

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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



— *A Prayer for a Happy Marriage* —

LORD, we ask You to bless this couple & make them...

Beautiful, inside & out: *"Clothe yourselves... with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."* - 1 Peter 3:4

Respectful & loving toward one another: *"Let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."* - Ephesians 5:33

Industrious & hardworking: *"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."* - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Devoted to one another fully: *"Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another."* - Romans 12:10

Encouraging both in word & deed: *"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, just as you are in fact doing."* - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

& We pray, O God, that You would help them to be...

Gentle & patient toward one another: *"Be completely humble & gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."* - Ephesians 4:2

Righteous & steadfast in their integrity: *"The righteous person lives a life of integrity; happy are his children who follow him!"* - Proverbs 20:7

One—physically, spiritually & emotionally: *"So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."* - Matthew 19:6

Obedient to Your holy Word: *"Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind."* - Ecclesiastes 12:13

Mature in their understanding: *"Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind."* - 1 Corinthians 14:20

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Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

In the time of Jesus, the Jewish vision of marriage was very high, but in practice, divorce was easy to obtain. Some people held that even the spoiling of food, or talking to a strange man, or criticising her in-laws, was sufficient grounds for a man to divorce his wife. There were fewer options for a woman to divorce her husband!! Small wonder,

then that Jesus took a line on divorce that brings us back to the original plan, where two become one in body, heart and mind. Most great religions have sacred stories which account for the beginning of creation and the origins of the human race. The Book of Genesis has two stories of creation, the second of which is recalled in today's First Reading. These stories are not intended to be interpreted as historically or scientifically factual; they are, however, deeply religious and loaded with profound significance.

By recalling the creation story from Genesis, Jesus reminds us of an essential truth: the life we enjoy comes from God as a gift. From the beginning we were created for others - "companion", "help mate", "flesh from my flesh", to be cherished and loved, to be respected and esteemed.

And so, this is what Christian marriage is meant to be: complete unconditional love. The following prayer captures something of the reality and the hopes that we carry in our hearts for all married couples:

"Dear Lord, we thank you for our marriage and we bless you for guiding us to where we are today. You say that love is patient and kind, yet there are days when we are anything but patient and we are seldom as respectful as we should be. Your compassion and your grace have reached out to us more than we have ever deserved. Help us to forgive each other, as you forgive us. And grant us the strength and the courage to hold on to each other when many things in this world threaten to pull us apart. Amen."

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

October Devotions

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and October Devotions in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh this Sunday evening (3rd October) at 7.30 pm.

Prayer Service for our Schools and our Pupils

On Monday 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, there will be a short Prayer Service in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 7.30 pm to mark the beginning of the new school year and to invoke God's blessing on our children and on all who contribute to their formation in the three schools of Beragh Parish. I extend a warm invitation to those who serve on boards of governors, to teachers and ancillary staff and of course to parents and young people.

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.

Sick and Housebound

I wish to thank those people who made contact requesting a visit to a number of parishioners who are presently confined. In keeping with Covid 19 regulations, I will attend people in their homes over the coming weeks.

The Hail Holy Queen Conference

On Saturday, 9th October, The Hail Holy Queen Conference will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2.00 pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr Patrick Kenny, Fr Gerry McCloskey and Dr Blythe Kaufman.

On Sunday 10th October, the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30 pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely, being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 0872 786 552.

Upcoming Events

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre

The following directed retreat and workshops will be led by Father Hugh Lagan SMA in October and 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.

Hello You - Finding the Joy, Purpose and Happiness You Deserve (18 - 21 October £280/€325).

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

Title: Laudato Si' in our Contemporary World

October 6, 13, 20, 27 (Sean McDonagh).

This course will explore Laudato Si and the Challenges of Biodiversity and Climate Change. €100 for full course.

Women in the Bible: Our Mothers in Faith

October 7, 14, 21, 28 (Rosalie Moloney).

The diverse women of the Bible offer us inspiring examples of Faith in action. This course invites us to follow in the footsteps of some of these remarkable but very human characters: from Ruth and Naomi and the mothers of Genesis to the women of Jesus' parables and the female leaders of the early Church. €100 for full course.

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.

Annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England - 23rd October

Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham.

For all those for whom distance prevents them attending in person, the Shrine livestream (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>) will carry the main events of the day so that those watching online can join in with the prayers and devotions. The main programme commences with the midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. Details of the remainder of the programme can be found on our website at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>.

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: £ 877

Other Collections

Candles: £ 116

Building Fund: £ 131

Priest's Dues: £ 140

Total: £1,264

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Eoin Kerr; Michael Coyle (Funeral in Loughmacrory last Monday); Bernie Owens (Funeral in Beragh on Thursday past).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 3rd October	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Eugene and Mary Tierney; Rose and John McDaid.
Monday 4th October	7.30 pm	Prayer Service for our Schools, Parents and Pupils.
Tuesday 5th October	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 7th October	7.30 pm	Anthony Haigney (MM).
Friday 8th October	7.30 pm	Paddy Bogan.
Saturday 9th October	10.00 am	Charles and Cassie McKenna and their daughter Mary Dowd.

Sunday 10th October **9.00 am** Mass for the People.

11.30 am Frank Mulholland.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 4th October **9.00 am** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 6th October **7.30 pm** Kitty and Sr Teresa Farley.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

Mary’s Meals

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our recent sale of Tyrone merchandise - an amazing total of £2,410 was raised.

Mary’s Meals are now reaching more than two million children every day, and to celebrate this, Stormont will light up in blue on Saturday 9th October.

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator has now been installed at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week’s lotto numbers were 4, 9, 18, 23 & 29. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Ann McDonald, Gerard and Catherine McWilliams and Brian Somerville. Next week’s jackpot is £12,450 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA> or at local shops.

This morning (Sunday) our U16 girls play their second game of their league against Fintona, having begun their campaign on Sunday past. Throw in is at 11.00 am.

Next Sunday (10 October), our Senior and Reserve men travel to Clogher. Another important clash for both sides and all support would be appreciated. The games throw in at Clogher at 2.15 pm and 3.45 pm respectively.

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:

- 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