

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Mass Times

### Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: Grotto Chapel, Fincairn: 9.30am

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

Ash Wednesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am; St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm; St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.30pm.

### Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

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

Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am; St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm

**N.B.** Mass in Fincairn will return to the Main Church for Lent

### Weekend Mass Times for 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<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:

Wednesday: Grotto Chapel, Fincairn, 7pm

Saturday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 6.30pm

### 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.

### Stations of the Cross Devotions for Lent:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Wednesday (After evening Mass) 8.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Sunday 6.00pm

## February Do This in Memory Mass

This weekend in Foreglen and next weekend in our other 2 Churches will be the Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is the 'Importance of Baptism for First Holy Communion'. Each month the children will receive a gift at the end of Mass which aims to help them grow in their prayer life. This month's gift is a bottle of Holy water, to remind the children of their baptism, and why it is important to them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. We as a parish pray that Jesus will guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

**Children in Crossfire** will speak at Masses this weekend, 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)

**Temperance Sunday** RTÉ will broadcast Mass on Sunday 19 February 2023 at 11am to mark Temperance Sunday 2023. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery. The Offertory Hymn composed by Ephrem Feeley is a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer.

**Retreat Day for Parish Volunteers** The Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry are hosting a retreat day for anyone involved in Parish Ministry. This includes Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Cleaners, Collectors, Counters, Flower Arrangers, HOPE Volunteers, Sacristans and Choir leaders. The Retreat will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am until 3pm. A light lunch will be provided. The cost of the retreat will be covered by the Parish. For those who wish to attend please contact the Parish Office before Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Mary's Meals – Syria Earthquake Appeal** We invite you to join us in prayer for those affected by the two devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and for the success of emergency response efforts. Mary's Meals has provided school meals in Syria since 2017 with our local partner Dorcas, and we have now launched an emergency appeal to provide urgent support for children and vulnerable adults in and around Aleppo who are in desperate need. To find out more or donate, please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) or call us for free on 0800 6981212.

**Calling All Men...** The Men's Worldwide Rosary Crusade hits Limavady this March and we invite all faithful Catholic men from Limavady and beyond to meet and say the Rosary for reparation, repentance and conversion of the Irish nation at 1pm on the corner of Market Street and Catherine Street, Limavady, on the first Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We urgently need men to answer Our Lady's call to pray the Rosary for our families, our faith, our lives and our country. Please attend this wonderful event and pray the Rosary. Bring your family and friends and let's make this something beautiful for Our Lady, Ireland and the world. For details, ring 07730330028 (00447730330028 from the Republic).

**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)

**HOPE Camp Banagher** We are delighted to confirm that HOPE Camp Banagher will be taking place from 31st July – 4th August 2023. HOPE Camp is for children who live in the geographical boundary of Banagher Parish. HOPE is open to children who have finished P6 in June 2023 up to children who have finished Year 11 in June 2023. If you would like to volunteer to help at the HOPE Camp in Banagher Parish, you must be 16+. More information regarding HOPE Camp will be announced in the coming weeks.

**Baptism:** We welcome into God's family Niamh Stevenson

### 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.

**'Different ways to pray' – Lent Program** The 'Different ways to pray' Lent program aims to provide parishioners with an opportunity to experience different forms of prayer. During this Season of Lent, some of the forms of prayer that will be offered within this program are: Guided Meditation, Lectio Divina, Lent reflection, the Divine Office, the Examine. These sessions will take place on a Monday morning in the Grotto Chapel in Fincairn at 10am and will roughly last about half an hour. All parishioners are welcome to attend these prayer sessions, and they aim to give the people of the parish an opportunity to experience prayer in different ways and focus our hearts on Christ on the lead up to Easter. The first prayer session will take place on Monday 27th of February at 10am and will continue on a weekly basis through the season of Lent.

#### Ash Wednesday Begins Lent

Derived from the Anglo-Saxon word 'lencten', meaning 'spring', Lent is a special period of reflection, fasting, and prayer. Christians are encouraged to recall the sacraments of baptism and penance in preparation for Easter Sunday, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Christian fasting began as a voluntary practice, as a recognition of Jesus' forty-day fast in the desert, as a support to prayer, as a way to prepare for a feast, as penance for sin, and as a way to save something for the poor – a suitable practice to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

**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 11th 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.

**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.

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,025      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £730  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £240

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

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

**Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950306 A/c 51052659**

**Safeguarding Notice:** 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. Please note that the areas around and the interiors of St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure and covered by CCTV.

#### 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. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Learmount Community Centre

**IT/Mobile workshops** from 21 Feb for 4wks at 11am - a few spaces left. **History evening** on Friday 24 Feb from 7.30pm with Pat Deeny on the Restoration of the Stonemason's Cottage. Donations recently collected from the Dementia box in Altinure chapel totalled £166.28. Thank you everyone, this will go into the Learmount Dementia Fund to help provide local services. Please contact the centre if you or someone you know is affected by dementia, there is help and support out there. For further information and/or to book a class contact 02877781881 or email learnmountgroup@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook for the most current updates.

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto Numbers for 14/02/23 were: 1, 14, 20 & 22. Winning £50 each was Bridget O'Kane and P.J McCloskey. Money can be collected in the shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's jackpot is £1,100. 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 during office hours 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**