: "My brothers and sisters, do not grieve for the dead like other people, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and that it will be the same for those who have died in Christ: God will bring them with him".

Therein lies the difference. Our faith in the resurrection offers us a reason to hope. In the face of death, we don't focus our thoughts exclusively on ourselves or even on the person who has died; we commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we pray that the divine life given at baptism may be brought to its fulfillment in eternal glory.

Therefore, I think it is regrettable when Catholic funerals imitate elements of a secular gathering like reading poetry, giving a panegyric or playing pop music. "We do not grieve like other people....." Our liturgies are sacred moments, which must be celebrated with dignity and reverence, so that our minds and hearts are raised to God.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Sacrament of Penance

There will be an opportunity for Confessions on:

Friday 5 th November	6.30 pm - 7.15 pm
Saturday 6 th November	10.30 am - 11.00 am
	12 noon - 1.00 pm
	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

November Dead List

The November Dead List forms are available at the back of the Chapel. These can be completed and returned by Friday 26th November. During the coming year, Mass will be offered each month for those people, and they will be prayed for every Sunday.

October Devotions

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and October Devotions in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh this Sunday evening (31st October) at 7.30 pm.

Beragh Parish Pastoral Council

In the past, Beragh parish has been well served by many people who worked on various Parish Councils and more recently on the Parish Pastoral Council. I want to pay tribute to those men and women and pray for those who are now deceased. In light of the Synodal Process referred to in Archbishop Eamon Martin's Pastoral Letter of last week, it is important that each parish has an active Pastoral Council. Therefore, I would like to encourage the formation of a Pastoral Council for Beragh Parish and I would be grateful to hear from parishioners who might like to be considered for this role. Before Covid 19, we had made some attempts to begin the process, but unfortunately that had to be postponed.

Very shortly there will be training and formation provided for those who might be interested in learning more, without any obligation. Please submit your name and contact details to the parish office beragparochial@btinternet.com before Friday 3rd December.

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.

Upcoming Events

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre

The following directed retreat and workshops will be led by Father Hugh Lagan SMA in November 2021. The retreat and workshops are open to everyone. Spaces are limited and the centre will operate in full compliance with all public health regulations.

Broken Open - How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow (19 - 21 November £200/€230).

Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Co. Laois - Autumn Courses **Online**

All Courses are at 19.00 - 21.00 (Irish Time) on ZOOM

To book a place please email ceo@mountstannes.com

Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?

November 3, 10, 17, 24 (Michael Drumm).

There is a lot of talk today about Celtic Spirituality. But the question arises - what exactly is it? Does such a spirituality exist? Is it anything more than romantic nostalgia for a dead past? Who were the Celts? Can we access their spiritual insights?

During this course some characteristics of Celtic life will be identified which might legitimately form the foundations for a renewed Celtic spirituality today.

€100 for full course.

Exploring the Synodal Pathway: The Ongoing Reception of Vatican II

November 4, 11, 18, 25 (Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien).

This course will explore the upcoming Synod as the continuation of the Second Vatican Council with a particular focus on the Spirituality of Synodality; the participation of all, especially young people, and the need for structures and resources to support the local church.

Janet Forbes and Oonagh O'Brien featuring Sr Nathalie Becquart and Rafael Luciani.
€100 for full course.

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.

Fundraising Update - Trócaire

In the coming weeks and months, it is possible that a Trócaire fundraiser may call to your home inviting monthly donations. Fundraising representatives will be wearing Trócaire blue branded jackets and face masks and will adhere to COVID compliance guidelines to ensure safety measures are met.

The door-to-door campaign allows us to reach people who have not donated to our Lenten appeal and also gives people the choice to donate in different ways. Monthly donations help Trócaire to plan ahead and have greater impact with the communities we exist to serve.

PS If you would like to contact Trócaire directly on any matter related to this initiative, you can contact Louise Walker on 00353 5053 225 or louise.walker@trocaire.org

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 975.00

Loose Collection: £ 44.00

Other Collections

Candles: £ 80.00

Building Fund: £ 186.00

Priest's Dues: £ 355.00

Total: £1,640.00

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Ellie May Donnelly and Tom Edward McCarney.

Congratulations to *Megan Gorman and Dean Morrow* who were married recently.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Peter McCrory; Conor Montague.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 31st October	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Nickle and Mary Grimes; Mary and Jack Donnelly; Ben Donaghy.
Monday 1st November	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 2nd November	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 4th November	7.30 pm	Bernie Owens (MM).
Friday 5th November	7.30 pm	Mary and Frank McSorley.
Saturday 6th November	10.00 am	Anne Short.
Sunday 7th November	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Seamus Donnelly; Mary Ann Owens.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 1st November **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 3rd November **9.00 am** John Daly.

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.

Youthscape Programme

Are you, or do you know of, someone aged 14 - 24 not in full-time education or work? Struggling to plan for the future, or just want to get out of the house? Youthscape is a 6-month, free, PEACE IV funded programme based in Enniskillen, Omagh, Dungannon and Donegal. Now accepting young people to start in November. Please ring 07557 178 162 or email marie.perrett@swc.ac.uk for more information.

Sponsored Indian Children

The Group wish to sincerely thank all those parishioners who continue to sponsor the education and the daily rice meal of a poor child in India.

We are proud to reach our 20th year sponsoring Indian children from Beragh Parish.

The total amount raised this year was £1,924.

If you would be interested in giving a donation, or to find out more information, please contact Kathleen on 02880 757 095.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 6, 11, 13, 15 & 17. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Dominic Donnelly. Next week's jackpot is £12,650 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA or at local shops.

No senior league this Sunday as the intermediate Championship continues. However, the Senior league returns to action next weekend, 7th November, with a fixture against Owen Roes. Throw in is at 1.00 pm. Venue is yet to be confirmed.

St Columbanus Award

Applications are invited for the St Columbanus Award - Sponsored by the Knight's of St Columbanus, Omagh.

The Award is open to individuals under 25 years of age, to groups from second level schools and colleges and groups from parishes within the area of Omagh Council.

Award aimed at projects which:

- (a) Encourage and inspire young people in the practice of their Catholic faith.
- (b) Develop leadership skills to encourage others to become more involved in their local community.
- (c) Reflects the ethos and Spirit of St Columbanus.

Application forms are available from: www.knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

Closing date for completed applications: 20th November 2021.

Baxter School of Irish Dancing

Class continues for beginners and current pupils on Fridays (6.00 pm - 7.15 pm) in St Oliver Plunkett PS, Beragh. All new beginners are welcome.

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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- 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