

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## Palm Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

### Holy Week & Easter Mass Times:

#### HOLY WEEK

**Monday 3rd April:** St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

**Tuesday 4th April:** St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

**Wednesday 5th April:** St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm  
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.30pm

**Thursday 6th April:** St Eugene's Cathedral: Chrism Mass 10am

#### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

**Mass of the Lord's Supper:** St Mary's Church, Altinure: 7.30pm

#### Friday 7th April - Good Friday Passion:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 3.00pm

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 3.00pm

**Stations of the Cross:** St Mary's Church, Altinure: 6.00pm

#### Saturday 8th April - Solemn Easter Vigil:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 8.00pm

#### Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

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

#### CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm

**Visitation of the Parish Sick and Housebound** will take place on Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week. Monday morning – Feeny; Monday afternoon – Carnanbane; Tuesday morning – Park; Tuesday afternoon – Foreglen. If you have a relative or neighbour who would like a visit, please let Fr Micheál know.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the family of God baby Mila Grace Cairns and baby Matilda Rose Brolly.

**Divine Mercy Novena** will commence on Good Friday at 3pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

**Mass for the happy repose of the souls of** James McGillion RIP, on the occasion of his first anniversary and Rose McGurk RIP on the occasion of her second anniversary will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

**Children's Liturgy** during the 10:30am Sunday Masses in St Mary's Church in Altinure. Open to all children in P1, P2 and P3 across the Parish. No children's liturgy on Easter Sunday, but will resume on Divine Mercy Sunday.

April	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Brenda Duddy	Liam Campbell	Emma Redmond & Aoife Kerlin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mickey Hasson	Briege O'Neill	Tony Gormley
<b>Flowers</b>	Briege O'Neill		Regina Forester & Sinead Wilson
<b>Cleaning</b>	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Regina Forester, Margaret Rose Devine, Roisin McLaughlin
<b>Counters</b>	Briege O'Neill, Liam Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Peter McCullagh		Anna Smyth, Anna Gormley
<b>Collectors</b>	Dermot O'Hara Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson Patrick McGrellis	Gerald, Shane, Connor & Sean Kerlin

**Congratulations** to a native of the Parish, Father Pius McLaughlin Ofm, who recently celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

**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.

**Banagher Parish Golf Day** will take place on Friday 19th May at Moyola Golf Club. This Golf Day is a Fundraiser for the Hope Camp. Tee times can be booked by contacting Sean McGrellis on 07590188129. Anyone who would like to Sponsor the Golf Day can do so by contacting either Sean or Fr Micheál.

**Marriage Preparation:** Dates of the Accord Marriage Preparation Courses for April and May 2023 (Virtual) are April 17th/18th and 22nd/23rd May 2023. Courses can be booked online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1175

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £525

*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**

*Please note that the above figures do not include donations made online directly to the parish bank account. This total figure will be published at the beginning of every month.*

**A Prayer for Vocations:** In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25 April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly on [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie), or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at [willie.purcell@iecon.ie](mailto:willie.purcell@iecon.ie) or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at [eric.cooney@iecon.ie](mailto:eric.cooney@iecon.ie)

**Friends of Africa** will be hosting a 5K fun run/walk on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 12noon. Registration from 11am in Learmount Community Centre. Tea, coffee and refreshments served afterwards.

**Mary's Meals** Please consider donating to support our work in Syria where the destruction of the earthquakes continues to cause such devastation and in Malawi following Cyclone Freddy. Malawi is where Mary's Meals began and holds a special place in our hearts [www.marymeals.org.uk](http://www.marymeals.org.uk)

**Rosary on the Coast:** 3pm Sunday 2 April at Lisfannon Strand, Bunrana. We will pray for Ireland, world peace and the lives of our unborn children, amongst others. Bring along family & friends and make this something special for Our Lady. For details, ring 00 44 77 303 30028.

**World Youth Day** - Derry Diocesan Youth is taking a group on Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, from 25 July to 7 August 2023. This pilgrimage is for over 18s. Limited places available: if you would be interested in travelling on the pilgrimage, or finding out more, please contact Lizzie Rea on [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org).

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** 15 October 2023 (9 nights) Direct ex Dublin – Tel Aviv. Part I: Galilee/Nazareth. Part II: Bethlehem/Jerusalem. Cost £1795 stg includes taxes, transfers, tips, half-board. For further details please contact Erin/Sr Perpetua at [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org).

**Job Opportunities:** Part Time Housekeeper – Donegal 9 hours per week – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11.00am – 2.00pm. Financial and Administrative Secretary - Diocesan Catechetical Centre – 21 hours per week (temporary fixed term contract until August 2023 with possibility of extension of hours and/or term of contract). For job description and 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](mailto: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](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) no later than 4.30pm on 17.04.2023. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

**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 also note that the outside areas and the interiors of St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure and covered by CCTV.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto Numbers for 28/03/23 were: 7, 13, 14, 20. Winning £100 was Margaret Rose Gormley. 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 £1,700.

**Learmount Community Centre - Carers Training:** In partnership for DEEDS we are running this free course for family members looking after someone at home living with dementia. We encourage you to come together on the course and share the learning exploring: What is dementia? Communication and Behaviours. The final session will be the carers' choice. Starting 18th April to 9th May at 7pm weekly. To book contact the Community Centre on the number below or email [sinead@olt.ie](mailto:sinead@olt.ie). For further information and/or to book a class contact 02877781881 or email [learmountgroup@gmail.com](mailto:learmountgroup@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information.

**Feeny Community Centre:** New baby massage and reflexology class starting 17th April in Feeny Community Centre. Contact contact [rosiesbabymassage@hotmail.com](mailto:rosiesbabymassage@hotmail.com) for more details.

**Foster Carers** needed in the Western Trust area – a range of opportunities available that can work in with different lifestyles, including respite, emergency and long-term: Upcoming Information Events – Saturday 1 April, 2.00-4.00pm: Mellon Country Hotel, Beltany Road, Omagh; Thursday 20 April, 6.30pm-7.30pm: Guildhall, Derry; Saturday 22 April, 2.00-4.00pm: Westville Hotel, Enniskillen; Saturday 13 May, 2.00-4.00pm: Bethany Community Hall, Limavady. To register, email [info@fostering.hscni.net](mailto:info@fostering.hscni.net) or call 0800 0720 137.

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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**