

PARISH OF BANAGHER

2nd Sunday of Advent - 4th December 2022

Mass Times

Includes Mass Times for the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th December**

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri 9.30am; **Thu 9.30am & Wed 7.30pm**

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & **Thurs 10am.**

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **Wed 7.00pm** & 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.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound for Christmas will be on the 12th & 13th December. There will be more details in next week's bulletin. If you would prefer not to have a visit at this time or you know someone who should be added to the visitation list, please contact the parish office.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Philomena McColgan RIP in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 10th December 2022 at 7pm.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Bridie Stevenson, Main Street, Feeny, who was buried during this past week.

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Baptism We welcome into God's family Finn Peter Duggan.

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

Time Change: '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 5:30pm. Led by Charlotte Gormley, all welcome! • Sunday 4th Dec - 5:30pm • Sunday 11th Dec - 5:30pm • Sunday 18th Dec - 5:30pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 5.30pm & 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 5.30pm & 7.00pm

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12noon

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. All welcome.

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 Feeny & family	

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.

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. 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 sourced in-country and go directly to families in need. For info go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>.

We Pray for Vocations The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Friday 9 December, at 8pm, and will be led by the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy and Greenlough. Those unable to attend are invited to follow the Service on the Cathedral webcam at: www.steugenescathedral.com

New Mass Schedule 2023

As announced 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, Foreglan: 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

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: This Prayer Society has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. As we know addiction takes many forms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography to other less acknowledged addictions. To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Society with Masses offered on the first Monday of every month in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712. The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 5th December at 7.30 pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

26th/27th November 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,150 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £735
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglan: £660

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

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.

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

Leamont Community Centre Christmas Lights Switch On: Friday 9th December from 7pm at the Resource Centre. Santa and his festive friends will be there to say hello to the kids and give them each a little treat. Mulled wine, hot chocolate, cookies etc. Free outdoor event open to everyone. Christmas Workshops through the CARE 50+ project - Booking Essential as numbers are limited - one workshop per person. All workshops are in the Community Centre starting at 7pm. Tue 13 December: Glass Painting with Christine Bonnar - make your own hand painted Christmas decoration. £2pp incl. materials. Wed 14 December: Christmas Centrepieces with Louise from Farmgirl Florals. Create and take home a beautiful floral decoration. £20pp incl. materials. Thu 15 December: Christmas Cookery Demo with Seana McAirfryer. See how to speedily cook honey roast ham, stuffing, soup and festive finger food. Tasty samples to try. £2pp Call 02877781881, send a PM on facebook or email leamontgroup@gmail.com

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 29/11/22 were: 12, 20, 24 & 25. Winning £50 each was Margaret Forrester & Dolores Quigg. 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 £7,700. Our drive-in Bingo continues on Sunday at 4pm. Last house worth a massive £1000.

Glenshane House - OCN Level 2 Award in Introduction to Mindfulness & Reducing Anxiety in Children starting January, Wednesday nights from 7-9 (6 weeks). Suitable for parents, classroom assistants, teachers and students over 16. To register Tel 028 777 42494

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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