

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

I sometimes try to imagine the terrible loneliness of the ‘American Wake’ of years gone by. So many of our people had to emigrate from every county in Ireland to the United States and other parts of the world, knowing that they might never return. In those days they had little means of communication, so the farewell party on the eve of departure was indeed equivalent to a wake.

Today’s gospel is also a story of farewell and departure. It is taken from a section of St John’s gospel known as ‘The Farewell Discourse’. The setting is the Last Supper, the night before Jesus’ crucifixion. For a group of people who had become dependent on him as leader and friend, they must have felt lonely and bewildered. Not only were they engulfed by the sadness of his impending death, but they were overwhelmed by a terrible sense of confusion and emptiness. The uncertainty of a future without Jesus disturbed them deeply.

With great gentleness and compassion, Jesus reassures them that he will not abandon them: “I will not leave you orphans.” In his going from them he will be sending the Holy Spirit to them: “I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever”.

Holy Spirit is called the Advocate and Helper, so the Spirit comforts people in times of sorrow, enlightens them in times of darkness and makes them brave in times of weakness. During our own time of uncertainty and confusion, we remind ourselves that Jesus has promised us the same Advocate to be with us as Comforter and Consoler.

As we approach the great Feast of Pentecost, let us reach out in trust and be open and receptive, so that the Holy Spirit will strengthen our hope and give our lives new direction.

According to the Gospel reading, what the Lord asks of us in return is that we love him by keeping his commandments: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” We are called to be immersed in a culture of kindness and to have the living expression of God’s goodness reflected in all that we do and say. I am reminded of some advice once given by Mother Teresa to her community in Calcutta:

“Always be kind and merciful and let no one ever come to you without going away better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. Give them not only your care, but also your heart. And that will make all the difference”.

With every blessing for the week ahead, Monsignor Colum.

The Rosary will be recited every evening in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh (Monday - Saturday) during the month of May at 7.15 pm and on Sundays before 11.30 am Mass.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday and compliments to their teachers.

The ceremony was greatly enhanced by beautiful music and singing.

Sick and Housebound

In the coming days and weeks, the sick and housebound will be attended in their homes.

Important Date for 2022

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 11th June.

Blessing of the Graves

The Blessing of the Graves will be on the following dates:-

Seskinore - Sunday 19th June at 10.00 am;

Beragh - Sunday 26th June at 11.30 pm;

Drumduff - Saturday 2nd July at 7.30 pm.

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.

Lough Derg Re-Opens

Lough Derg welcomes Pilgrims again with a full Pilgrimage programme this summer. Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June - 15th August. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late August through September. Booking essential. All booking information at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

Eucharist Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

The Eucharist Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 18th June. Bus en-route from Cookstown, pick up point at Crevenagh Park and Ride at approximately 8.15 am or Omagh bus station at 8.30 am.

Bus Fare £20 sterling.
Meals €35 (optional).

For more information or to book: Contact Una 07743 575 969 or Mona 02886 737 954.

Accord NI

If you feel your relationship is in crisis or you just need a little guidance. If you and your partner feel you could benefit from Marriage and Relationship Counselling, contact your local ACCORD Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Protect your most precious investment. Let us, help you, support your marriage. Tel: 02890 233 002 for an appointment. Email: info@accordni.com
Web site: www.accordni.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

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.

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: £ 841

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 30

Drumduff: £ 20

Seskinore: £ 20

Candles: £ 106

Other Collections

Education of Student Priests: £ 120

Building Fund: £ 35

Priest's Dues: £ 50

Total: £1,222

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Peter McConnell; Noel Duddy;
Annie Bogan; Francie Conroy;
Helena Donnelly; Claire McCrystal;
Rita McGuire; Harry McNamee (formerly of
Sixmilecross - died in America).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Saturday 21st May (Loughmacrory)	11.00 am	Anne McCarney.
Sunday 22nd May	11.30 am	Mamie and Jim Mullin.
Tuesday 24th May	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 26th May	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Friday 27th May	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Saturday 28th May	10.00 am	Claire McCrystal (MM).
Sunday 29th May	11.30 pm	Paul Montague; Shane Smyth.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

- Saturday 21st May** **7.30 pm** John McAleer;
Pat Owens.
- Wednesday 25th May** **9.00 am** Private Intention.
- Saturday 28th May** **7.30 pm** John and Mary and
Terence McAleer and deceased
members of the McAleer Family.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

- Sunday 22nd May** **10.00 am** Private Intention.
- Monday 23rd May** **7.30 pm** Private Intention.
- Sunday 29th May** **10.00 am** 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.

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.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 2, 10, 14, 16 and 30. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Monica Boyle and Francis McBride. Next week's jackpot is £14,150 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA> or at local shops.

Our indoor facility is now available to rent out. The hall is capable of hosting a wide variety of activities. Just contact Patsy on 07879 416 946 or email beraghcommunityhub@gmail.com to book or for more details.

Beragh Red Knights Healthy Clubs Committee are hosting a Health Awareness Day on Saturday 28th May from 9.00 am - 1.00 pm in the Community Hub following our Dusk to Dawn Walk. A series of health checks will be available including cholesterol testing, blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), while a range of organisations working in the area of Mental Health, Cancer Care and First Response will also be in attendance. Furthermore, we are encouraging any local business working in the area of physical and mental health, fitness and rehab, holistic and alternative therapies to have a stand and highlight the services and assistance available within our local area. If you are interested in our initiative, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Orla Daffy 07796 230 135 or Patsy Farley 07879 416 946.

Next Friday (27th May) our Senior Men and Reserve teams make the short travel across to Eskra in their league campaign. Reserves throw in at 6.30 pm and Seniors at 7.45pm.

Walk in Memory of Anne McCarney

A Memory Walk to commemorate Anne's 1st Anniversary will be held on Tuesday 24th May at 11.00 am - Cranaghan Way Walk at the Slieve Russell Hotel.

Registration Fee £5 (Please drop it into the Neonatal Unit or PayPal joan12@hotmail.com).

There will also be a raffle. Donations are also welcome no matter how small. All proceeds going to Palliative Care Ward, Omagh and Anne's favourite charity - Children in Crossfire.

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.

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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- 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.

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