

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

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## **Parish Office Opening Hours**

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

# A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

## **Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

During these days of celebration, I hope you find a few moments of quiet reflection to look upon the baby in the crib and come to realise that you too are held in the loving gaze of St Joseph and Mary, the Mother of God. May you realise, that you are a precious 'child of God'. It is also worth remembering:

*"When Jesus came into our world, he came as one in need. He was born in a borrowed stable and learned the trade of a borrowed father. He ate and slept in borrowed homes, preached from borrowed boats and entered Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey. He shared his last supper in a borrowed room. Betrayed for borrowed money, he was aided with his cross by a borrowed shoulder. He borrowed a home for his mother and was buried in a borrowed tomb. Risen and alive in power, he is still a borrower: He wishes to borrow you and me".*

And as we come to the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one, may the Lord be truly Emmanuel, 'a name which means *God is with us*'.

May God be in your heart.....that it may love what God loves: that your love be loyal and generous, forgiving and understanding - not demanding too much, nor giving too little. May you have the strength to face the future with trust - to leave all in God's hands, patient in sorrow, grateful in joy.

May God be in your speech.....that you may not wound the heart of any man or woman - that you may not affront their dignity nor lessen your own. May your words bring light and consolation; may they lift the hearts of others to grant peace in the midst of storms and light in the midst of darkness.

May God be in your eyes ..... that you may see clearly and purely - that you may see beyond the small and the mean, the trivial and the unimportant. May you see your neighbour's needs and not their faults; may you observe their generosity and ignore their shortcomings.

May God be with your hands.....to heal and not to hurt; to build and not to spoil; to work and not be idle. May your hands be open in generosity and uplifted in prayer.

May God be with you.....that you may not ignore the call of Mercy. May you always show compassion to the weak and be attentive to the poor. May God be with you in your going and in your coming and may you impart to others something of God's care.

May God be in your home.....and give you there the precious things that really matter: service, respect, appreciation and unswerving love that promotes peace and harmony.

May God shower you with graces and assist you with his angels and saints - may the Virgin Mother protect you, so that hand in hand with Christ, her Son, you may walk securely into the future with confidence and trust, now and always. Amen.

**With every blessing for a happy and peaceful 2021      Monsignor Colum.**

### Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:                      £1,713

Loose Collection:                        £    58

#### **Other Collections**

Candles:                                  £  137

Christmas Day:                         £1,968

Building Fund:                         £  235

Priest's Dues:                            £  965

**Total:                                      £5,076**

## Thanks

In relation to the figures above, I wish to thank sincerely all who contributed so generously to various collections over Christmas and to those who updated their weekly donations. It is my prayer that the Lord will reward abundantly all who continue to support the parish, especially in these challenging times. Appreciation and thanks also to the people who regularly count the collections.

## Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Nugent; Patrick O'Hagan; Noelle Mitford; Betty Neville; Sheila Hannigan (Funeral and Burial in Beragh on Thursday); Anthony Duffy (Funeral and Burial in Beragh on Saturday).

**During the coming week, evening Masses will be at 6.30 pm.**

## Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Mary McAleer.
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Feast of the Epiphany.
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Mamie and John Daly.
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Vincent McDaid.
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Mary and Jimmy Donnelly (Simon) and deceased members of the Donnelly Family;  Laurence Connolly;  John & Catherine McCabe and Rita McElhatton and Paul & Noelle Mitford and Bridie Clements.

**St Malachy's Church, Seskinore**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January      6.30 pm      Private Intention.**

**Church of St Patrick, Drumduff**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January      9.00 am      Feast of the Epiphany.**

**Oratory, Sixmilecross**

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

**St Vincent de Paul Society, Beragh**

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Beragh, would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas Appeal. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people this year, including the contributions from our local schools.

Our special collection, along with donations received, amounted to £6,177.00. We were also able to make 67 hampers from food donated and these were all distributed to local families.

This was a different Christmas for so many people, but we wish to thank everyone, who through their generosity, enabled us to reach so many families in need in our Parish in the run up to Christmas.

**ASPIRE**

ASPIRE, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview preparation. ASPIRE also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements.

Contact ASPIRE on Omagh 02882 246 535, Enniskillen 02866 326 478, mobile 07799 471 448 or email [aspire@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:aspire@fermanaghomagh.com)

### **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.

### **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) 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.