

Beragh Parish Bulletin



**The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
21st November 2021**

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Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today's Gospel and the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we exercise influence and leadership. We notice in St John's gospel that the authority of Pontus Pilate came from his position as Roman Governor. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for.

Three reflections for your consideration:

You might call to mind people you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus because they inspired you. It may have been a teacher, a family member or a significant person in the community. During these short November days, commend them to God's mercy and pray that they be rewarded for their good example and gentle witness.

The values of God's Kingdom can't be imposed; it is never a matter of forcing people into compliance. Reflecting on your own experience as a parent, as a teacher or a group leader, you might recall an occasion when you realised the limitations of using force. What was the learning in terms of the carrot or the stick?

Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and to remind us that we are all created for a purpose. Who are today's witnesses to truth in the world? Who are the people whose example and lifestyle has impressed you, either now or in the past? What special qualities do such people possess?

As an integral part of our vocation, we are called to promote God's Kingdom by respecting and protecting God's creation and to share its bountiful gifts fairly and justly with each other and especially with the less fortunate.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Commemoration of our Dead

It has been the custom to come together in the month of November to remember our dead and to pray particularly for those who have died during the previous twelve months. Last year, because of the circumstances relating to Covid-19, we offered an alternative format for the Memorial Prayer Service and many people commented favourably. Therefore, I am suggesting we will use something similar this year.

There have been 18 deaths/burials in Beragh parish during the past twelve months. On Sunday 28th November, the last Sunday of the month, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh from 3.00 pm until 4.30 pm.

During each half hour period we will pray specially for six people from the list of those who have died, beginning 20th November 2020. They will be prayed for by name and candles will be placed on the altar in their memory. Family and friends of those people will be invited to come at that time, if they wish to do so. All other parishioners are invited to come and pray at any time.

The arrangements are as follows:

3.00 pm - 3.30 pm	Margaret Corrigan
	Johnny Clarke
	Peter Nugent
	Betty Neville
	Sheila Hannigan
	Anto Duffy

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Michael Kerr
Michael Murphy
Carmel O'Hanlon
Ellen Jane Conroy
Lawrence McGirr
Anne McCarney

4.0 pm - 4.30 pm

Noelle Mitford
Maureen McGarrity
James Montgomery
Helen Devlin
Anthony Haigney
Bernie Owens

Week of Witness Sunday 21st November - Saturday 27th November 2021

Week of Witness will take place from Sunday 21st November -

Saturday 27th November 2021. During the week, we will remember all who have given great witness to their faith in the past and those who continue to give witness today and all who will continue to give great witness in the future.

On Wednesday 24th November (Red Wednesday) Archbishop Eamon will celebrate a special Liturgy in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, at 7.30 pm. As part of the Liturgy, the Archbishop will speak with two young people who give great witness to their faith today.

People are invited to wear something red on the evening as we remember all who have given and all who continue to give great witness to their faith today.

After the Liturgy, Archbishop Eamon will launch a new book in The Synod Hall titled "In His Master's Footsteps - The Way of the Cross in the company of St Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop and Martyr" edited by Canon Benedict Fee.

All are welcome to join on the evening.

Alcohol Awareness Week 16th - 22nd November 2021

Al-Anon offering Family support for those affected by alcoholism

Local people, from all backgrounds, are being urged to think about their drinking as we approach Alcohol Awareness Week 16th - 22nd November.

Al-Anon wishes to remind the community that help is available for anyone who needs it.

In Northern Ireland there are 48 Al-Anon groups, and more than 700 Al-Anon Family Groups throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland. They provide support to anyone whose life is, or has been affected by someone else drinking.

Anything discussed within an Al-Anon meeting is treated as confidential, including your presence at the meeting.

There are no fees for membership or attending meetings as Al-Anon is funded solely through members own voluntary donations and a collection will normally be held at each meeting.

Meetings usually last an hour and a half.

“You don’t need to speak at a meeting unless you are comfortable doing so” said a spokesperson. “You can sit and listen.”

All meetings are listed on the website www.al-anonuk.org.uk, or you can call our Confidential Helpline on [02890682368](tel:02890682368) 10.00 am - 1.00 pm or 6.00 pm - 10.00 pm.

‘Across The Hedgerow’ Project (NI)

Rural Support in partnership with Young Farmer Clubs of Ulster, launched the ‘**Across the Hedgerow**’ programme last year. This service provides older, vulnerable, and isolated members of the farming community with listening support and companionship via telephone calls. The aim is to improve the emotional wellbeing of the client. The winter months can be a very lonely and isolating time for older people; therefore, this service would provide them with the listening ear and companionship they need. If you know of any older individual, from a farming/rural community, who will benefit from this service please inform them of ‘**Across the Hedgerow**’.

The Rural Support Helpline: [0800 138 1678](tel:08001381678).

Pathways - Adult Faith Development Programme

Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2021-2023 intake.

Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? If the answer is “yes”, then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10.00 am - 4.30 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom.

Support the Benedictine Community

Buy your Christmas gifts at the shop of Holy Cross Abbey, 119 Kilbroney Road, Rostrevor, Co. Down BT34 3BN.

Candles and Soaps made by the monks, Books and a range of different gifts.

Shop opens 9.00 am -11.00 am and 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm.

www.benedictinemonks.co.uk

November Dead List

The November Dead List forms are available at the back of the Chapel. These can be completed and returned by Friday 26th November. During the coming year, Mass will be offered each month for those people, and they will be prayed for every Sunday.

Beragh Parish Pastoral Council

In the past, Beragh parish has been well served by many people who worked on various Parish Councils and more recently on the Parish Pastoral Council. I want to pay tribute to those men and women and pray for those who are now deceased. In light of the Synodal Process referred to in Archbishop Eamon Martin's Pastoral Letter of last week, it is important that each parish has an active Pastoral Council. Therefore, I would like to encourage the formation of a Pastoral Council for Beragh Parish and I would be grateful to hear from parishioners who might like to be considered for this role. Before Covid 19, we had made some attempts to begin the process, but unfortunately that had to be postponed.

Very shortly there will be training and formation provided for those who might be interested in learning more, without any obligation. Please submit your name and contact details to the parish office beragparochial@btinternet.com before Friday 3rd December.

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.

Upcoming Events

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

Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?

November 24th (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 25th (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.

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: £ 505

Loose Collection: £ 55

Other Collections

Mission Sunday: £ 35

Trócaire: £ 240

Candles: £ 130

Messenger: £ 156

Grave: £ 100

Building Fund: £ 330

Priest's Dues: £ 60

Total: £1,611

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of October was **£2,265.67.**

A Word of Sincere Appreciation

Despite the fact that we are being constantly reminded of the rising cost of living and the increasing rate of inflation, the people of Beragh parish have shown extraordinary generosity in reaching out to people in dire stress.

On World Mission Sunday, 24th October we heard about the mother whose village in Nigeria was attacked by men wielding machetes, and carrying guns. This lovely woman lost the lower part of her arm as she defended her children - her little boy was killed and her daughter severely traumatised. The annual collection which supports the work of missionaries worldwide realised £2,725.

Two weeks later on 7th November people were invited to support a national appeal on behalf of Trocaire. On this occasion we were reminded of the horrendous conditions in some of the poorest countries of East Africa where climate change and the impact of the pandemic has devastated countless homes and reduced families to starvation. The overall contribution, which included our regular weekly parish collection, amounted to £3,045.

On behalf of Missio Ireland and Trocaire - sincere thanks. May the Lord reward abundantly every person who contributed to these collections.

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: Helen Kelly.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 21st November	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	John Gallagher; Thomas Tierney; John and Mary Grimes and deceased Members of the Grimes Family.
Friday 26th November	7.30 pm	Mary Montague.
Saturday 27th November	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 28th November	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Karen Rose Chand; Maureen McClean; Packie, Annie and Eileen Rodgers and deceased members of the Rodgers Family.

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.

Youthscape Programme

Are you, or do you know of, someone aged 14 - 24 not in full-time education or work? Struggling to plan for the future, or just want to get out of the house? Youthscape is a 6-month, free, PEACE IV funded programme based in Enniskillen, Omagh, Dungannon and Donegal. Now accepting young people to start in November. Please ring 07557 178 162 or email marie.perrett@swc.ac.uk for more information.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 1, 5, 13, 16 & 17. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 goes to Emily McMahon. Next week's jackpot is £12,800 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh_Red_Knights_GAA or at local shops.

Our indoor winter programme continues for the underage. The programme will run for another four weeks, if not already, we encourage all youth to attend.

The programme is as follows;

- U9.5 Boys on Tuesday 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
- U13.5 Boys on Wednesday 6.45 pm - 7.45 pm
- U14 Girls on Thursday 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm
- U11.5 Boys on Thursday 7.20 pm - 8.30 pm
- U15 Boys on Saturday 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm

On Sunday 19th December between 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm Santa is in Beragh. Beragh Red Knights and Breacach Handball welcome all to come along and get their photo with the big man himself at St Mary's Park.

This afternoon (Sunday), our Senior men return to their league campaign. The opponents this weekend is Aghaloo in what will be an important clash in deciding the league positions of both teams. With four teams set for relegation, all points are vital in the intermediate league. Throw in at 2.00 pm in Aughnacloy. All support appreciated.

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:

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- 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