

Beragh Parish Bulletin



Christ the King

22nd November 2020

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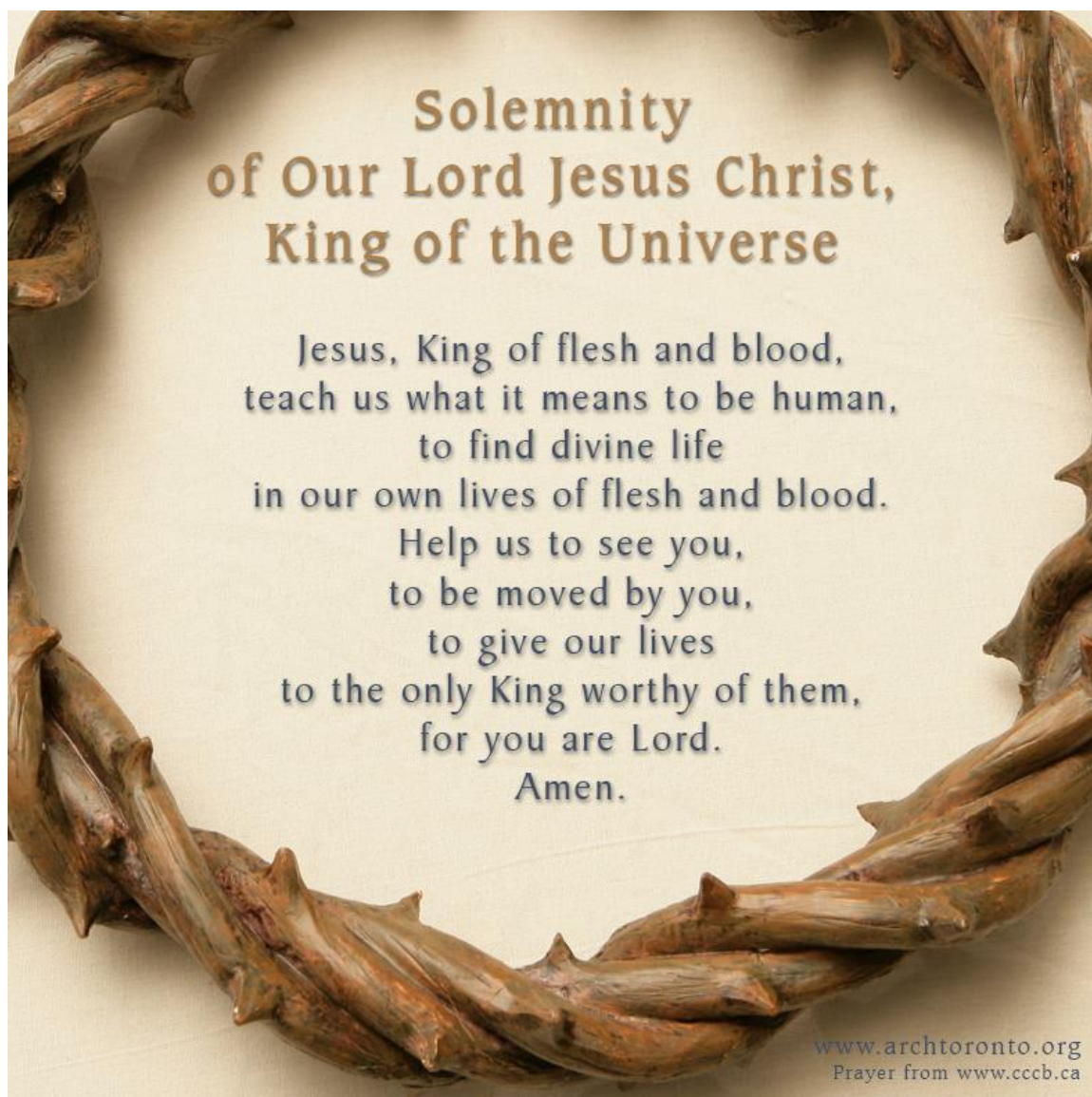
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

There's a story told that all the people who ever lived were assembled before the throne of Christ the King. They all had complaints and were murmuring among themselves. One of the groups was composed of Jews who had suffered persecution. Some had died in gas chambers and concentration camps - and they grumbled bitterly: how could God know of the unmentionable sufferings they had been through? Another group were slaves - black men and women who had endured terrible indignities: what could God know about their plight? There were long lines of refugees driven from their homelands - homeless people who had nowhere to lay their heads. And there were poor people, who had never on this earth been able to make ends meet.

There were sick people and those who had suffered all kinds of disease and disability; hundreds of groups, each with a complaint against God.

From each group a leader was chosen, and a commission appointed to draw up the case against the Almighty himself. Instead of God judging them, they began judging God. Eventually, after much discussion the verdict was agreed: taking into account all that people had endured, they reckoned that God should be sentenced to live on earth as a human being with no safeguards to protect his divinity.

Let him be born a Jew. Let him be born poor. Let even the legitimacy of his birth be suspect. Let poverty be his lifestyle and for friends give him only those who are held in contempt. Let him wander the roads as a homeless itinerant. Let him be betrayed by one of his friends. Let him be indicted of false charges, tried before a prejudiced jury and convicted by a cowardly judge. Let him be abandoned by his friends so that he may know what it is to be utterly alone. Let him be tortured with every cruel means imaginable and then let him die like a criminal in the full gaze of a vulgar public.

As each group announced its sentence on God, roars of approval went up from the throng. When the last had finished, the raucous noise had become almost deafening.... And then everyone turned towards the throne. And suddenly the place was filled with shocked and penitent silence. For where there had been a throne, now could be seen a cross with the mangled body of Jesus Christ stretched upon it.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world”.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

November Prayer Service in Remembrance of our Dead

On Sunday 22nd November there will be a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm. During each half hour, four people who died during the past year will be prayed for by name and candles will be placed on the altar in their memory. It would be appropriate if family members and other relations and friends of those people could be present during that time. The arrangements are as follows:

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| 2.00 pm - 2.30 pm | Seamus Donnelly Anne Short Sean Donnelly Mary Montague |
| 2.30 pm - 3.00 pm | Mary McSorley Teresa Donnelly Jim Franey Eamon Maguire |
| 3.00 pm - 3.30 pm | Frank McCartan Margaret Montague James Caffrey Kathleen Colton |
| 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm | Michael McCann Sean Montgomery Eamon McAlinney Joe Barrett |
| 4.00 pm - 4.30 pm | Paddy McGarvey John Broderick Denis Hannigan Kathleen Colton |
| 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm | Charlie Grugan Mary Ann Owens Simon Bradley Deceased Babies |

Beragh Parish Covid 19 Team

On behalf of the whole parish I wish to pay tribute to a great team of people who have taken responsibility for ensuring the safety of other parishioners by acting as stewards, helping with hand sanitisation and thoroughly cleaning the chapel every evening and especially after Sunday Masses. They deserve much thanks and appreciation.

I would like to invite them, and any others who might be interested, to a short meeting in Beragh chapel on Wednesday 25th November at 7.00 pm to review our practices and to consider plans for the celebration of Christmas.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Cillian Patrick Muldoon.

Mary's Meals Beragh Group

Our Mary's Meals Group would like to say a massive thanks to each and every one of you who have donated to our cause in the past year. We are currently sponsoring a school in Mtangatanga, Malawi, providing 377 pupils at the school with a school meal every day.

We have reached our target of £5,995 for this year to sponsor our school. In the current situation people have been more than generous and we are so grateful. We will continue to sponsor this school in the coming years and without your help this wouldn't be possible.

Food + School = Hope.

Face Coverings in Churches

Thank you for continuing to ensure that our celebration of Mass and other Liturgies remain safe places for all who join us. It has been acknowledged that the wearing of face masks, in conjunction with hand washing and social distancing etc are likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others and ourselves. While the government has not formally made it mandatory, all Church leaders strongly recommend that people attending church should wear face coverings, with the exception of those people considered exempt and children under the age of 13.

Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot

Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 812

Loose Collection: £ 5

Other Collections

Candles: £ 100

Messenger: £ 154

Missions: £ 49

Grave: £ 100

Building Fund: £ 160

Priest's Dues: £ 155

Total: £1,535

Dún Uladh - First Live Streamed Concert

Dún Uladh are set to host their first online concert on Saturday 28th November at 8.30 pm with the amazing Bríd Harper, Darren Breslin & PJ McDonald. Tickets are available now at www.dunuladh.ie and the concert will be streamed via online link.

For further information please contact the centre on 02882 242 777 or e-mail info@dunuladh.ie.

ASPIRE

ASPIRE, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview preparation. ASPIRE also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements.

Contact ASPIRE on Omagh 02882 246 535, Enniskillen 02866 326 478, mobile 07799 471 448 or email aspire@fermanaghomagh.com

Music and Singing at Mass

Beragh Parish is blessed with a number of people throughout the parish who have been blessed with beautiful singing voices in addition to others who are able to play musical instruments. We are extremely grateful to those individuals and groups who use their God given talents to enhance our liturgical celebrations. With the current Covid-19 restrictions, regular large choirs are discouraged, but that should not prevent us from having some music and singing at Sunday Mass.

I am extending an invitation to people throughout the parish who would be interested to kindly make contact with Mrs Clare McAleer - (Telephone: 07984 653 698 email: cmcaleer85@gmail.com). The intention is to draw up a rota for 9.00 am and 11.30 am Masses in Beragh.

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.