

PARISH OF BANAGHER

1st Sunday of Advent - 27th November 2022

Mass Times

Weekday Mass:

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

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: Wednesday 7pm & 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.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for Patricia Brolly RIP in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 3rd December 2022 at 7pm.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Michael Feeney RIP in St Mary's Church, Altinure on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 10.30am.

Acknowledgement Fr Micheál would like to acknowledge with thanks the donation of £100 from the family of the late Maeve Hasson RIP for the use of St Joseph's Hall.

Advent Devotions will take place on the Sundays of Advent in St Joseph's, Fincairn at 6pm.

'Walk With Me' Advent prayer books are available in our Church Porches.

'A Different Way of Praying' - praying in a meditative way over the Advent Mass Readings. A short program during the four Sundays of Advent, in the Grotto Chapel, Fincairn at 5pm. Led by Charlotte Gormley, all welcome.

Service of Light for those children in our parish who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in March will take place on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn. Parents and children should bring the child's baptismal candle if they have it.

Trócaire Gifts of Love Will Be on Sale at weekend Masses on the 3rd /4th & 10th /11th December in St Mary's Altinure and St Joseph's Fincairn. Trócaire Gifts of Love help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 23 gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the *Gift of Soap* for families in war-torn South Sudan. How do they work? Say, you buy Trócaire's *Gift of Winter Essentials* for a friend or family member, Syrian refugees who fled the conflict and who are now trying to survive in makeshift camps in Lebanon will receive socks, waterproof boots, warm jackets and blankets all sourced in-country, all vital to get them through the dangerously cold winter. Meanwhile, your friend or family member will get a lovely Gift card telling them you have bought this Gift of Love on their behalf. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>.

Foyle Foodbank Collection We will be having collections of food and other items in the parish to help out Foyle Foodbank this year on the lead up to Christmas. Please take a look at the list of items on Banagher Parish FB for items that are most needed to be donated this year. The collections will take place on the 3rd & 4th of December for an hour after the Masses that weekend in Altinure and Fincairn and Foreglen (***NB** Not after Mass Sunday in Altinure, but **later that afternoon**).

- Altinure Hall: Saturday 3rd after the 5:30pm Mass for an hour & Sunday 4th from **3pm-4pm**.
- Fincairn Hall: Saturday 3rd after the 7pm Mass for an hour & Sunday 4th after the 9:15am Mass for an hour.
- Foreglen Community Centre: Sunday 4th after the 12 noon Mass for an hour.

December	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure	
	7.00pm	9.15am	5.30pm	10.30am
Readers	Brenda Duddy	Jack McColgan	Maeve McLaughlin	Leo Devine
Eucharistic Ministers	Mickey Hasson	Geraldine McCloskey	Seamus McCaul	Sally O'Kane
Flowers	Pauline McGrellis		Sheila Byrne	
Cleaning	Lucy McLaughlin, Jean O'Neill		Roisin McInroy, Sheila Byrne, Fiona Byrne	
Counters	Anne Hassan, Marion & Anthony O'Neill, Patricia McCloskey		Philomena Conway, Sean Conway, Karen Feeney & family	

Save the Date A Christmas Concert by the University of Ulster Choir will be held in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

19th/20th November 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £ 760 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £785
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £345

Retired Priests Collection: £1430

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops January – March 2023 virtual courses go live next week for booking online at www.accordni.com. Course dates are: January 9th/10th 2023; January 30th/31st 2023; February 6th/7th 2023; February 20th/21st 2023; March 6th/7th 2023; March 27th/28th 2023. Please note courses book up quickly.

New Mass Schedule 2023

As announced this weekend, the new Mass schedule will begin on the weekend of 31st December/1st January 2023 and will be a trial for 3 months:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm; Every Other Sunday 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Sunday 10.30am

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm; Every Other Sunday 12noon

Mass times in Neighbouring Parishes:

St Patrick's Church, Dungiven: Vigil 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am & 11.30am

St Matthew's Church, Drumsurn: Sunday 10.15am

Immaculate Conception, Gortnahey: Vigil 7.15am

St Joseph's Church, Craighane: Sunday 10.00am

St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

Youth 2000 Prayer Group at Lavey Parochial house (opposite Lavey chapel) every Friday evening at 7.30pm. For ages 16-35. Please contact Gemma on 07934791188.

The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Excellent Speakers, Talks & Workshops, music, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today. Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi 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: £1189pps. For full details & to book contact Fr Micheál McGavigan on 028 777 81223.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome: As part of St Eugene's Cathedral 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome from 25th - 30th September 2023. Visiting the birthplace of Padre Pio, Shrine of St Michael Archangel, St Peter's Basilica and other important sites. Price is £879pps (Single room supplement £150). For more details, email info@marian.ie or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

Saints' Feast Days This Week

Tuesday 29th November: St Andrew was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands.

Friday 2nd December: St Francis Xavier was born in the Basque country of Spain in 1506. In 1541 the Pope sent him as part of a mission to India, and he spent the rest of his life in the East, preaching the Gospel, converting many in Goa, Malacca and Japan. He died on the Chinese island of Shangchwan as he attempted to enter China. A patron of the missions.

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.

Derry Diocesan Trust Employment Opportunities:

Cook - Banagher Parochial House, 42 Glenedra Road, Feeny. 10 hours per week (hours flexible but must include Saturday 11.00am to 2.00pm) For an application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to payroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on 16.12.2022. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Centre Hearing Aid Clinic: Monday 28 Nov at 11am in Learmount Resource Centre. Mary Cruickshank will be there to deal with any hearing aid queries you may have, clean devices, batteries etc. Good Morning Park: Our volunteers call people on a daily or every other day basis to say hello and check things are ok. Those living on their own find the calls reassuring, others living with family just enjoy having someone different to talk to. If this is something you or someone you know would like to try then give us a call. For more information ring 02877781881, message on Facebook or email learmountgroup@gmail.com

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 22/11/22 were: 3, 7, 27 & 28. Winning £15 each was Gerard McGillion, Ursula Campbell, Noel McCloskey, Madeline Brolly, Peter Donaghy, Pauline Farren, Margaret Carton. Money can be collected in the shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week Jackpot is £7,600. Our drive-in Bingo continues on Sunday at 4pm. Last house worth a massive £1000.

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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: Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973