

Beragh Parish Bulletin



Palm Sunday

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Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today we begin the celebrations of Holy Week with an unfolding story of anguish, betrayal, crucifixion, and death. On this Passion Sunday and in our liturgies of the coming week we will recall the last difficult days of Jesus, who was rejected, mocked and abandoned. Holy Week will bring us to Calvary, the place of brutality, where criminals were put to death, suspended on beams of wood and left to die. In his retelling of the passion story, St Luke goes out of his way to stress that Jesus was an innocent man as proclaimed by the centurion, “This was a great and good man”.

Holy Week affords us an opportunity to enter into this extraordinary event in the company of the poor, the broken hearted and those who live on the edges of society. We should think of all the suffering people we know and people we will never meet. We remember in a particular way all who are victims of war in Ukraine - we think of mothers and children fleeing their homes and all refugees driven from their homeland. We call to mind the mother from Zimbabwe who features on this year’s Trocaire box, and we imagine countless families living in abject poverty. All of these are walking their own “via dolorosa” or way of suffering with Christ. May we walk in solidarity with them.

St Luke’s account of the last journey of Jesus reminds us that our greatest triumph lies in how we relate to others, regardless of how they relate to us. We may have little control over the way other people treat us or regard us, but we have some control over how we react. If we respond like Jesus, then we share in his triumph. When we retain our dignity and our patience in the face of opposition or disturbance, then the triumph of Jesus takes flesh in our lives. The story of Jesus becomes our story and the love of God which he revealed most powerfully as he died on the cross, is also revealed in us.

May you have a blessed Holy Week. Monsignor Colum.

Collection for Ukraine

A very sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent collection in support of Ukraine. The total amount forwarded was £2,990.00

Adoration at Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Crying Chapel from after Mass until 10.00 pm on Thursday evening. We are asked to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, for a return to Mass and the Sacraments by those who have lapsed, for peace in the world, especially Ukraine, and for the Holy Father's intentions.

Good Friday

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. On this day we are invited to make a donation to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be Confessions in Seskinore on Monday at 7.00 pm; in Beragh on Tuesday at 9.30 am and in Drumduff on Wednesday at 8.30 am.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trocaire needs our help more than ever. Out of the media spotlight this year, countless families are suffering in forgotten crises from Covid to poverty and climate change. Please return your Trócaire box to help them or give directly on www.trocaire.org or by Freephone 1800 408 408 and let love be their lifeline.

Donations from Northern Ireland or the UK made before May 2022 will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

This year the Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May and will be joined by the Diocese of Dromore and the Knights of Columbanus.

Accord

Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Courses. Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie Selections will take place in June with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families.

2022 /2023 Envelopes and Parish Finances

A word of appreciation and thanks to those people who helped distribute the new boxes of envelopes throughout the parish. It goes without saying that apart from the devastating effects of Covid and the impact of the war in Ukraine, many people are struggling with a wide range of financial challenges. All the more reason why I want to thank sincerely those parishioners who continue to support the parish by returning their envelopes, and in many cases backdating their contributions. I also compliment the growing number of parishioners who have opted to pay by standing order or direct debit.

It is understandable that the parish income for the past two years has been severely affected, especially during times of 'lock down' when people were not able to attend Mass. Unfortunately, there was no reprieve for service utilities like water, oil, electricity and insurance along with other sundry parish expenses. Therefore, I am gently suggesting, if you can, to complete outstanding envelopes and return them in the coming weeks. I would also encourage parishioners to consider the advantages of online giving and I would remind everyone of the enormous benefit to the parish of signing up for GIFT aid. The relevant forms are available from the parish office.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who contributes in any way to the upkeep of the parish, especially in these challenging times. It is my prayer that "the Lord who sees all that is done in secret" will reward you abundantly.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

There will be **NO 5.30 pm Mass** in St Patrick's Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre

Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre, Wednesday 13th April (5.00 pm) - Easter Sunday 17th April (9.00 am). This will be an opportunity for quiet reflection as you celebrate the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Seder Meal on Wednesday and ends with Dawn Mass and Easter breakfast.

Cost (includes accommodation and meals) £340/€400.

Tel. 028 30 821 964 admin@dromantineconference.com

New Missionary Group: Apostles of Love Ireland

Check out our Facebook and website 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 3rd 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/

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC)

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC) are seeking to recruit an exceptional individual who will lead us into the next phase of our work. The General Secretary is the senior executive officer, who will provide analytical and strategic analysis and direction to inter-church relations and ecumenism in Ireland.

The details and the application pack are available at www.irishchurches.org/vacancy.

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

Review of Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Armagh

The Archdiocese of Armagh has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) to conduct a review of safeguarding practice in March 2022. If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Archdiocese, we invite you to come forward to us at the Diocesan Office (02837 525 592), or to the NBSCCCI (01-5053124).

If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Mr Aidan Gordon on (028) 3752 5592/078 4110 1687 or Ms Eleanor Kelly on (028) 3752 5592/075 8432 3138. You may also wish to contact An Garda Síochána/PSNI or TUSLA/HSC.

An Garda Síochána may be contacted on the Confidential Reporting Line 1800 666 111

The PSNI may be contacted on 10; Tusla may be contacted on 042 939 2200

The Southern HSC Trust may be contacted on 028 3756 7100

Lenten Reflections in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

On each of the Tuesday evenings during Lent, a guest speaker will join in St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30 pm to help us reflect on each of the following themes. People may wish to join in person or via St Patrick's Cathedral Webcam.

Tuesday 12th April "Grief - a process that's experienced one day at a time" (Paul Mallon)

Originally from Co Tyrone, Paul is a counsellor in a private practice in Armagh City. He also works with businesses and public sector organisations and is currently the resident counsellor in the Southern Regional College, Armagh. Having previously worked in engineering, he works as an Emotional Freedom Technique Practitioner. He has contributed EFT meditations to the recently launched "Sibling Grief Club", a local support group website for the bereaved.

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.

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, *Sáerlaith Lillie Owens*.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 301.00

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 25.00

Drumduff: £ 5.00

Seskinore: £ 27.50

Other Collections

Candles: £ 109.20

Priest's Dues: £1,284.00

Total: £1,751.70

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Eugene McGarvey;
Philip McHugh (Castleberg) - Funeral in Lettercran
on Sunday;
Niall Colgan (Belfast);
Francie Houston (Falcarragh) - Funeral on Sunday.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 10th April	11.30 am	Lawrence McGirr; Olly Keenan; (MM) Kitty, Joe, John and Kathleen Donnelly; Danny McDonald; George, Brigid and Fr Sean McCartan; Annie and Patrick McAleer (Roscavey).
Monday 11th April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 12th April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
	9.00 am	Mickey McAleer.
Wednesday 13th April	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Chrism Mass (Armagh)	7.00 pm	
Thursday 14th April	7.30 pm	Joe and Maggie Donnelly.
Friday 15th April	7.30 pm	Good Friday Ceremonies.
Saturday 16th April	9.00 pm	Easter Vigil.
Sunday 17th April	11.30 am	Owen Montague; Peggy and John McNelis; John McCrystal; Sean Owens;

Barney O'Neill;

Margaret Owens;

Lucy Jane O'Neill.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 13th April 9.00 am Private Intention.

Friday 15th April 3.00 pm Stations of the Cross.

Sunday 17th April 9.00 am Private Intention.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 11th April 7.30 pm Private Intention.

Friday 15th April 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross.

Sunday 17th April 10.00 am Private Intention.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

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

The Devine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday (15th April) and concludes on Mercy Sunday (24th April).

This year the ceremonies are in St Mary's Church, Aughnacloy.

Confessions at 2.30 pm.

The Divine Chaplet will be recited before 3.00 pm Mass.

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 or put a note through the letterbox.

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

Choir Practice

There will be a choir practice in the Chapel on Monday evening (11th April) at 7.30 pm.

Everyone welcome.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 3, 7, 8, 17 and 20. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Siobhan McGinty. Next week's jackpot is £13,850 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA or at local shops.

Our next Beragh Disco is on Wednesday 13th April. Tickets for the event have again sold out. Thanks to all who have bought.

The Beragh 5 is fast approaching!! Next weekend, 16th April, the 5 mile road race and 5k walk/run will take place. A big crowd is expected so get there early. Registration will be on the night before in our clubrooms, from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm. The race starts at 11.00 am Saturday morning.

Calling all budding artists! The Painting Workshops are back! Suitable for all children aged 5+. Happening on Tuesday 19th April 10.00 am - 12.30 pm. Create your own masterpiece to take home with step by step instructions, guided by Nicola. £10 per child. Booking essential - text Nicola to register 07 538 122 275.

This morning (Sunday) our U14 girls begin their league campaign in Drumragh. Throw in in Clanabogan is at 11.00 am. While on Tuesday night, the minor girls host Strabane, throw in at 7.00 pm.

On Wednesday evening, our U17 host neighbours Eskra in round 4 of their league campaign. Throw in at 6.45 pm. Then on Saturday morning the U13 travel to Kildress, throw in at 11.00 am.

Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 0872 786 552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Clogher Valley Pieta Darkness into Light

The upcoming Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley Walk takes place on Saturday 7th May at 4.15 am starting from Ballygawley Hall.

The registration link is: www.darknessintolight.ie and you will receive a free memorial T-Shirt when you sign up. You can register as an individual, family or large group/club.

We will be supporting local charity The Niamh Louise Foundation whilst also supporting Pieta House.

If anyone has any questions please email: Ballygawley@darknessintolight.ie or visit our Facebook page Darkness Into Light Clogher Valley.

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.
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- 3 Streaming on our website - www.maria.ie
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- 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