

PARISH OF BANAGHER

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th February 2021

Mass Times for the forthcoming week:

Online Weekday Masses:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

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

Online Weekend Masses:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Sunday 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Saturday 5.30pm Vigil

Lent begins on Wednesday 17th February. Unfortunately, it is not possible this year to bless and distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday. Mass will be streamed from St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 9.30am and available to watch for the remainder of the day. For those able, Ash Wednesday remains a day of fast and abstinence.

'Walk With Me' a Lenten Journey of Prayer These books are available in the porch of our Churches. They cost £1 and are an excellent companion to our Lenten activities. You might consider taking one to a neighbour or friend who is not leaving their home at this time.

Trócaire Boxes will be available in Church porches this weekend.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Orla Hasson RIP, on Monday 15th February 2020 in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 9.30am.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Kathleen McCrory RIP, on Saturday 20th February 2020 in St Mary's Church, Altinure at 5.30pm.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God baby Blaine Wilson.

Children for Baptism: If you have a child for Baptism, please contact Fr Micheál. Baptism ceremonies can continue during this current lockdown but are restricted to immediate family and no more than 10 in the Church at the time of the ceremony.

CTS Books: The Book Stands in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn & St Mary's Church, Altinure have been restocked with new titles including prayers and reflections for lent and a life of the recent Blessed Carlo Acutis. Titles are individually priced.

Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa - LENT 2021 This five-week programme for Lent includes a Gospel Reading, Reflective Prayer and Scriptural Rosary. More info at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/categories/lent-2021>

Confirmation 2021: Due to the ongoing, extended restrictions and the uncertainty around when children in Primary 7 will return to face-to-face teaching, and in addition, the continued closure of Churches, Confirmation will have to be postponed once again, at least until after Easter. Once we can be certain that children will be back in school and Churches are permitted to have public worship, then we will arrange a new date. Apologies for the inconvenience and repeated postponement of the celebration. Much of this is outside our control and I appreciate your understanding at this time.

The NET – February Edition: Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese. With Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the February edition of 'The Net' will only be available on the Diocesan website - <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-february-2021> However, the publication will be available again in parishes when the restrictions are lifted. Enquiries to – editorthenet15@gmail.com.

'Living Christian Faith' Lenten Conversations – Online at Knock Shrine Knock Shrine are launching a new series of online discussions to engage you during Lent. The talks will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. Join us at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live or on Facebook @knockshrine

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Online & via Parochial House : £705

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Online Financial Contributions, for those who wish to, can be made directly to the Parish Bank Account. Sort Code: 95-03-06 Account Number: 51052659. Please indicate your name as a reference on the payment.

Housebound Visitation: Routine home visits to the sick and housebound are still not permitted. If someone is gravely ill and needs a priest, please call the parochial house.

Hospital Visitation: If you have a relative or friend in hospital and they wish to see a priest, please ask a member of the hospital staff to page the Catholic Chaplain. There is always a priest on call to visit. Thank you for your understanding.

Funerals: During this current lockdown the number of mourners permitted in the Church and at the graveside is restricted to 25 people.

If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church, please see contacts on church noticeboards.

Sick, Elderly, Homebound & Shielding Do you have a relative who would normally attend Mass or receive a monthly visit from Fr Micheál and is presently shielding due to COVID-19? If you or another family member who cares for them would like to bring them Holy Communion once per week, please let Fr Micheál know.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses – If you are planning on getting married in the near future, you are expected to take part in a preparation workshop. Due to current restrictions on gatherings, these are taking place virtually online. Upcoming dates are: April 13th/14th 2021; May 11th / 12th 2021 & June 8th/9th 2021. Courses are limited to 15 couples and you can book online at: www.accordni.com

ACCORD – COVID-19 Counselling & Support: If you can't talk to each other, talk to Accord. Accord's free and confidential 'Relationships Support Phone Line' for marriages, families and relationships, offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Accord NI – 028 9568 0151.

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27-28 March 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. This course fulfils the requirements of get married in the Catholic Church. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

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 6 rows of seats in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Centre - Our flyer listing all our classes and services is now in circulation and on Facebook - if you haven't seen a copy give us a call and we'll get one to you. Classes starting this week through zoom to keep you connected, healthy and fit including: Losing Weight with Janice Tracey (Mon 7pm), Mens Strength & Conditioning Sessions with Conor Johnston (Mon 7pm), Ladies Fitness Workouts with Anne Daly (Tue 7pm), Yoga with Veronica Armstrong (wed 7.17pm), Mindfulness with Majella O'Kane (Thu 8pm), 60+ Exercise and Cookery Hour (Fri 12pm). Dementia Support Group 17 Feb @ 8pm - advice and support for families and carers of people with dementia - new members always welcome.

All classes are free, open to everyone out there, but booking is essential either by PM on Facebook or ringing 02877781881.

COVID Vaccines available for 65-69 year olds. Slots available next week in Foyle Arena. Telephone 02871610753 to book or use website <https://vaccinations.covid-19.hscni.net/booking>.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 9/2/21 were: 1, 9, 13 & 26. Winning £100 was Jacqueline McBrearty. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto - very much appreciated. Next week Jackpot is £1600.

Friday 19th February 2020

Annual Day of Prayer for Victims & Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
source of all consolation and hope.

By your Son's dying and rising
he remains our light in every darkness,
our strength in every weakness.

Be the refuge and guardian
of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of body, soul and spirit.
Rescue them from bitterness and shame
and refresh them with your love.

Heal the brokenness in all victims of abuse
and revive the spirits of all who lament this sin.

Help us to follow Jesus
in drawing good from evil, life from death.
Make us one with you in your love for justice
as we deepen our respect

for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise,
both now and forever. Amen.

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To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Anniversary Mass, please call Fr Micheál or the secretaries on 028 7778 1223 or email banagherparish@derrydiocese.org

Bulletin notices should be emailed to banagherparish@derrydiocese.org

Mass is Live and Recorded on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973