

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## Easter Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Mass & Service Times

#### Weekday Masses for Easter Week will be in St Mary's Church, Altinure only:

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

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

#### Weekend Mass Times for Next Weekend – Divine Mercy Sunday 15th April:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

St Peter & 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, Craighbane: Sunday 10.00am

St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

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

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

**The Divine Mercy Novena** continues in St Mary's Church, Altinure each day at 3pm. You can follow it on the Parish Webcam. For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention: All mankind, especially sinners; the souls of priests and religious; all devout and faithful souls; those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus; the souls who have separated themselves from the Church; the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children; the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; the souls detained in purgatory; and souls who have become lukewarm.

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).

Solemn Conclusion to the Novena on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 2pm.

**Children's Liturgy** during the 10:30am Sunday Masses in St Mary's Church in Altinure resumes on Divine Mercy Sunday. Open to all children in P1, P2 and P3 across the Parish.

**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.

### Easter 2023

The Priests of the Parish wish you and your families a very Happy Easter. In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope and joy of our risen Saviour.

**Holy Hour for Vocations** The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 8pm on Friday 14 April, and will be led by Fr Patrick Lagan, CC, Waterside. Everyone is welcome to attend, or to join in the prayers via the Cathedral webcam.

**Banagher 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)

**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.

**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. Please register directly on [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie).

**Rosary on the Coast: Cupcakes & Rosaries** The next Rosary on the Coast will be held at 3pm on Sunday 16 April on Benone Strand, Limavady, left hand side as usual. This will be our first anniversary, and so there might just be cupcakes to help celebrate. All Rosary Coasters and new members welcome as ever. For details, ring 077 303 30028.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1175      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £525

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: £902

Total online donations for March 2023: £2079

*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**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**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.

**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.

**Invitation to opening of new Memorial Garden at St Columb's College, Derry:** On Wednesday 26 April, at 4.00pm, Bishop McKeown will bless and dedicate a new Memorial Garden at St Columb's College, Buncrana Road, Derry which has been created in memory of all deceased members of the College Community. As well as honouring all of the deceased colleagues, pupils, parents and friends, two young men, Reuven Simon and Joseph Sebastian, who tragically lost their lives on 29 August 2022, will be particularly remembered. If you would like to attend, please email rsvp@stcolumbscollege.org by 3.30pm on Wednesday 19 April.

### 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. Completed applications must be returned to: Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via Email: 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.

**\*NB- There will be no bulletin next weekend\***

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto numbers for 04/04/23 were: 6, 8, 18 & 2. Winning £20 each was Thomas O'Neill, Margaret Rose Gormley, Cecilia O'Neill, Tanya McKinney, Rachel O'Kane, Joy McBride. 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 £1,800. Drive-in Bingo continues Sunday at 6pm.

**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. For further information and/or to book a class contact 02877781881 or email learmountgroup@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information.

**Dungiven and Feeny LC for Cancer Research UK** would like to thank everyone who sponsored, attended, donated or helped in anyway with our recent Big Breakfast on Saturday 11th March. As a result of your generosity, we raised £8,256.80 for this worthy cause. Thank you all for your continued support.

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

**Foster Carers** needed in the Western Trust area. Upcoming Information Events – 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 or call 0800 0720 137.

### 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**