

Beragh Parish Bulletin



Ascension of the Lord

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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a feast that doesn't get as much attention as Christmas, Easter or even Pentecost. The story of the Ascension could make us feel uncomfortable for it has shades of farewell and leave taking. Like the disciples on the outskirts of Jerusalem, we sometimes find ourselves in strange and difficult places where we feel isolated and ill-equipped to carry on.

Back in the fifth century this is what St Augustine wrote about the Ascension: "You ascended from before our eyes. We turned back grieving, only to find you in our hearts". And therein lies the meaning of what we celebrate today. The Ascension assures us that if we are looking for the Lord, we will discover him in the community, especially when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Today's feast is also a reminder that we have a responsibility to continue the mission of Jesus and to complete his work on earth.

The great Italian composer Puccini wrote several famous operas like Tosca and Madame Butterfly. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write Turandot, which many now consider his best work. For months on end, he worked on the score day and night, despite his friends telling him to rest and save his energy. When his sickness got worse, Puccini called in all his students and he said, "If I don't finish Turandot, I want you to finish it for me."

Suffering from cancer of the throat he died in Brussels in 1924, leaving his work incomplete. His students came together and gathered all that was written of Turandot and studied it in great detail and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera. The world premier was performed in La Scala Opera House in Milan in April 1926 and one of Puccini's favourite students Toscanini conducted it. The opera went beautifully. And when Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini, he stopped the music, he put down the baton, turned to the audience and announced very solemnly, "Thus far the master wrote, but then he died". There was a long pause, no one moved. Then Toscanini picked up the baton, turned to the audience again, and with tears in his eyes he announced, "But his students finished his work". The opera closed to thunderous applause and to a permanent place in the history of great musical works.

In his Ascension, Jesus instructed us to finish his work of proclaiming the Good News.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

The Rosary will be recited this Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evening in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 7.15 pm and on Sunday before 11.30 am Mass.

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.

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.

Congratulations

We welcome into our Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Lorcan Anthony McCusker.

Summary of Beragh Parish Collections

Weekly Envelopes: £ 1,035

Loose Collection: Beragh: £ 60

Drumduff: £ 60

Seskinore: £ 50

Candles: £ 90

Other Collections

Education of Student Priests: £ 75

Building Fund: £ 320

Priest's Dues: £ 40

Total: £1,730

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Francie Conroy; Helena Donnelly;
Rita McGuire; Harry McNamee;
Peter Joe Mallon (Funeral in Ballymacilroy last Monday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Saturday 28th May **10.00 am** Claire McCrystal (MM).

Sunday 29th May **11.30 pm** Paul Montague;
Shane Smyth.

Tuesday 31st May **9.00 am** Peg and Eugene Sweeney.

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| Thursday 2nd June | 9.00 am | Private Intention. |
| Friday 3rd June | 9.00 am | Private Intention. |
| Saturday 4th June | 10.00 am | Private Intention. |
| Sunday 5th June | 11.30 am | James Caffrey; Joe, Mary and Bertie McGarrity and Eta and George Nixon. John and Rosanne Donnelly. |

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

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| Saturday 28th May | 7.30 pm | John and Mary and Terence McAleer and deceased members of the McAleer Family. |
| Wednesday 1st June | 9.00 am | Private Intention. |
| Saturday 4th June | 7.30 pm | Seamus and Kathleen Colton. |

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

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| Monday 30th May | 7.30 pm | Private Intention. |
| Sunday 5th June | 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.

Walk in Memory of Anne McCarney

A sponsored walk will be held on Saturday the 11th June in memory of the late Anne McCarney RIP.

Proceeds in aid of Anne's favourite charity 'Children in Crossfire' and Palliative Care Ward in Omagh hospital.

The 6k walk will leave the Flaxmill Centre at 11.00 am.

Refreshments will be served on return.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 15, 19, 23, 28 and 29. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Celine Loughran. Next week's jackpot is £14,200 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 07879416946 or email beraghcommunityhub@gmail.com to book or for more details.

This morning, our U14 girls travel to play Killeeshil in their league. Throw in at 11.00 am.

Next Friday our Senior and Reserve mens team continue their league campaign when they travel to Cookstown. Reserves at 6.30 pm, while seniors will be at 7.45 pm.

The Beragh club members would like to wish the Tyrone minors the best of luck in their Ulster Final against Donegal this afternoon. Throw in at 1.30 pm in Clones.

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