

Beragh Parish Bulletin



5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10th May 2020

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Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

You may have heard about a headstone in a certain graveyard which bore the inscription:

*Remember, stranger, as you pass by,
as you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so you shall be,
so, prepare yourself to follow me. ”*

And some smart wit added with a piece of chalk:

*“To follow you I'm quite content,
but how do I know which way you went? ”*

In today's Gospel Jesus refers to himself as THE WAY - “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. Jesus is the one who brings God to us and he is also the one who brings us to God. It is central to the Christian message that because of Jesus, I have a very clear and definite direction in my life. Jesus is more than a signpost. A signpost merely points to a place and gives direction, but it doesn't

oblige a person to follow that route. Our journey to God, and God's eternal home, prepared for those who love him, is sure and certain because it is Christ himself who leads the way, gives us safe guidance and takes us directly to our destination. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

As an old man lay on his deathbed, it was clear to the priest that something was troubling him. Finally, the old man broke the silence: "When I was a young lad, I played a prank that haunts me to this day. One Sunday I turned the signpost in our local village to point in the opposite direction so that people travelling to a football match would go the wrong way. I wonder, as I lie here now, how many people I misdirected by that action - but more importantly, I wonder how many people I misdirected by the actions of my life!"

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.



In these difficult times when some people are maybe feeling the strain of isolation, others are getting restless with the current restrictions and many are worried or anxious about various concerns, we can pray for each other. Even from a distance, we can link with one another and place our needs before the Risen Lord.

If you would like to submit a prayer request or intention during the current Covid-19 pandemic, you are invited to do so. You can forward your request to my personal e mail address : columcurry@yahoo.com or to the parish e mail beraghparochial@btinternet.com or through Beragh Parish Facebook. Please use initials or first names only to protect the identity of those you wish to pray for.

These intentions will be prayed for at Evening Devotions in Beragh Chapel this evening - Sunday 10th May - at 5.00 pm on the webcam.

In the coming weeks when Mass will be streamed every evening from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh at 7.30 pm and on Saturday morning at 10.00 am, these intentions will be remembered.

A Moment of Prayer, Healing and Reflection

Usually, on Sunday evening in recent times we've had Evening Devotions at 7.30 pm. This Sunday the time and the format will be different.

As you may already know, Archbishop Eamon will lead a special celebration of Gratitude and Hope in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Sunday 10th May at 7.30 pm. He will be joined by well known and talented singers Malachi Cush and Karl McGuckin. It promises to be a special celebration which can be accessed at www.armaghparish.net and also on the Archdiocese of Armagh Facebook Page.

In order to facilitate people who may wish to link with that event, Devotions from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh will be offered from **5.00 pm to 7.00 pm.**

On this occasion:

The format will be different - people can link in for short periods;

The style will be different - there will be practical guidance about how to pray in this time of lockdown and how to use our time more creatively;

The content will be different - people's private petitions and intentions will be acknowledged and prayed for (see the directions above);

There will be a Prayer for Healing and an Invocation of the thirty two Saints of the Archdiocese of Armagh.

I encourage people 'to come and see' this Sunday evening by checking into the parish webcam at 5.00 pm on: www.beraghparish.com

Grant them Eternal Rest, O Lord

All Names on the Parish Dead List

Recently Deceased:

Margaret Montague; Fr Tom Hamill; Francis Gormley;
Neil O'Dea (Tuam, Co Galway); Thomas McGarvey (funeral today in Omagh).

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sun 10th May 11.30 am Vincent Kelly.

Frid 15th May 7.30 pm Hughie McClean.

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 10th May at 5.00 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.