

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

## Mass Times

### Weekday Masses this week:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn - \***Grotto Chapel**: Mon & Fri 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  
\***Grotto Chapel** Weekday Mass in Fincairn will be celebrated in the Grotto Chapel for the winter months, except for Funerals, Month's Mind and Anniversary Masses

### Weekend Masses for next weekend, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January:

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

### Sunday 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 4.30pm  
St Joseph's Church, Craigbane: Sunday 10.00am  
St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

### Confessions:

Grotto Chapel, Fincairn: Wednesday 7pm & Friday 10am

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

**A Month's Mind Mass** will be celebrated for Patrick Feeney RIP in St Mary's Church, Altinure on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 10.30am.

**St Joseph's Junior Choir** has been reformed and practice in the Church on Thursday evenings from 5pm - 6pm. Those in Primary 4 to Year 9 are welcome to join.

## Confirmation and First Holy Communion Dates 2023

### Confirmation

St Canice's PS, Fincairn and St Peter's & St Paul's PS, Foreglen to take place at St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on 4th March 2023 at 11am.  
St Mary's PS, Altinure to take place at St Mary's Church, Altinure on 4th March 2023 at 2pm.

### First Holy Communion

St Mary's PS, Altinure - 13th May 2023 at 11am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.  
St Canice's PS, Fincairn - 20th May 2023 at 11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.  
St Peter's & St Paul's PS, Foreglen - 20th May 2023 at 11am in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome 3rd - 10th May 2023** Deposits of £250 per person are now due, together with a copy of your passport. Payment can be made directly to the parish bank account. There are a few remaining seats for those who would like to travel.

**Trócaire** would like to thank the people of Banagher Parish for their very generous support of their Gifts of Love sale at Christmas which, along with other general donations, raised a fantastic total of £3179. This kind contribution will now be used to fund projects in 16 countries around the world where Trócaire works, helping to provide access to clean water, educational and farming resources, humanitarian assistance and in the defence of human rights."

**Lourdes 2023: The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage**, led by Bishop Donal McKeown, will go direct from City of Derry Airport. 3rd to 7th July, four nights FB in the Hotel Agena: £745 sharing, £35 single sppt. Travel insurance up to age 79-£39. Age 80 to 94-£78. (Pilgrims may wish to use their own insurance). Further details and payment arrangements via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, derrypilgrim@outlook.com, tel 02871 260 293

**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.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £700 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £505  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £430

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:

**Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950366 A/c 51052659**

**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.

**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

### Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese of Derry

This weekend, Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry publishes a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese of Derry '**God has plans for His people. Join in the Mission of Prayer, Exploration and Renewal.**' The following excerpts from Bishop Donal's letter highlight his aspirations for us all.

Bishop McKeown invites "all our local parishes to have prayerful discussions about how each can explore and review our way of being Church so that we can **Build an open and welcoming community, reaching those who feel like outsiders in our churches; Grow in faith together throughout our lives and Make Jesus known and loved.**

"Faith means believing that God is at work, even in difficult times. Faith involves discerning where God is in the middle of fear and loss, anger and division.

"It is very clear that, like much of Europe, the Diocese of Derry faces many difficulties.

- The model of Church that seemed so confident fifty years ago is no longer marked by large numbers at Mass. Where smaller numbers attend Mass, there is a lesser chance of bringing people to know and love Jesus, of numerous vocations to priesthood and religious life.
- The scandal of abuse and cover-ups from the past have damaged our ability to speak about Jesus with moral authority.
- To a large extent we have failed to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to young people.
- We face a secular culture which has little time for faith communities. Along with other Christian churches, we know that the problem in the future will not be religious difference so much as religious indifference.
- Our society is stalked by fears of poverty, war in Europe and a climate emergency.

"I believe that we will be more like the Holy Spirit-filled Body of Christ when our diocese is blessed with many: **Families which hand on the faith; People of all ages exploring and developing their faith; Lay people with the official ministries of Lector, Acolyte and Catechist; Consecrated Virgins – who publicly dedicate their lives to the Lord but live and work among their fellow-parishioners. Female and male religious (such as the Carmelites and various communities of religious Sisters); Permanent Deacons; and Ordained priests.**

"I encourage each parish to promote a specific period of time to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray and reflect on this mission of renewal. Only by being open to the Sacrament of the Cross will we be renewed.

"In a context of prayer and of openness to the Holy Spirit, I invite the parishes of the diocese to set out on this mission of renewal, believing that if we listen for the voice of the Lord, we can enter into His peace. Like generations of missionaries before us, we walk into the future, filled with hope, that the Lord has already prepared for us."

### Feast Days this Coming Week

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - St Antony, Abbot** (251 – 356), the originator of the monastic life, was born in Egypt. When his parents died, he listened to the words of the Gospel and gave all his belongings to the poor. He lived a life of penitence in the wilderness, in absolute poverty, praying, meditating, and supporting himself by manual work. He suffered many temptations, both physical and spiritual, and disciples gathered round him, attracted by his wisdom, moderation, and holiness. He supported the victims of the persecutions of Diocletian and helped St Athanasius in his fight against the Arians. He lived over a hundred years.

### Derry Diocesan Trust – Employment Opportunities

**Derry Diocesan Trust Administrative Officer**, Derry Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, Derry. 3 days per week (9.00am – 5.00pm)

**Derry Diocesan Trust HR Officer**, Derry Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, Derry. 2 days per week (9.00am – 5.00pm)

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: [office@derrydiocese.org](mailto:office@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](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) no later than 4.30pm on 30.01.2023.

*Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Canice's PS Feeny** For parents applying for a place for their child to start Primary 1 in September '23, the Education Authority's Portal opens for applications on 10 January @ 12 noon and closes 27 January @ 12 noon. Information available on our school website: <https://www.stcanicespsfeeny.com/news/p1-admissions-for-september-23/?cms4563-news-live=1237>

**Learmount Community Centre** Spaces available in the following classes: **Women's Yoga** on Monday from 7-7.45pm **Men's Yoga** on Monday from 8-8.45pm, both in Park Hall. Mats available for anyone who wants to give it a try. **Art Club** Monday from 7.30-9.30pm and **Painting for Pleasure** Thursday from 10.30am-12.30pm both in the Community Centre. **Advice NI** available in the Master's House from 2-4pm on Tuesdays. No appointment necessary, just call in. Free, confidential advice on everything from benefits and cost of living supports to housing and pensions. Have you an hour and a half one morning a week to spare? **We need more volunteer callers** for our Good Morning Park telephone service. This is an important service, it's easy to do and it's lovely to have a quick chat with the clients to check everything is ok. It's also personally rewarding when you give something back to the community. Why not give it a try? For more information on any of the above or to book a class contact the centre on 02877781881 or message our Facebook page.

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Winning Lotto Numbers for 10/01/23 were: 6, 7, 18 & 26. Winning £25 each was Breidge Doherty, Alice O'Kane, Maria Cartin, Eileen Rafferty. Money can be collected in the shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £8,200. Drive-in Bingo continues Sunday 4pm.

**Glenshane House, Dungiven** - OCN Level 3 Award in Working with Children & Young People with Special Needs Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30-9.30 pm. To register Tel. 028 777 42494 or call into the office.

### PARISH CLERGY

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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](mailto:banagherparish@derrydiocese.org).

**Parish Office** opening hours: Monday - Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**Mass is Live on the Webcam at [www.banagherparish.com](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**