

Beragh Parish Bulletin



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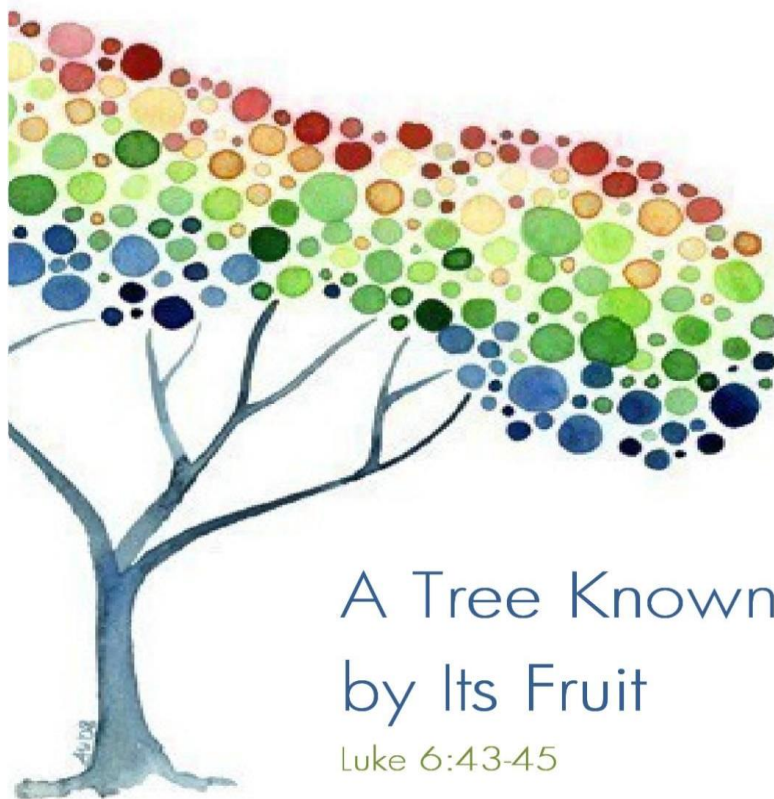
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Parish Office Opening Hours

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Parents get excited when their baby speaks its first words. Nowadays, such moments are often recorded and shared proudly on social media. Beginning to speak is an important stage in any child's development and reminds us of the unique gift that belongs to the human person.

Today's readings tell us that a person's conversation is the real test of character because a person's words flow out from what fills the heart. Each evening it would be a useful exercise to recall the words we have spoken and the conversations we have engaged in throughout the day to alert us to what goodness is within us, and what needs healing and forgiveness, what bitterness needs attention, what bridges need to be rebuilt, what love needs to be nurtured, and what peace needs to be restored. Words are rarely neutral. Words tend to build up or destroy, to cause pain or joy, to damage or affirm. As the First Reading states, "The test of a person is in their conversation." The words we use can be a mirror to show us what we are, while God's word is a beacon to show us what we can become.

In the same gospel Jesus reminds us that we should bear good fruit - a rotten tree is useless. The fruits that we need to produce are those suggested by

St Paul: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. As we begin the Season of Lent, it might be a useful exercise to take each of those nine fruits and sow a little seed of each one every day during the coming weeks. One day at a time and one seed at a time.

With every blessing for a holy and fruitful Lent. Monsignor Colum.

A Day of Prayer for Temperance Sunday

Today is Temperance Sunday. On this day we pray for the virtue of moderation. I read recently that back in 1956 Pope Pius xii addressed a group of Garda Siochana, who were also pioneers. On that occasion the Pope made the remark that Ireland is a land that combines the smile and the tear. I think it's an interesting description. Irish people have indeed been renowned for their hospitality and for their sense of humour. But sadly, we are also renowned for excessive drinking. In the past the Irish were inclined to drown their sorrows; today we are more able to indulge ourselves.

As we begin the season of Lent, I think we could borrow something from the ideals of those who are full pioneers. Like them, we could try to abstain from alcohol for the coming weeks, simply to give glory to God, to give good example to others especially our children, to practice self-denial, to make reparation for the sins of intemperance and for the conversion of excessive drinkers.

Sick and Housebound

I wish to thank those people who made contact requesting a visit to a number of parishioners who are presently confined. In keeping with Covid 19 regulations, I will attend people in their homes over the coming weeks.

Returning to regular Mass schedule

As mentioned last Sunday, the previous Mass arrangements for the three chapels will come into effect on the weekend 2nd/3rd April. In preparation for that, I am inviting a small group of volunteers in Drumduff and Seskinore to form as Covid 19 teams to look after sanitising protocols, as practiced in Beragh chapel. There will be a meeting next week to discuss the details.

In His Master's Footsteps

During "Lockdown" Canon Benny Fee, Parish Priest of Clonoe parish produced a beautiful Way of the Cross based on the writings of St Oliver Plunkett. As we approach the season of Lent, these reflections offer food for thought. Copies of the book are available at the back of Beragh chapel and cost £3.

Ash Wednesday

This year Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the three Masses on Wednesday and within the three schools. Ashes will also be available for bringing home to the housebound.

Trócaire

Once again, this year your Lenten donation to Trócaire can make all the difference. Donations from Northern Ireland or the UK made before May 2022 will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m. Trócaire boxes will be available next weekend.

Novena of Hope

The Novena of Hope at the Graan will run from Saturday 5th March at 6.30 pm to Monday 14th March. Sunday services are 9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon and 4.00 pm. Weekdays 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm. Further details are on the poster at the back of the chapel with leaflets in the hall. The Graan telephone number is 02866 322 272.

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.

Important Dates for 2022

Providing there are no Covid restrictions, it is hoped to celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May and Confirmation on Saturday 11th June.

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: £ 750

Loose Collection: £ 15

Other Collections

Candles: £ 110

Sick and Retired Priests: £ 30

Building Fund: £ 140

Priest's Dues: £ 260

Total: £1,305

Parish Envelopes

To make it easier for Parishioners, Counters and Admin - if you are returning envelopes for past weeks/months, please put your total contribution in one envelope. Envelopes are always counted and recorded against the date for which they are received.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Fr Paddy Larkin; Fr Seamus McGinley;
Fabian McDermott (Funeral in Dunmoyle on Saturday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 27th February	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Patsy and Terence Mullin and their son Joe;
		Dan, Rose and deceased members of the McSorley family;
		Michael Mullin;
		Margaret and Michael McNally.
Monday 28th February	9.00 am	Private Intention.
Tuesday 1st March	7.30 pm	Ellen Jane Conroy.
Wednesday 2nd March	7.00 am) 7.30 pm)	Ash Wednesday.
Friday 4th March	7.30 pm	Patrick, Brigid and Josephine McSorley.
Saturday 5th March	10.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 6th March	9.00 am	Mass for the People.
	11.30 am	Jim Franey;
		Charles Mulholland;
		Rose Conlon.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 2nd March	9.00 am	Ash Wednesday.
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Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Thursday 3rd March	7.30 pm	Kevin Spriddell.
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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.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 8, 12, 19, 28 and 29. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Brendan Rocks, Grainne Grimes (Drumduff) and Catherine Grimes. Next week's jackpot is £13,550 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

[https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh%20Red%20Knights%20GAA) or at local shops.

It is that time of the year again, where Club Membership is due. The Club would like to encourage as many as possible to do it online, by simply following this link,

<https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh%20Red%20Knights%20GAA/Membership#MembershipOptions>.

After a number of years without - the Beragh 5 is scheduled for Saturday 16th April 2022 at 11.00 am. Due to the pandemic, the 5 mile road race and 5k walk/run has not taken place since 2019. The Club would like to invite all who would like to participate. Follow our Club social media pages to keep up to date.

Yoga with Amy will continue every Monday 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm until the 28th March. Suitable for all abilities and ages. Block book for £30 upfront for 4 consecutive weeks or drop in £8. Get in touch with Amy on 07925 091 435 for any queries and to register your interest.

Blood Donation

There is a blood donation session in The Patrician, Carrickmore on Friday 11th March (12.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm).

Please call 08085 534 653 to book an appointment.

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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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