

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



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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,

Partings are never easy, and farewells are tinged with sadness. September can be a difficult month for parents: it's not easy to let go the tiny hand that tightens its grip as you approach school on the child's first morning. The parent realises there will be many partings throughout life, but this is probably the most significant. No wonder there are tears!! Gradually, the situation improves and before long the young ones have made new friends and the word of the teacher carries extraordinary weight.

Further down the road and further into the month of September and October other parents are preparing for older ones heading off to university or college. The many anxieties of this parting are captured well in the following prayer with all its simplicity and honesty:

*We left her at college, Lord, and it was all so new and strange to us. All those young people looking bright and excited, and not noticing us, and speaking a language we could not easily understand. And then the buildings, so huge and easy to get lost in, and fairly impersonal. We pray that she'll like it, Lord, and settle in and not meet the wrong people, but make good friends. May she not take to drugs or get pregnant or do anything that would cause us pain.*

*It all seems so open and free and easy. We're scared for her, Lord; she is still our child. And though she must grow and learn, please don't let her grow away from us, get too clever and too grand, and turn up her nose at what she has left behind. You see, Lord, we have so many worries for her that we can only pray and leave her to your care. Watch over her and keep her safe, Lord. Amen.*

And so, we do pray that God's Spirit will come upon all our young people and protect them from harm. Despite the many attractions and distractions of life may they always find the time and place for silence and reflection. May they never become so preoccupied with the outer world that they forget the inner world - the world of the spirit, the depths of the human heart, the place where Christ dwells. And from the stillness of solitude may they recognise the value of companionship. May they have a desire for justice and grow in wisdom, responsibility, and maturity.

**Every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

### **Trocaire**

During the week I received a letter from Siobhan Hanley, Head of NI Region, to express, once again, Trocaire's gratitude to the people of Beragh for their response to the Lenten Appeal of 2021. In addition to the UK Government's promise to match all donations, Trocaire has been able to support 2.7 million people in 25 countries. The two women Awut and Ajak, featured on the Trocaire box and posters, represent those many people whose lives have been improved. "They are a perfect example of what can be achieved if we work together".

## 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.

Called By A New Name - Refocus, Recharge and Reconnect in a Post-Pandemic World (3 - 8 October £420/€490).

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).

### Lough Derg

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12 km loop, with a shorter 8 km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0 (0353) 71 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)  
Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

### Anam Cara Parental & Sibling Bereavement Support Group Online meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join them for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc> or contact [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) / [info@anamcarani.co.uk](mailto:info@anamcarani.co.uk) or 085 288 8888 & NI 0289 521 3120.

### 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](mailto: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 - 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:louise.walker@trocaire.org)

### **Summary of Beragh Parish Collections**

Weekly Envelopes: £1,161

Loose Collection: £ 3

#### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 127

Peter's Pence: £ 69

Grave: £ 100

Building Fund: £ 205

Priest's Dues: £ 210

**Total: £1,875**

## Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

**Recently Deceased:** Eilish McCarney; Rose McGurk;  
Jim Montgomery; Jean McMackin;  
Helen Devlin; Anthony Haigney (Funeral in  
Beragh on Wednesday past).

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**    **9.00 am**    Mass for the People.  
  
   **11.30 am**    Denis Hannigan;  
  
   Patrick and Ellen Donnelly.  
  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**    **9.00 am**    Private Intention.  
  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**    **7.30 am**    Private Intention.  
  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**        **7.30 pm**    Private Intention.  
  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September**    **10.00 am**    Private Intention.  
  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**        **9.00 am**    Mass for the People.  
  
   **11.30 am**    William Spear and deceased members  
   of the Spear Family.

### Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**    **7.30 pm**    Private Intention.

### Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**    **9.00 am**    Barney McCullagh.

### 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.

## **Beragh Red Knights GAA**

Last week's lotto numbers were 7, 8, 19, 23 & 26. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Liz Breen, Kieran Grimes & Darryl Meenagh. Next week's jackpot is £12,300 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

[https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh\\_Red\\_Knights\\_GAA](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA) or at local shops.

Next Sunday (19th), the Senior League is set to return. Our Senior and Reserve men are set to play Greencastle at 2.15 pm & 3.45 pm respectively, with venue to be confirmed.

## **Baxter School of Irish Dancing**

Class resumes for beginners and current pupils from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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](http://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](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 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](http://www.beraghparish.com)