

PARISH OF BANAGHER

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th October 2022

Mass Times

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri 9.30am; **Tues 7.30pm Wed 7.30pm**
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & Thurs 10am. **Tues 10am**
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **Tues 10am; Wed 7.00pm** & Fri 7.00pm

All Saints Day - Tuesday

St Joseph's Church: **7.30pm**; St Mary's Church: **10am** & St Peter's & St Paul's Church: **10am**

All Souls Day - Wednesday

St Joseph's Church: **7.30pm**; St Mary's Church: **10am** & St Peter's & St Paul's Church: **10am**

Weekend Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm. 9.15am.
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Vigil 5.30pm. 10.30am.
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm. 12noon.

Confessions:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10am.
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Saturday 5.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am.
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Susan Donaghey, Tireighter, who was buried during this past week.

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Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Paidi Kieran Higgins, Darragh Michael McElhinney and Maya Kathleen McCann.

November Masses for Those Deceased in the Past Year

will be celebrated as follows:

Monday 7th November - St Mary's Church, Altinure at **7.30pm**

Tuesday 8th November - St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at **7.30pm**

Wednesday 9th November - St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen at **7.00pm**

Parish Mission: 22nd - 28th October

Fr Damian Polly OP, Fr Patrick Desmond OP and Fr Conor McDonough OP would like to thank all the parishioners for being so welcoming and engaging during a very successful mission. They are very grateful for the very generous contributions made to their congregation.

Year 8 Parish Retreat Banagher Parish invites all former P7 students who attended St Mary's, St Canice's and St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School last year to a year 8 retreat. A day which will be full of fun, friendship and activities. The retreat will take place on Saturday 12th November from 10am - 1pm in Fincairn Hall.

If your child can attend the year 8 retreat, please contact Charlotte either by email or send a private message to the Banagher Parish Facebook page. Email: charlotte.gormley@derrydiocese.org

Parish Pilgrimage to Assis and Rome 3rd - 10th May 2023 Led by Fr Micheál McGavigan. Seven nights (direct flights from Dublin to Rome with Aer Lingus; all airport transfers and tours in Italy; 3 nights in Grand Hotel Assisi 4* - half board; 4 nights in Hotel President 4* in Rome - bed & breakfast. Visiting the Tomb of St Francis, St Clare and Bl Carlo Acutis; The 4 Papal Arch Basilicas in Rome; Angelus with Pope Francis in St Peter's Square; The Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona. Cost: £1189 pps. For full details and booking please contact Fr Micheál McGavigan on 028 777 81223

The Catholic Mothers Group will host a Retreat in Termonbacca on Saturday 26th November. This all-day Retreat will begin at 10am, with registration. Come and join us for a day away from the busyness of motherhood and take time for prayer, restoration and encouragement. Contact Sinead for further information and to register on 07523104760 or 0860528282

Deceased Children & Young People's Mass The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 6th November at 7:00pm. There will be an opportunity to write down the name of your deceased loved one before Mass. All are welcome to attend. You can also join this Mass live on the St Eugene's Cathedral webcam. If you are unable to attend this Mass in person but would like to have a child or young person remembered at it, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org by Friday 4 November.

Pledge for November Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray.

November	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure	
	7.00pm	9.15am	5.30pm	10.30am
Readers	Elaine Loughery	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Wendy Dallas	Niamh O'Kane
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Briega O'Neill	Margaret O'Kane	Alfie Dallas
Flowers	Margaret Carton, Seamus McLaughlin		Barbara Sharkey	
Cleaning	Breige O'Neill, Pauline McGrellis, Deirdre Crossan		Brenda McCloskey, Shauna Quirk, Alison O'Neill	
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Michelle Cartin & Hugh Francis O'Neill		Olive O'Neill, Mary Conway	

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

22nd/23rd October 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £ 575 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £510

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £625

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Online Bank Donations can be made to Parish of Banagher: Sort: 95-03-06 A/C: 51052659

Calling All Men: The Men's Global Rosary Crusade invites 100 faithful Catholic men and more to meet and say the Rosary in reparation, repentance and conversion of the Irish nation at 1pm in Church Street, Coleraine, on the first Saturday of the month, 5th November 2022. We need as many men from your parish to attend this wonderful event and pray the Rosary as Our Lady has repeatedly asked us to do. Please come along with your family and friends as well and let's make this something beautiful for Our Lady, Ireland and the world. For details, ring 07730330028 (00447730330028 from the Republic).

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life: Addressing the church community in Thessalonica, St Paul writes "We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call!" We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the Diaconate and Consecrated life and that all who are called by the Lord to follow him will be worthy of his call.

Saints' Feasts Days this Week

Thursday 3rd: St Malachy was a priest in Armagh and in 1123 he was sent to the abbey of Bangor in Co. Down, then in urgent need of reform, as its abbot. He was made Bishop of Connor in 1124 and did much to revive that neglected diocese. He was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1132, with a similar aim, but it took him two years to obtain possession, since the Archbishopric of Armagh had become hereditary, and the family that owned it objected to an outsider taking over. He restored order to the Church and Christian morals to the people, and founded monasteries, including the first Cistercian monastery in Ireland, at Mellifont. On a journey to Rome he stopped at Clairvaux to visit his friend St Bernard, fell sick and died in his arms.

Friday 4th: St Charles Borromeo was a leading figure of the Catholic Reformation. He was born in a castle on the shores of Lake Maggiore in northern Italy, to a powerful family. He was related to the Medici through his mother. As the second son, he was destined for a career in the Church from an early age. He received a doctorate in civil and canon law at the University of Pavia, and when his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV in 1559 he was summoned to Rome and made a cardinal. Eventually, in 1563, he settled the argument by secretly being ordained priest. He was soon consecrated as Archbishop of Milan, but the Pope would not let him leave Rome because he was needed there. He worked on the catechism, the Missal and the Breviary, and reformed his own diocese as well as he could from a distance through trusted deputies. He began reform from the top, giving much of his property to the poor. He set up the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to teach children the faith: it was the beginning and inspiration of the Sunday School movement. Charles died on 3 November 1584 at the age of 46.

Saturday 5th: St Martin de Porres was born in Lima in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black ex-slave. His mother gave him a Christian education and he became a pharmacist and a nurse. Despite his father's opposition he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor. Many people of all ranks would come to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He has been named as a patron saint of those of mixed race.

If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793 or at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Duty Social Worker, Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090

Privacy Notice: The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A privacy notice is available on the Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Office. Live stream and recordings of Mass and Services in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure are available online. Parishioners should note that the first three rows of seats are visible online in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and the first six rows of seats in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Centre Bring the kids to visit Mr Spook's Library in the Masters House over Halloween. Find his favourite scary book and get your picture taken to be in with the chance of winning £25. Mr Spooks Library will be open from 28 Oct to 4 Nov from 11am to 5pm. Free of charge. Book Club at Learmount Community Centre has changed to the second Thursday of every month so they'll next meet on 10 Nov. at 8pm. New members would be very welcome. Sean Doherty from ADVICE NI is back with his face-to-face advice clinic in the Masters House from Tuesday 25 Oct. 2-4pm. This is a free, drop-in service with advice on issues such as benefits, employment, housing issues and much more. Outreach Post Office service available in the Resource Centre every Thursday from 9am to 12pm. Avail of a wide range of postal and daily banking transactions on your doorstep. For further information on any of the above contact 02877781881 or email learmountgroup@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook for the most current updates.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 25/10/22 were: 1, 2, 4 & 15. Winning £35 each was, Seamus Simpson, Joan Cunningham and Heather Irwin. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week Jackpot is £7,200. Banagher GAC Annual Dinner Dance, 19th November, The Clanree Hotel.

Glenshane House OCN Level 2 Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children starts on Wednesday 9th November at 7 pm. Spaces still available. Suitable for classroom assistants, teachers, students (16 yrs+) or parents. Tel. 028 777 42494.

Fostering: This autumn, help us spread the word about Fostering. We need more foster carers now, right across Northern Ireland. Help us get the message out by talking to your family, friends and work colleagues. There are various types of foster care available to suit different lifestyles and family commitments. Could you foster? T: 0800 0720 137 W: adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

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CONTACT US

To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Anniversary Mass, please call Fr Micheál or the secretaries on 028 7778 1223 or email banagherparish@derrydiocese.org.

Parish Office hours this week: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973