

Beragh Parish Bulletin



4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd May 2020

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**Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

I hope the picture above might help us appreciate some of the customs associated with being a shepherd in Palestine at the time of Jesus and to understand more clearly what Jesus meant when he said, “I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe”.

It was common practice that the shepherd lived with his sheep throughout the various seasons; it was a demanding job. Because of the rolling hills and craggy deserts, no flock of sheep would ever be left untended. Not only did the shepherd have to struggle with the harshness and dangers of the wilds, but with prolonged periods of loneliness. It was his responsibility to lead the sheep to new grass and find fresh water, to care for the sick and injured and to go in search of the lost one. Above all he had to protect them from wolves and guard them from thieves and robbers. In the evening all the sheep were enclosed within a sheepfold, an open space enclosed by a wall with one entrance. Throughout the night, the shepherd himself lay across the opening so that no sheep could get in or out except over his body. Because the sheep were reared for their fleece, they were often with the same shepherd for years and they recognised his voice above any other sound.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we ask God's blessing on the many ways people fulfil their vocations in a variety of callings - may they find satisfaction in their work and help proclaim Gospel values in their lifestyle. We pray especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life; the need for dedicated men and women was never greater, the demands never more challenging and the rewards never more worthwhile.

Prayer for Seminarians by Cardinal Thomas O Fiaich who died 8th May 1990 (30 years ago)

“Father, bless those you have chosen to be shepherds of your people. Help them discern your voice, make them strong in faith and give them confidence in your gentle care. Enhance their human dignity and enable them to face difficulties with courage. Through them may the compassion of your Son Jesus Christ, heal the wounds of sin and division. Amen.”

Our fundamental vocation is to be compassionate people with a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and hands through which Christ helps. He is depending on us.

The six most important words	I am sorry, I was wrong
The five most important words	You did that very well
The four most important words	What do you think?
The three most important words	I love you
The two most important words	Thank you
The one most important word	We
The least important word	I

When a woman was asked if her husband was religious, she replied, “Absolutely. He thinks he's God Almighty”.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased: Margaret Montague; Fr Tom Hamill; Fr Vin Darragh;
Francis Gormley (Funeral in Carrickmore on Friday).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sun 3rd May 11.30 am Roseanne and John Donnelly and deceased members of the McCarroll family;

Peg Donnelly.

Tues 5th May 9.00 am Tommy, Susan and Thomas McGarvey.

Sat 9th May 10.00 am

Philomena Clarke

(previously arranged for Drumduff Vigil Mass);

Niamh McQuade (Seskinore)

First anniversary on webcam at 10.00 am from St Mary's Creggan, Derry.

Sun 10th May 11.30 am

Vincent Kelly.

Webcam

Either Mass or devotions will be streamed from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh every evening at 7.30 pm and Saturday morning at 10.00 am.

Evening Devotions this Sunday 3rd May at 7.30 pm.

The Oratory in Sixmilecross will be closed until further notice.

It's worth noting, especially in this month of May, the Rosary from the Oratory is available on You Tube. Search for "sixmilecross oratory youtube rosary".

Annual Blessing of Graves

It would appear that the blessing of graves which had been scheduled to take place in our three graveyards on the weekend of 13th and 14th June will have to be postponed. When details of the current restrictions are relaxed, we will make new arrangements.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St Vincent de'Paul

Are you elderly or have an underlying health condition? Are you afraid to leave home to get groceries or prescriptions?

SVP members will gladly support and help you at this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact our helpline number on 07738 837 875.

Community Volunteers

Beragh, Sixmilecross and surrounding areas have come together and are currently working alongside our local shops and businesses to provide 'shop to home' service for the elderly, vulnerable those who are self-isolating or those who feel anxious by the surreal position we all find ourselves.

When you place your order with the local shops, whether it's for groceries, butchery, newspapers, coal or any other essential needs, they will contact the Community Volunteer Co-ordinator (Niall Farley 07753 741 588) if assistance is required, the co-ordinator will then arrange for a volunteer to deliver your goods to your door. This will be a non-contact free delivery service. We encourage anyone who might need this service to get in contact:

Donaghy's Spar, Beragh:	02880 758 273;
McGinn's Butchers, Beragh:	02880 758 844;
G W Gibson & Son, Beragh:	02880 758 247;
Heaney's Spar, Sixmilecross:	02880 758 050;
Jackie's Nisa, Sixmilecross:	02880 760 547;
Centra, Curr Road, Beragh:	02880 410 980;
Crozier's Day Today, Seskinore:	02882 840 021.