

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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2nd January 2022

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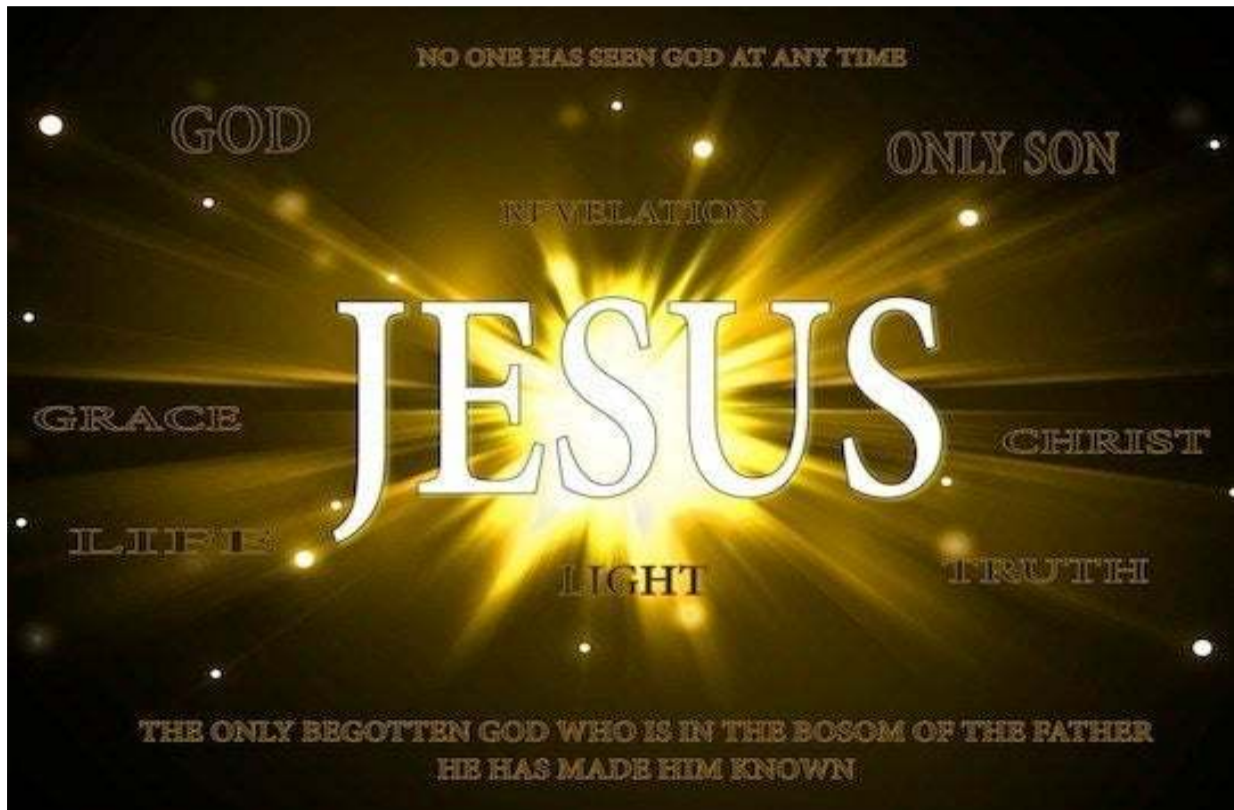
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Some weeks before Christmas I referred to that suspicious phone call in the middle of the night that bears frightening news of an unforeseen road accident. Sadly, that scenario has been all too real for four families in this locality. In the early hours of Monday morning three young men lost their lives and another has been critically injured in a horrific road accident on the Ballygawley/Omagh Road. The prayers and good wishes of people from near and far have reached out to those families whose lives have been engulfed by the aftermath of this terrible tragedy. During these short December days, we have been reflecting on the birth of Jesus and in today's Gospel St John proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. We can only pray that his light will shine into the darkness of this terrible moment and dispel some of the pain and grief from the hearts of all those affected.

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we recall the proverb: "Cherish your yesterdays, dream your tomorrows, but live your today". May we always be engaged in doing good for others and loving the men and women we meet in daily life for they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. And let us recall the

prayer of Dag Hammarskjold: "Lord, for all that has been, Thanks! For all that will be. Yes!"

May you have a safe, holy and blessed year ahead.

Monsignor Colum.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who donated to our special Christmas Collection. The total raised, including donations and fundraising, totalled £5,640. A total of 65 hampers were distributed to local families prior to Christmas, along with cash assistance and vouchers. Once again we were overwhelmed by the generosity of local people which enabled us to help so many families in our Parish. Thanks also to our local schools for their donations for our Christmas Hampers. Anyone requiring help, please contact our local helpline number 07738 837 875.

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.

Digital Advent Calendar

A popular resource for prayer and reflection during Advent is the interactive digital calendar which is now available on www.catholicbishops.ie. This year's calendar theme focuses on the theme of 'Hope'. Each day during Advent a virtual door can be opened on the calendar containing faith content, including an audio/video reflection. Now in its eighth year, this digital calendar is a well-received resource for families, schools and parishes as it offers suggestions for prayer, charity and penance during this special liturgical season.

Pathways - Adult Faith Development Programme

Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2021-2023 intake. Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? If the answer is "yes", then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10.00 am - 4.30 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom.

'Across The Hedgerow' Project (NI)

Rural Support in partnership with Young Farmer Clubs of Ulster, launched the '**Across the Hedgerow**' programme last year. This service provides older, vulnerable, and isolated members of the farming community with listening support and companionship via telephone calls. The aim is to improve the emotional wellbeing of the client. The winter months can be a very lonely and isolating time for older people; therefore, this service would provide them with the listening ear and companionship they need. If you know of any older individual, from a farming/rural community, who will benefit from this service please inform them of '**Across the Hedgerow**'.

The Rural Support Helpline: [0800 138 1678](tel:08001381678).

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:	£1,981
Loose Collection:	£ 83

Other Collections

Candles:	£ 205
Christmas Day:	£2,054
Building Fund:	£ 215
Priest's Dues:	£ 310
Total:	£4,848

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: Frank McCrystal; John McSorley;
John Sweeney (Rasharkin) - Burial in Beragh last
Monday; Annie Mulholland (Funeral in Beragh last
Wednesday); Hughie McMahon (Carrickmore);
Peter McAleer (Funeral in Beragh on Saturday);
Petey McNamee (Funeral in Beragh on Saturday);
Peter Finnegan (Funeral in Clogher on Saturday);
Nathan Corrigan (Funeral in Garvaghey on Sunday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 2nd January **9.00 am** Mass for the People.

11.30 am Margaret McDonald;
Mary McAleer.

- Tuesday 4th January** **9.00 am** Private Intention.
- Thursday 6th January** **9.00 am** Feast of the Epiphany.
7.30 pm
- Friday 7th January** **7.30 pm** Patrick and Annie McAleer
(Sixmilecross).
- Saturday 8th January** **10.00 am** Private Intention.
- Sunday 9th January** **9.00 am** Mass for the People.
- 11.30 am** Laurence Connolly;
Mamie Daly;
Mary and Jimmy Donnelly (Simon) and
all deceased family members.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 5th January **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 3rd 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.

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