

# Beragh Parish Bulletin



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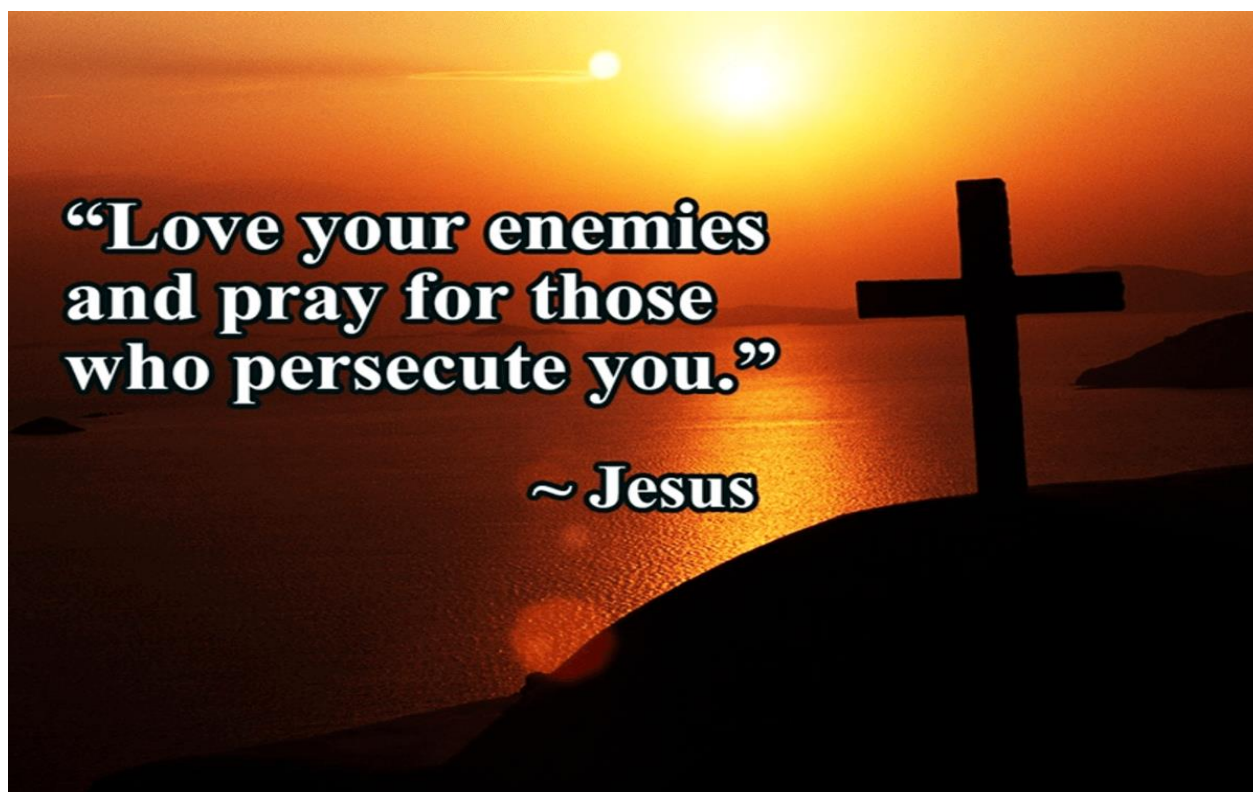
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## Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Leading up to the time of Jesus it was acceptable to apply the law of retaliation: “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”. In other words, it was alright to exercise revenge, strike back at those who caused harm and destroy the enemy. By contrast the words of Jesus in today’s gospel, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who treat you badly” would have sounded totally absurd. The extraordinary reversal of normal practice and the radical call to a different way of behaving would have seemed utterly ludicrous. Most listeners would have considered this teaching folly in the extreme. No wonder they wanted to get rid of him!

Today the teaching of Jesus is still radical and revolutionary because of our dog-eat-dog mentality; levelling the score and getting even is

still very much the norm. We are invited, therefore, to model our behaviour on the life of Jesus who urges us to turn the other cheek, to give to those who ask and to be compassionate as God is compassionate. The teaching of Jesus prompts us to let go of our fears, to be generous with our forgiveness and allow God to take control of our lives.

Our world desperately needs people who can overcome evil with good and exercise forgiveness which is the hallmark of the Christian.

Nelson Mandela once remarked that we make peace with our enemies, not with our friends. Consequently, the one who forgives is the one who has the greater strength. Not to forgive is to allow someone else have power over me. They are in my thoughts and my thoughts about them disturb my peace and annoy me so that I am in a constant state of dis-ease.

One of the petitions in the Lord's Prayer is where we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. When we say these words, we are in effect placing ourselves in a bind - we are putting a condition on God's forgiveness, and that condition is that God should forgive us to the extent that we forgive those who have hurt us. Who said it was easy to be a follower of Jesus Christ? !!

**With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.**

# **Consultation**

Archbishop Eamon Martin and Bishop Michael Router are inviting all of us during February to take part in the **Consultation** for the Universal Synod of the Church. They emphasise that our response, and the responses of various groups and organisations, across the Archdiocese, will be very helpful and will contribute greatly to a listening process that is taking place around the world.

However, because of Covid 19, many people are still cautious and might be reluctant to attend public gatherings. Therefore, the Synodal Core Group in the Archdiocese of Armagh are proposing an alternative means of participation.

They have organised a virtual consultation that will broadcast twice a day 3.00 pm and 8.30 pm, Monday to Friday, from 7<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> February on the St. Patrick's Cathedral Webcam. The presentation lasts 45 minutes and it can be accessed through the Armagh Parish Website at [www.armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam](http://www.armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam). Similarly, it is available on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch/S3scX2xCX0Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch/S3scX2xCX0Y) or on the [www.armaghprays.com](http://www.armaghprays.com) website.

I would encourage people to avail of the opportunity to learn more about the Synodal journey and to make your response.

## **Easing of Covid 19 Restrictions**

Once again, I offer our sincere gratitude to the Parish Covid Team and to all the other helpers who have ensured our wellbeing in coming to Mass during the past two years.

Following a very helpful meeting on Thursday evening, the following issues were discussed:

- The Omicron Variant of Covid 19 is prevalent within the community;
- We recognise that some people are vulnerable and others remain cautious;
- We appreciate parishioners' desire to have weekend Masses in all three chapels;
- We want to ensure that people feel comfortable and safe about returning to week-end Mass;

- It was agreed that we need to move gradually and carefully towards re-opening the other two chapels;
- We wish to see families and young people return to the practice of weekend Mass;
- The Parish Bulletin in hardcopy would be appreciated by some;
- It was noted that wheelchairs are available in each of the three chapels, and these could be used to facilitate parishioners with mobility issues.

The following details were agreed:

- St Patrick's Drumduff and St Malachy's Seskinore will resume regular Masses on the weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022;
- Mass times will be: - Drumduff Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm; Sunday Masses - Seskinore at 10.00 am and Beragh at 11.30 am;
- The current regulations will continue for the time being: every person will sanitise hands before and after Mass; Holy Water will not be available at the entrance; parishioners should observe social distancing; no sign of peace; Holy Communion to be received in the hand and not the tongue; envelopes can be placed in collection boxes provided; seats will be sanitised after Mass;
- Face coverings should continue to be used;
- In each church area, we need to put in place teams of people to take responsibility for sanitising and cleansing of those buildings.

The following arrangements were proposed:

- Small teams of volunteers from Drumduff and Seskinore areas are required;
- In the near future there will be a full meeting of these people to discuss the practical details involved;
- In consultation with the Parish Safeguarding Team, we should consider reinstating altar servers;
- The current arrangements whereby the seats in Beragh chapel are sanitised every evening by those on the Rota List will now cease;
- Visitors to the chapel during the day will take responsibility for sanitising the place they occupy;
- Cloths and cleaning materials for this purpose will be made available;
- The necessary instructions and directions will be posted in the hallway.

### **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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> May and Confirmation on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 620

Loose Collection: £ 35

### **Other Collections**

Candles: £ 81

Sick and Retired Priests: £ 25

Building Fund: £ 385

Priest's Dues: £ 200

**Total: £1,346**

## 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:** Felix McNally; Frances McGinley;  
Fr Paddy Larkin (Funeral in Ravensdale);  
Fr Seamus McGinley (Funeral last Tuesday  
in Garvaghey).

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Mass for the People.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Teresa Donnelly;  Peter Corcoran;  Madeline Slane.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Louis McNamee and deceased members of the McNamee Family.
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention.
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Mass for the People.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	Patsy and Terence Mullin and their son Joe;  Dan, Rose and deceased members of the McSorley Family;  Michael Mullin.

### Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 9.00 am** Private Intention.

### Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 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.

## **Beragh Red Knights GAA**

Last week’s lotto numbers were 5, 10, 19, 20 and 21. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Nellie Cox, Malachy Ward and Sean Fitzmaurice. Next week’s jackpot is £13,450 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.

The Club would like to thank Naomi and all at Centra, Curr Road for giving us the opportunity to sell our 5-Star Lotto tickets in their store. Draw takes place every Monday night, £1/line for a chance of winning the jackpot.

After a number of years without - the Beragh 5 is scheduled for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 11.00 am. Due to the pandemic, the 5 mile road race and 5k walk/run has not taken place since 2019. The Club would like to invite all who would like to participate. Follow our Club social media pages to keep up to date.

It is that time of the year again, where Club Membership is due. The Club would like to encourage as many as possible to do it online, by simply following this link,

<https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh%20Red%Knights%20GAA/Membership#MembershipOptions>.

## **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)