

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Mass Times

#### Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: Grotto Chapel, Fincairn: 9.30am

Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

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

Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

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

*\*\*\*No other weekday Masses this week\*\*\**

#### Weekend Mass Times for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February

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

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

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

#### 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

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

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am.

**A Month's Mind Mass** will be celebrated for Dan Lynch RIP in St Mary's Church, Altinure on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am.

**Visitation of the Sick and Housebound** will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. Monday morning: Fincairn, Afternoon: Park, Late afternoon: Carnanbane, Evening: Foreglen. **Please note the change in days this month.** If you would prefer not to have a visit at this time or know someone to be added to the visitation list, please contact the parish office.

**Baptism** We welcome into God's family Lana McCloskey.

### Essential Repairs & Maintenance

Over the coming weeks and months, a schedule of essential repairs and maintenance will take place across the 3 churches in the Parish. Most notably will be the dismantling and rebuilding of the bell tower at St Mary's Church, Altinure. While the scaffolding will be erected at the eastern wall, stonework repairs and ventilation works will also be carried out. In St Peter and St Paul's Church, Foreglen, repairs to the stonework around the sanctuary, treating the damp in the porch and resolving the ongoing problems with the heating will take place. In anticipation of any inconvenience that this may cause, I thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

**Children in Crossfire** will speak at Masses on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February, followed by a church door collection. Your donations will help provide vital healthcare, education and safe, clean water for vulnerable children in Tanzania and Ethiopia. Thank you for your support. For more information go to [www.childrenincrossfire.org](http://www.childrenincrossfire.org)

### Sycamore Faith Programme

Banagher Parish will be running the Sycamore Faith Program for adults. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and some time for great conversations.

The main speaker in the videos is Fr Stephen Wang, a Catholic priest and popular speaker. In the videos, there is a talk from Fr Stephen followed by street interviews with people from different backgrounds which gives a fresh perspective on the big questions. Throughout the video various questions are posed to our local group to get discussion started.

Everyone is welcome, and it is a great opportunity to experience a real sense of community and a spirit of friendship. There's no pressure, if you are shy, you can take a back seat. If you are full of ideas and questions, this is a space to share them. You can be yourself without any fear of being judged, and you can also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee during these sessions.

The sessions will be led by Charlotte, our Faith Formation Coordinator, and will take place in the Grotto Chapel in Fincairn on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 8pm. The sessions will start on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of February and continue until Easter.

**Holy Hour for Vocations** The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 8pm on Friday 10 February, and will be led by Deacon Stephen Ward.

**Ards Friary** is hosting a residential retreat, 'Things that Matter', from 24-26 February. It will be led by Philip McParland. Cost €175. To register, tel 074 91 38909 or email: [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie). Enquiries / further information can be obtained by emailing: [philipmcparland@hotmail.com](mailto:philipmcparland@hotmail.com)

February	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Leah Stevenson Niall Brolly	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Niamh O'Kane
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joanne Donaghey	Anne Hassan	Alfie Dallas
<b>Flowers</b>	Pauline McGrellis		Dympna McElhinney
<b>Cleaning</b>	Colette Hasson		Mary Rose O'Kane, Anna Smyth
<b>Counters</b>	Bridie McErlean & Hugh Francis O'Neill		Christine McGaughey, Celine McGaughey & Ann O'Kane
<b>Collectors</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> Dermot O'Hara Pat McCullagh	<b>9.15am</b> Liam Campbell Patrick McGrellis	Hugh Grieve, JB Murphy, JT McCloskey, Shane Kerlin

**Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome 3rd - 10th May 2023** Full balance is due by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Payment can be made directly to the parish bank account. There are a few remaining seats for those who would like to travel.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1166      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £575  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £311

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

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

**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, will be open to the public on Saturdays only from 11.00am until 1.00pm commencing on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Intending pilgrims can also leave a message on 028 7126 0293 with their full postal address and the number of booking forms required or email this information to derry pilgrim@outlook.com or write to us at the above address. We very much regret that, once more, we are not in a position to provide medical, nursing and personal care as was customary in the past. It is our earnest hope and prayer that we will be able to restore these services in 2024.

**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.

### Blessing of the Graves 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 10.30am  
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – 12noon.  
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – 10.30am

### Saints' Feast Days this Coming Week

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February: St Paul Miki** was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and speared and so were martyred together.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February: St Scholastica** was born in Nursia, Umbria, Italy in about 480, the twin sister of St Benedict. She and her brother Benedict were brought up together until the time he left to pursue studies in Rome. They were dedicated to God from an early age and Scholastica followed her brother to Monte Cassino. Benedictine tradition holds that Scholastica established a hermitage about five miles from Monte Cassino and that this was the first convent of Benedictine nuns. She died there in about 547. She is Patron of Benedictine nuns, education and convulsive children.

**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

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 11am.  
St Mary's PS, Altinure to take place at St Mary's Church, Altinure on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 2pm.

#### First Holy Communion

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

**Safeguarding:** 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

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Learmount Community Centre** Our flyer listing all classes and events over the next few months is now available on facebook or give us a call and we can send one to you. Spaces available on **Needle Felting** 15 & 22 Feb at 10.30am, **Watercolours** from 16 Feb for 4wks from 7-9pm. **IT/Mobile** workshops from 21 Feb for 4wks at 11am. **Mindfulness/Meditation** Wed 1 and 8 March at 7.30pm. **Men's Yoga** from 8.00-8.45pm in Park Hall. Some spaces are also available for the **kids' skateboarding, parkour and hip hop sessions** starting in Park Hall on Thu 9 Feb, - for school year/primary 3 to year 8 (first years). Booking is essential for all classes. We are also looking for donations of unwanted Christmas gifts (e.g. beauty sets, candles, ornaments etc) to use as prizes. For info contact 02877781881 or email learmountgroup@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook for the most current updates.

**Glenshane House** Dungiven Sports Centre, Curragh Road. Causeway Actively Ageing Programme. Fridays 11am -12pm Racquet Sports; 12 pm to 1 pm Keep Fit. Over 50's. Pay as you go sessions.

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Winning Lotto Numbers for 31/01/23 were: 6, 17, 20 & 23. Winning £35 each was Liam Toland, Ann O'Brien, Catherine McCullough. Money can be collected in the shop. Next week's Jackpot is £8,500. Drive-in Bingo continues Sunday 4pm.

### 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.

**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**