

Beragh Parish Bulletin



Feast of Pentecost

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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,

Today's feast of Pentecost celebrates the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit and the associated gifts of peace, courage and love.

In recent times countless people have felt ashamed and disillusioned by many of the institutions and the people they once trusted - the church, the banks, governments and politicians. Fear rises in the hearts of those who are sick and elderly as they wonder will anybody care for them in the years ahead. A sense of hopelessness grows in the hearts of many young people who cannot see where they will find work or manage to cope with a changing economy. Anger is deep in the hearts of the deprived, the poor and the redundant who see the rich getting richer. Apathy leads to more widespread dependency on alcohol and drugs as the perceived way to cope. What joy could the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost have for such a beleaguered people? How can today's liturgy have any relevance for real life?

I believe there are similarities and comparisons with society at the time of the first Pentecost. Back then Palestine was oppressed and worse was coming with the destruction of Jerusalem. There seemed to be no hope politically, economically or even religiously. Peter and the others must have longed to be back in the old days of a few years previous when they had little financially but were secure in their humdrum lives. However, there was no going back! Instead, the Spirit of God came upon them and from being frightened, despondent cowards, they became people of hope and courage ready to step out and build a better world for all God's people. Those first steps seemed insignificant, but they sowed the seeds of faith in Jesus as Risen Lord. From there it spread through the world and through the ages. The achievements of Francis of Assisi, Vincent de Paul, Mother Teresa and millions of other followers of Christ stem from that first Pentecost.

Today we celebrate the coming of the same Spirit on us, Christ's disciples of our time. Will this coming mark a new beginning in our lives? Everybody wants to change the world, but few want to change themselves. Pentecost is an invitation and an opportunity to let God's Spirit transform our hearts and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with your holy gifts.

Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life.

Enlighten me in my ignorance.

Advise me in my doubts.

Strengthen me in my weakness.

Help me in my needs.

Protect me in temptation and console me in afflictions.

After the savage brutality of Calvary had destroyed an innocent and good friend, the disciples had locked themselves away from their enemies and even from their friends. But then, much to their surprise, they are transformed by a spirit of creative love that heals hurt and unravels the web of fear that ensnares wounded hearts.

Strengthened by the power of God's Holy Spirit, the disciples go out to the world to proclaim forgiveness and hope. Every hurt they forgive is healed through the power of God. Every hope they enkindle is fanned in to flame by the Spirit of God. This was the stupendous mystery of the first Pentecost; this is what we celebrate today. The Lord continues to send the same healing Spirit into our hearts and asks us to be wounded healers to others.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

On Sunday 30th May the Archdiocese of Armagh will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock. Sadly, for the second year running it will not be possible for everyone to travel. However, it will be broadcast from the Shrine at 3.00 pm with Bishop Michael chief-celebrant and preacher.

By way of preparation for it in this year of St Joseph, an introduction by the Archbishop will be broadcast on the Diocesan website on the previous Tuesday (May 25th) followed on subsequent days with a reflection on St Joseph and a decade of the Rosary from five of the titular churches of St Joseph throughout the diocese.

The programme is as follows:

Wednesday 26th May	The Annunciation	St Joseph's, Caledon	Fr Cathal Deveney
Thursday 27th May	The Visitation	St Joseph's, Mell	Fr John McAlinden
Friday 28th May	The Nativity	St Joseph's, Tynan	Fr Sean Moore
Saturday 29th May	The Presentation	St Joseph's, Dundalk	Fr Noel Kehoe
Sunday 30th May	The Finding Jesus	St Joseph's Castletown	Fr Vinod

Rosary

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 9.00 am and 11.30 am Mass.

Accord Service seeking Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord has 54 centres in dioceses across Ireland. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Deirdre on 07980 898 399 or by email to info@accordni.com.

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday June 4th. Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on www.accordni.com

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Saoirse Rose Mullin-Gilloway and Michael Patrick Meenagh.

Confirmation

Confirmation for children in Primary 7 from our three primary schools has been arranged for today in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 3.00 pm. Numbers confined strictly to immediate families.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for the children from our three primary schools has been arranged for Saturday 19 June at 11.00 am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes:	£ 811
Loose Collection:	£ 70

Other Collections

Candles:	£ 119
Trócaire:	£ 380
Building Fund:	£ 230
Priest's Dues:	£ 50
Total:	£1,660

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2021

Despite these challenging times and all the difficulties associated with Covid 19, Beragh Parish has responded magnificently to this year's Trócaire appeal. A total amount of £6,546 (including Euro currencies) has been forwarded to the Archdiocese of Armagh. Thankfully, the UK Aid Match Scheme means this amount will be doubled. Many people in developing countries including the women of Sudan will benefit greatly. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Fr Tom Rafferty.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 23rd May	9.00 am	Private Intention.
	11.30 am	John McAleer; Mamie and Jim Mullin; Pat Owens.
	3.00 pm	Confirmation - (restricted to immediate family).

Thursday 27th May **9.00 am** Annie and Dan Horisk.

Friday 28th May **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Saturday 29th May **10.00 am** Paul Montague.

Sunday 30st May **9.00 am** Shane Smyth.

11.30 am James Caffrey.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 24th May **7.30 pm** Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 26th May **9.00 am** John, Mary and Terence McAleer and
deceased members of the McAleer
Family.

Oratory, Sixmilecross

The Rosary and Masses from the Oratory are available on You Tube. Search for
“sixmilecross oratory youtube”.

Parish Finances

Anyone who was supposed to receive a box of envelopes and did not do so,
please contact the Parish Office on (02880 758 206) or send an email to
beraghparochial@btinternet.com

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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