

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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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 gospel parable might remind us of the brainteaser - which would you prefer: to be nearly drowned or nearly saved? the point being that neither prospect would be too pleasant. The gospel story of the two sons, who were asked by their father to go and work in the vineyard, might appear to be nothing more than a typical scene taken from any family situation. The father has a job to be done and he gives the command: "Go and work in the vineyard today". One son seems rude, abrupt and discourteous as he answers back, "I will not go". On reflection, however, he has a change of heart and goes off and does what he is asked. The other son is polite and respectful and promises to go to the vineyard, but he hasn't the slightest intention of doing anything. He is a smooth talker but a poor performer. While we might be inclined to think that neither son is very pleasing, the parable reminds us that faith depends on action. Idle promises and half-hearted responses are worthless. What we profess to believe with our lips has little meaning if it's not translated into active commitment.

In the life and ministry of Jesus we find the perfect meeting of word and deed. He spoke with authority, but he also went about doing good. He could challenge his listeners to love their enemies because he, himself, turned the other cheek. He could speak out fearlessly on behalf of the poor and the downtrodden because he lived in their midst. All through his life, words of love became visible in acts of love, and many people saw and believed.

At a time when many are speaking about mental health issues, I like the story of Joseph Grimaldi, one of the most important names among professional clowns. Early in the nineteenth century Joseph Grimaldi set the standard and pattern for all circus clowns that would follow for the next one hundred and fifty years. On one occasion, the circus was visiting a small English town, and the local doctor came up with a novel remedy. A patient came to him with severe depression. In fact, the doctor later reported that the pain and the despair was so deep that the man could barely hold up his head and kept looking down the whole time. The doctor decided on a different kind of prescription. He said to the man, "The circus is in town. I want you to go tonight, but what I want you to do is watch Grimaldi. I went last night, and his performance was terrific. He will make you laugh. He will make you smile. He will lift your spirits. You go tonight, and just keep watching Grimaldi." The man painfully, and slowly raised his head and said, "But, doctor, I am Grimaldi."

Joseph Grimaldi died in 1837. Charles Dickens wrote his biography. His clown makeup, which was white face, bright red lips and red triangles around the eyes, became the standard appearance for clowns all around the world for over a hundred years. And the name "Joey" which he used for himself, is the circus nickname for clowns to this day; they are called the "Joeys."

Making a pun of his depression and of his own name, Grimaldi once said, "I'm grim all day, but I'm Joey at night."

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Blessing of Graves

A recording of the Blessing of the Graves in Drumduff and Seskinore is now accessible on the Parish Website, Facebook and YouTube.

Mission Month

October is Mission Month, a month where we are called to support and pray with and for our missionaries. Ireland has a long history of missionaries serving in the most deprived parts of the world and this tradition continues today with Irish missionaries working in many developing countries as well as in the developed world with projects that support and enable disadvantaged communities. During this month, parishioners are encouraged to pray for our missionaries abroad and those discerning the vocation to mission - we are also invited to support the work of the missionaries and this can be done on the weekend of October 17/18th where a special collection will be taken up.

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.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 731

Loose Collection: £ 2

Other Collections

Candles: £ 48

Special Collections: £ 14

Building Fund: £ 250

Priest's Dues: £ 255

Total: **£1,300**

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Denis Hannigan; Kathleen Gavin;
Mary B McNelis.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 27th September 11.30 am Pat Conroy and deceased members of the Conroy Family, Eugene Gilroy and Paddy Maguire;

Packie, Gabriella and Tina Owens;

Liam and Joseph Grugan.

Tuesday 29th September 9.00 am Private Intention.
Thursday 1st October 7.30 pm John Broderick (MM).
Friday 2nd October 7.30 pm Francis Farley.
Saturday 3rd October 11.00 am First Holy Communion.
Sunday 4th October 9.00 am John and Rose McDaid.
Sunday 4th October 11.30 am Eugene and Mary Tierney;
Paddy Bogan.

St Malachy's Church, Seskinore

Monday 28th September 9.00 am Private Intention.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 30th September 9.00 am Private Intention.

The Oratory in Sixmilecross will be closed until further notice.

It's worth noting that the Rosary and Masses from the Oratory are available on You Tube. Search for "sixmilecross oratory youtube".

Blood Donation Sessions

There will be blood donation sessions in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh on Wednesday 30th September (10.30 am - 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm) and Thursday 1st October (10.30 am - 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm) by appointment only.

Please call 08085 534 653 to book an appointment.

Dun Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre

Dún Uladh's traditional music classes are back beginning 29th September via Zoom. Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre, Ulster's Regional Resource Centre for Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann offers lessons in tin whistle, flute, banjo, button accordion, fiddle and harp for all ages and abilities. For more information on classes, tutors, instruments, prices and term times, please contact us on 02882 242 777 or e-mail music@dunuladh.ie.

Totus Tuus Magazine

Due to the Covid 19 Outbreak, the Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to start receiving Totus Tuus to your home, then please phone Fiona at 0868 760 058.

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.