

PARISH OF BANAGHER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st August 2021

MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri 9.30am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & Thurs 10am. Fri 7.30pm.
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri 7pm

Weekend Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm. 9.15am.
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Vigil 5.30pm. 10.30am.
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm. 10.30am.

Confessions:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am.
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Friday 7.00pm; Saturday 5.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am.

First Friday Confessions and Mass in St Mary's Church, Altinure on Friday 6th August, beginning at 7.00pm.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the families of William James McElhinney RIP, Teavin and Sarah McCloskey RIP, Feeny Road, who were buried in the past week.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God baby Peadar Donnelly.

Please Note: There will be no Wednesday evening Mass in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn for the month of August. Mass will continue to be celebrated in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen on Wednesday at 7pm.

Face Coverings: Following recent changes to guidance, face coverings must be worn when entering, existing or moving about the Church, for example, when coming forward for Holy Communion. They can, however, be removed when sitting at your place. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser on entry and exit and adhere to social distancing.

Banagher Parish – HOPE Camp

The Camp will take place this Thursday & Friday, 5th & 6th August. 65 Children from the Parish have registered and 25 volunteers have kindly offered their services.

Registration begins at 9.30am both mornings at St Mary's GAC, Banagher. Children will be able to choose the activities they wish to do for the day. Lunch is provided on both days. There is no fee for the camp, but a tuck shop will be available at lunch time. We are grateful to local businesses and sponsors who have provided the supplied and food needed for the Camp.

The Camp closes each day at 3pm. We keep the children, volunteers and sponsors in our prayers this week.

Mary's Meals – Step by Step Walk Mary's Meals is currently feeding over 1.8million children a daily school meal across 19 countries. Our Annual 'Step by Step to Feed the Next Child' Sponsored walks to support this work are taking place between the 24th July and the 15th August. It starts in five different locations throughout Ireland and finishes in Knock on 15th August, the feast of the Assumption. The Derry section starts from St Eugene's Cathedral travelling to Fahan on the 7th Aug (12-4pm) and we would love for more people to join us even for a mile or two. All welcome to participate! Covid safe measures will be in place. If not walking, then keep us in your prayers and watch out for our walkers with their blue collection buckets and support our campaign to feed the next hungry child. Contact Helen Quinn on 07814441701 for more details or visit Step by Step to Feed the Next Child on Facebook.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £705 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £465
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £2425
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.

August	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure	
	7.00pm	9.15am	5.30pm	10.30am
Readers	Brenda Duddy	Jack McColgan	Corrine Coyle	Noeleen McGlinchey
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Breige O'Neill	Margaret O'Kane	Alfie Dallas
Flowers	Mary O'Neill & Roisin Lynch		Maria Lynch	
Cleaning	Colette Hasson & Margaret Coll		Mary McCormick, Dolores Murray & Bridie Kerlin	
Counters	Bridie McErlan, Michelle Cartin & Hugh Francis O'Neill		Christine McGaughey, Celine McGaughey & Ann O'Kane	

Feasts to be celebrated during the week:

Wednesday 4th August: St Jean-Marie Vianney was the son of a peasant farmer, and a slow and unpromising candidate for the priesthood: he was eventually ordained on account of his devoutness rather than any achievement or promise. In 1818 he was sent to be the parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, an isolated village some distance from Lyon, and remained there for the rest of his life because his parishioners would not let him leave. He was a noted preacher, and a celebrated confessor: such was his fame, and his reputation for insight into his penitents' souls and their futures, that he had to spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional, so great was the demand. The tens of thousands of people who came to visit this obscure parish priest turned Ars into a place of pilgrimage. "The Curé refused to sit for a portrait. When the sculptor Cabuchet surreptitiously tried to capture his features in a ball of wax during the catechism, Vianney sternly bounced him out of the church." (The Curé d'Ars Today, by G.W.Rutler, 1988). The French State recognised his eminence by awarding him the medal of the Légion d'Honneur in 1848, and he sold it and gave the money to the poor. Patron saint of priests.

Friday 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord can sound embarrassingly magical. Jesus goes up onto a mountain and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Prophets appear and talk to him. And then it is all over and Jesus tells his disciples to say nothing. We should hold on to the absurdity of the incident. There is simply no reason for all this to have happened. In particular, there is no reason to put it into a gospel – the evangelist makes no capital out of it, it is simply there. And this is the strength of the Transfiguration as an historical incident. *There is no reason for anyone to have invented it.* It is not central to the Christian case. It is not used to win arguments. There is only one reason to put it into the Gospel, and that is because it happened. It is one of those cases of the evangelists writing things down without knowing why they were important, and their very puzzlement is what makes the story so convincing. Why, then, did it happen? Surely so that we could see and understand that Jesus is at once one of the prophets and the one that was prophesied by them; and that he is God, and lives for all eternity in a blaze of dazzling and unapproachable light. The true miracle of the Transfiguration is not the shining face or the white garments, but the fact that for the rest of the time Jesus hid his glory so well.

SVDP Banagher SVDP understands that summer holiday time can be an added expense time for many households. SVDP can offer non-financial support by signposting to the appropriate Government services. St Mary's & St Joseph's SVDP can be contacted on the confidential Tel No 07593954973.

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 / 07707 311 358 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: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 27/7/21 were 12, 20, 23 & 25. Winning £100 was Conor Small. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto - very much appreciated. Next week Jackpot is £4000. Drive-in Bingo this Sunday, 1st August at 6pm. Last House £1000.

Golf Day The McGrellis family are holding a charity fundraiser golf day in memory of Dan on 27th August at Moyola Park Golf Club. Funds raised will be donated to the Dementia Support Group at Learmount Community Development Group and Marie Curie; to help them continue their great work supporting local families when needed most. Great prizes to be won, so if you're interested in playing on the day you can book a Tee Time with: Marty 07840947243.

If you're not a golfer and would like make a donation, they can be left with: any of the parish churches; any of the McGrellis Family; the Rainbow Tea Rooms; or through Bank Account: 16818334, Sort Code 040075.

We thank you in advance for your support, every contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Foyle Hospice is currently seeking new volunteers to join our team in our Day Hospice. With services re-opening we are in urgent need of volunteer hairdressers, complementary therapists, beauticians and nail technicians. The Day Hospice is operational on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. If you have these skills and you have a few hours to spare then please contact Rachael Osbourne on 02871351010.

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.

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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.
Parish Office hours this week: Monday 10am - 1pm & Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

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