

Beragh Parish Bulletin



2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

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



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader

The Gospel readings for the first two Sundays of Lent always give us a glimpse of two extremes - evil and good. Last Sunday, we found ourselves with Jesus in the desert - that barren and lonely place, the place of hardship and temptation. There, weakened by hunger and wearied by loneliness, Jesus was urged by Satan to forgo his dream and take the easy option. In his humanity, Jesus was like us in all things, but sin. Yet relying on God's Word and with the help of the Spirit, Jesus was able to overcome temptation.

Today on this second Sunday of Lent, we find ourselves on the dizzy heights of a mountain, the place of holiness and glory. Here, in the company of Peter, James and John and in the presence of Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured in radiant beauty. The apostles are given a glimpse of his divinity. Maybe it is no accident that evil and good, temptation and transfiguration, humanity and divinity are placed close together at the beginning of Lent.

During this special season we are asked to overcome evil and resist temptation. We are encouraged to make choices; choices between good and evil, choices that will transfigure us and change our behaviour.

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives, we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds and hearts. Such change is always possible. History and literature are full of examples: Paul on the road to Damascus, Matt Talbot the alcoholic, Charles Dickens' miser Scrooge, to mention only a few. Something happened inside each of these, and they became different people.

Change sometimes requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline. A person has to be firm and decide to do what needs to be done. The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit.

Today's gospel reminds us that there is no shortcut to glory. When things are difficult and the haul is long and wearisome, we need a vision, a glimpse of the glory to which we are called.

We remind ourselves that there is always darkness before there is dawn; there is always Calvary before there is Resurrection and there is always a Good Friday before there is an Easter Sunday.

Lord, each spring you renew the face of the earth.

May you also renew each one of us,

Help us to remain faithful to our Lenten promises

so that we may be able to celebrate Easter with great joy

and in newness of mind and heart.

With continued blessings, Monsignor Colum.

Re-opening of Country Churches

In preparation for the re-opening of St Patrick's, Drumduff and St Malachy's, Seskinore on 2nd and 3rd April, there will be a meeting for volunteers to discuss the measures required to ensure the safety and welfare of people attending Masses. This meeting will take place in the Committee Room at Beragh chapel on Wednesday 16th March at 7.30 pm.

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.

Review of Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Armagh

The Archdiocese of Armagh has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) to conduct a review of safeguarding practice in March 2022. If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Archdiocese, we invite you to come forward to us at the Diocesan Office (02837 525 592), or to the NBSCCCI (01-5053124).

If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Mr Aidan Gordon on (028) 3752 5592/078 4110 1687 or Ms Eleanor Kelly on (028) 3752 5592/075 8432 3138. You may also wish to contact An Garda Síochána/PSNI or TUSLA/HSC.

An Garda Síochána may be contacted on the Confidential Reporting Line 1800 666 111

The PSNI may be contacted on 10; Tusla may be contacted on 042 939 2200

The Southern HSC Trust may be contacted on 028 3756 7100

Lenten Reflections in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

On each of the Tuesday evenings during Lent, a guest speaker will join in St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30 pm to help us reflect on each of the following themes. People may wish to join in person or via St Patrick's Cathedral Webcam.

Tuesday 15th March "Only in God is my soul at rest, in Him comes my salvation" (Sr Elaine Kelly)

Sr Elaine is a Poor Clare Sister, a native of West Belfast and a guide on The St Patrick's Way, hosting walks around the life and legacy of St Patrick in Co Down. She was a barrister at law for a number of years and a former Adoration Sister and lived in the community in Belfast. Sr Elaine says that she's now "living the dream" as a child of God in St James' Parish, Monksland, Co Louth and she lives in the community at Faughart Monastery, close to the birthplace of St Brigid.

Tuesday 22nd March "Covid-19 "The call to look forward in a spirit of hope" (Dr Bob Brown)

Bob lives in Armagh and he retired recently after working as Chief Nurse and Director of Community and Older Peoples Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust. He now plans to continue some nursing practice while exploring a range of voluntary and community service opportunities. He's a member of St Mark's Parish and he hopes to develop a wellbeing and spiritual support service for people connected

with the Church. He's currently studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and Trinity College, Dublin.

Tuesday 29th March "Finding God in a Pandemic World" (Oisin Walsh)

Oisin is from Trim, Co Meath and he has been working in the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth, Co Kildare for the last three years. He's a man of deep faith and whilst working to help promote the Catholic Church throughout the country, he's also assistant to the editor of Intercom (a Catholic pastoral and liturgical resource.) He writes regularly on religious matters and his articles can often be read online and in the press. He's a gifted musician and he plays in a band.

Tuesday 5th April "Care for oneself amidst the challenges of life" (Stephen Donnelly)

Stephen has worked in the field of mental health for 30 years. A former mental health nurse, he's now employed by the Western Health and Social Care Trust as team lead for the regional trauma network and as a specialist Psychologist Trauma Therapist. He has delivered numerous courses/programmes on positive mental health and wellbeing. He resides with his family in Omagh, Co Tyrone and is a keen GAA enthusiast.

Tuesday 12th April "Grief - a process that's experienced one day at a time" (Paul Mallon)

Originally from Co Tyrone, Paul is a counsellor in a private practice in Armagh City. He also works with businesses and public sector organisations and is currently the resident counsellor in the Southern Regional College, Armagh. Having previously worked in engineering, he works as an Emotional Freedom Technique Practitioner. He has contributed EFT meditations to the recently launched "Sibling Grief Club", a local support group website for the bereaved.

Home of St Patrick Festival, Armagh - Thursday 10th - Sunday 20th March 2022

Celebrate St Patrick - St Patrick's COI Cathedral: Saturday 12th March, 8.00 pm

Celebrate St Patrick's life and legacy in this unique place. As part of the Home of St Patrick's Festival, choral music is at the heart of a special evening of words, music and dance. While the world marks the most popular of Saints and Saints Days, only Armagh can claim the site of his first Church as the traditional and classical, ancient and modern, the reflective and exuberant, sacred and secular, all combine to make this a joyous occasion in St Patrick's honour. A limited number of audience seats are available through The Market Place Theatre Box Office.

St Patrick's Symposium: Tending our Planet: Tuesday 15th March 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

“I arise today through the strength of heaven: Light of sun, radiance of moon, splendour of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of wind, depth of sea, stability of earth, firmness of rock”. St Patrick. After the extremely positive impacts of previous symposia examining the themes of modern slavery, migration, peace-making and reminiscence within a modern context, this year's St Patrick's Symposium will

consider our relationship to the planet and the need for us to exercise responsible stewardship of the environment through talks, music, poetry and discussion. Our keynote speaker is John Barry, Professor of Green Political Economy at Queen's University, Belfast.

Celebrating St Patrick with Armagh Cathedrals Partnership -

The Market Place Theatre: Tuesday 15th March 7.30 pm

Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre. Armagh Cathedrals Partnership invite you to a special evening of music, story, poetry and prayer to celebrate St Patrick. The guest speaker will be Rev Dr Sahr Yambasu, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. During the evening, he will reflect on “Patrick the Missionary”. It promises to be a very special evening as we celebrate the St Patrick's Festival in Armagh and light refreshments will be served afterwards.

St Patrick's Lecture - The Market Place Theatre: Wednesday 16th March 11am - 12 noon

Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre. On the eve of St Patrick's Day, the Primates of the two principal Churches in Ireland, Archbishop John McDowell and Archbishop Eamon Martin will discuss what St Patrick means to them in a 21st century context and how his words continue to resonate across the world.

St Patrick's Vigil Walk - Wednesday 16th March 9.00 pm - 10.00 pm

This event has become a popular activity during the city's Home of St Patrick's Festival. The Vigil Walk by torchlight is led by the leaders of the city's two Cathedrals, both called St Patrick's. Join them in prayer and conversation as the Vigil starts from the Church of Ireland Cathedral and moves to the Roman Catholic Cathedral, a symbolic reflection of St Patrick's own journey to unite through Christianity.

Light The Fire 2022 - Hill of Slane - 17th March

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join us in Slane, Co. Meath on St Patrick's Day, to pray together in the place where St Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Event begins at 4.00 pm on the 17th March with Vespers on the Hill of Slane and procession to the church (weather permitting), at 5.00 pm. Holy Mass celebrated in the church by Bishop Michael Smith, retired Bishop of Meath, followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, 041 983 0441.

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 are available in each of the Chapels.

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: £ 825.35

Other Collections

Candles: £ 179.41

Building Fund: £ 50.00

Priest's Dues: £ 51.00

Total: £1,105.76

Amount received by Standing Order Payments during the month of February was **£2,188.00.**

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: Fabian McDermott; Vincent Majirsky.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Sunday 13th March 9.00 am Mass for the People.

**11.30 am Patsy, Rose and Damien Heaney
and deceased members of the
Heaney family and
baby Breánan Grimes;**

Frank McCartan;

Oliver Donaghy.

Monday 14th March 7.00 am Private Intention.

Tuesday 15th March 7.00 am Private Intention.

Wednesday 16th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Thursday 17th March	9.00 am	St Patrick's Day.
	11.30 am	
Friday 18th March	7.00 am	Private Intention.
Sunday 20th March	11.30 am	Packie McNamee.

Church of St Patrick, Drumduff

Wednesday 16th March	9.00 am	Nellie Owens, Mary Cessford, Jane Owens and deceased members of the Owens family.
Saturday 19th March	12 noon	Wedding.

Church of St Malachy, Seskinore

Monday 14th March	7.30 pm	Private Intention.
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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.

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.

Choir Practice

There will be a choir practice in the Chapel for St Patrick's Day on Monday evening (14 March) at 7.30 pm.

Everyone welcome.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Last week's lotto numbers were 4, 12, 13, 19 and 22. No jackpot winner this week but the £50 share went to Stephen Duffy, Martin Kelly (Mullaslin) and Leo Donaghy. Next week's jackpot is £13,650 and tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder

<https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Beragh Red Knights GAA> or at local shops.

The countdown is on for the Beragh 5. The event is scheduled in for Easter Saturday 16th April 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. Plenty of time to get into running shape.

Time is running out to get your Club membership in. 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%Knights%20GAA/Membership#MembershipOptions>.

Beragh Red Knights GAA would like to announce the opening night of the Beragh Disco in our Pavilion. On Friday 18th March, our doors will open from 9.00 pm - midnight for our first underage disco. Strictly Year 8 and above!! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

If you still need to get your first, second or booster Covid-19 vaccine, there is a mobile vaccination clinic in our community hub on Tuesday 15th March between 4.00 pm - 8.00 pm.

We as a Club would like to wish each and every member of the Beragh community a Happy St Patrick's Day.

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:

- 1 Via Digital TV - Saorview 210.
- 2 Download our **free** App "Radio Maria Ireland".

- 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. 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