

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd October 2022**

Mass Times

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon 9.30am & Wed 7.30pm **No Mass on Friday morning.*
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & Thurs 10am.
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri 7.00pm

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. 12noon.

Confessions:

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Saturday 5.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Michael B McElhinney, Millside Crescent, Park, who was buried during this past week.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Francis Hampson, Bradagh Fold, Dungiven, who was buried during this past week.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Fiadh O'Neill.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Dates 2023

Confirmation

Bishop Donal McKeown will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Banagher Parish next year: 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.

Save the Date - A Parish Mission, led by the Dominican Friars will take place in the parish from the 22nd October to the 28th October. More details about the Mission in the coming weeks.

October	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure	
	7.00pm	9.15am	5.30pm	10.30am
Readers	Pauline McGrellis	Sheena McGrellis	Betty McAteer	Mary & Emma Redmond
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Donaghey	Briege O'Neill	Majella McCloskey	Tony Gormley
Flowers	Bridie McErlean		Corinne Coyle	
Cleaning	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Breidge Doherty, Breige Mullan, Julie Connolly	
Counters	Briege O'Neill, Liam Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Peter McCullagh		Anna Smyth, Angela Gormley	

Fr Micheál will be attending the Canon Law Society Convention in Cleveland, USA and will be absent from the parish from Thursday 6th October, returning for the weekend Masses on Saturday 15th October. In case of emergency, please contact one of the retired or neighbouring priests.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound Fr Micheál will visit the sick and housebound of the parish this coming Monday morning in Feeny & in Carnanbane in the afternoon; Tuesday morning Park; Tuesday afternoon Foreglen. If you would prefer not to have a visit at this time or you know someone who should be added to the visitation list, please contact the parish office.

Banagher Parish is developing a partnership with St Amedeus Secondary School in Moshi, Tanzania. The response to our request for donations of football or soccer jerseys was excellent and they will be sent to the children who attend St Amedeus Secondary School. Thank you to all who donated jerseys.

Derry Diocesan Trust Employment Opportunities:

Organist & Choir Director - Clonmany Parish, Co Donegal, 2 ¼ hours per week
Closing date for post: 07.10.2022

Housekeeper - Dungiven Parish, 15 hours per week (4 days – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) Closing date for post: 7.10.2022

For job descriptions and application forms please: telephone 028 7126 2302, write to: Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or Email: payroll@derrydiocese.org More info on derrydiocese.org

The Synodal Times Newspaper is available to purchase for £1 in the porches of all three of our parish chapels. This newspaper features the latest news and analysis from the Irish Synod along with articles on how we can solve ongoing challenges facing the church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

24th/25th September 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £725 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £685
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £545

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Online Bank Donations can be made to Parish of Banagher: Sort: 95-03-06 A/C: 51052659

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 13th – 21st, 2023. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and other important sites, this is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Price is €1,895 / £1,655pps incl. taxes. Email info@marian.ie Call Belfast (028) 956 80005.

Day for Life 2022 – Caring for the Older Person

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 2 October on the theme 'Caring for the Older Person'. We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society. To read the pastoral message for Day for Life in full, visit www.councilforlife.ie

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne – Pray for us

St Joseph & St Mary's SVP Banagher Working with the three Primary Schools in the Parish, SVP can support families this winter by covering, either in full or partially, the cost of School Dinners. Some families who are not eligible for Free School Dinners may wish to avail of this support for a number of weeks to ease the burden of winter financial pressures. Please ring our confidential helpline 07593 954973 and a member of SVP will contact you. We are also providing a healthy break for all primary school children in the Parish through the winter.

Worldwide Rosary Movement for Men - Men's Global Rosary Crusade, invites 100, and more, men to meet and say the Rosary in reparation, repentance and conversion of the Irish nation at 1pm opposite the Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart on Saturday 8th October. We need as many men to attend and pray the Rosary as Our Lady has asked us to do repeatedly. Let's make this something beautiful for Our Lady, Our Lord, Ireland and the world. For details, ring 07730330028.

Derry Youth are now taking expressions of interest for the Derry Youth Scholarship Programme. This is a year-long programme for young people in 6th Form or doing their Leaving Cert and provides opportunities for young people to meet others from across the diocese, to explore their faith, gain training and new skills, and work with a charitable organisation. If you would like more info, please message us @Derryyouth or email Niamh at niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org

Trocaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities, especially those affected by the hunger crisis in East Africa. You can help through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Love – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out about how to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, please email Mark McMahon at infony@trocaire.org or call 028 9090 8030.

Dungiven and Feeny local committee for Cancer Research UK are holding an informal meeting on Monday 3rd October in Dromboughal hall at 7.30pm for anyone in the local community interested in joining our group. Help make a difference to all our lives. If interested, contact Anne Marie on 07834381246 or Ann on 07591126303 or simply join us on the night.

Saints' Feasts Days this Week

Tuesday 4th St Francis of Assisi, 1181 - 1226, abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minor, and with St Clare, the Poor Clares.

Wednesday 5th St Faustina, born Helena Kawolska, was born in Glogowiec, near Lodz in Poland in 1905, died in Krakow in 1938, her short life spent as a Sister of Our Lady of Mercy.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 27/09/22 were: 4, 6, 23 & 24. No Winners. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £6,800. Our drive-in Bingo continues on Sunday at 6pm. Last house worth £1000.

Foreglen Community Association Are you aged 60+? Would you like to meet people, have a chat, take part in various activities and have a healthy 3 course lunch? Come & join Foreglen Social Club. The club meets every Tues & Thurs from 10:30am to 3pm. Members receive tea and homemade scones on arrival and a 3-course lunch. Activities include Knitting/Crochet, games and quizzes, Dominoes and Bingo, shopping and trips, and more. Cost is £4 daily (Bingo is an additional £2). Transport is available from Foreglen, Claudy, Feeny, Dungiven, Gortnaghey and Burnfoot. Contact 02871 338347 or 07933 660193 or email foreglensocialclub@gmail.com.

Glenshane House -Names now being taken for OCN L2 in Floristry Skills and also OCN L3 Award in Working with Children & Young People with Special Needs. To Register Tel 028 777 42494.

Granaghan Outreach 12 volunteers are travelling to Mount Kenya to complete a primary & secondary school piped water project they began pre-covid. Work done so far has enabled fund-raising for buying books and other items. Any and all donations are very welcome and will fund renovations to the primary school and to complete the well project in Nara Moru Western Kenya. Donations can be made at our just giving page justgiving.com/crowdfunding/granaghan-outreach

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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 hours this week: Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973