

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
16th October 2022**

Mass Times

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri 9.30am & Wed 7.30pm
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 Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10am.
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.
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

The Tour de Fincairn sponsored 10mile fun cycle took place yesterday and it was a great success. We would like to thank all cyclists and stewards for their efforts and supporters for turning out along the route. Donation envelopes can be left in the boxes in Fincairn Chapel and Feeny Spar or you can return your envelope to your cyclist. Please Gift Aid your donation if your donation qualifies. Your generosity over the years at Parish car washes and other fundraisers has had a very significant impact on Parish life. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Parish Mission: 22nd - 28th October

Fr Damian Polly OP, Fr Patrick Desmond OP and Fr Conor McDonough OP will visit and be with us for the week. A very full week is planned, including early morning Mass in each Church, regular morning Mass in each church, evening talks with rosary and benediction in each church, school visits, youth talk, rosary walk, housebound visitation, meet and greet sessions. A full schedule will be published next weekend.

St Joseph & St Mary's SVP Banagher - Save the Date! The SVP invite you to the Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon 27th November at the Roe Park Limavady. It will be a good opportunity to meet up again with friends that you may not have been in touch with for a while. Please use SVP telephone (07593954973), speak to a conference member, leave name(s) in the SVP collection box if you would like to attend. Thank you. More details later

Derry Diocesan Trust Employment Opportunities:

Pastoral Youth Ministry Co-ordinator (St Eugene's and St Columba's) & Cathedral Hall Manager (1-year Fixed Term contract with possibility of extension), Parish of Templemore: St Eugene's & St Columba's, Derry. Closing date for post: 4.30pm on 19.10.2022
Part Time Financial & Administrative Secretary - Gortin, Greencastle, Newtown Stewart & Plumbridge. 16 hours per week. Closing date for post: 4.30pm on 27.10.2022
For job description 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

Rosary on the Coast will be held at 3pm today (Sunday 16th) on Benone Strand, left hand side as usual. All regular Rosary Coasters and new members welcome. For details, ring 07730330028.

Chaplaincy QUB – Golden Jubilee Mass The Catholic Chaplaincy warmly invites you to join them for their Annual Dedication of Studies Mass, which this year takes place on the 50th anniversary of the opening of their landmark site at the heart of the Queen's campus. Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate the special Mass today, Sunday 16 October at 8pm in the Chaplaincy's Corpus Christi Chapel, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. The Chaplaincy Choir, Canticle, will provide music and song and refreshments will be served afterwards. Current students and staff are especially welcome, as are alumni, friends and all who support the Chaplaincy's important work with students.

'BECOMING' – 1-Day Retreat by Thornhill Ministries. Monday 24 October 10:00 am – 3:00 pm An Grianan Hotel, Burt. A day in which to take the long view on our awareness and growing in our spiritual 'becoming' as we navigate the joys and challenges, the ups and downs of life's journey. Day includes reflection, input, contemplation, Mass. Lunch provided. A donation welcome. To register: Text 077 368 32458/ email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust (IPT)- Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2023: now accepting applications from young people of all religious denominations with: A medical condition, physical disability or illness (aged 9-18); A learning disability (aged 11-21); Very seriously ill children under the age of 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative; Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness. The young person travels without their family but accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. It is a great experience for young people - the opportunity to make new friends, improve social skills and confidence and can provide respite for parents/carers. The IPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Mary Dunion on 00353877962047 or Aileen Henry on 0872063183 for further details & application form. Closing date: 31st October. Have you ever wanted to volunteer and help others? If you are interested in volunteering with The IPT to travel to Lourdes as a carer for a week next Easter please contact Mary on 00353877962047 for more info. All volunteers pay their own fare which is €750 for adults or €495 for students. More details see website www.irishpilgrimagestrust.ie

Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing, St Joseph's Hall, Omagh, BT78 1DG on Sunday 6th November. Speaker Fr Brendan Walsh, SAC. Registration from 9.30am. Holy Mass in the afternoon. Booking by 27th October is essential to facilitate catering. £25 includes lunch, tea/coffee. Please indicate any dietary requirements. Ring 028 2243973 or 028 82246582, mob 07876411435 or 07596609041 or email evelynheaney@hotmail.com.

Mary's Meals The world is facing a hunger crisis of unprecedented proportions brought about by conflict, climate change and Covid-19. Now with the soaring cost of living worldwide our supporters in the UK are being impacted but just 8p a day can feed a hungry child with Mary's Meals – so every donation, no matter the size, will transform lives. For info visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

8th/9th October 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £715 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £660

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £400

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Saints' Feasts Days this Week

Tuesday 18th: St Luke the Evangelist was a Greek doctor who converted to Christianity. He was a companion of the Apostle Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. Luke wrote his Gospel in accordance with Paul's teaching. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, which narrates the early history of the Church up to Paul's first stay in Rome. As a Greek, he takes care to explain Jewish customs and the meaning of Hebrew words to Gentile readers. In art, he is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

Wednesday 19th: St John de Brebif and Isaac Jogues with their six Jesuit companions travelled to North America to preach the true faith to native tribes, between 1642 and 1649. They were killed by the native Huron and Iroquois tribes after horrible tortures - Isaac Jogues died on 18 October 1647, and John de Brébeuf on 16 March 1648.

St Philip Howard (1557-1595) Philip Howard was born at Arundel House, London, 18 June 1557, and died in the Tower of London on 19 October 1595. He was educated partly under John Foxe, the Church of England martyrologist and partly at Cambridge. He married Anne, Countess of Arundel and Surrey. As the Earl of Arundel, he frequented the Court, and knew and entertained Queen Elizabeth I. Towards the close of that year he was present at the disputations of Edmund Campion in the Tower and this proved the first step in his conversion, though his life was then the reverse of virtuous, and for a time he deserted his wife. As the Catholic revival gained strength, the earl found himself suspected and out of favour, and his difficulties were increased by his wife's conversion. He was now wholly reconciled to her, and in September 1584, was received into the Catholic Church, and became a fervent Catholic. The change of life was soon noticed at Court, on which Philip resolved to leave the country, after writing a detailed letter of explanation to Elizabeth. He was captured at sea and confined in the Tower of London. At first, he was substantially fined, and imprisoned at the queen's pleasure. Then in the aftermath of the Armada, he was tried for having favoured the excommunication of the queen, and for having prayed for the invaders. He was condemned and left to die in prison. Shortly before he died he wrote a long and moving letter to his wife asking forgiveness for the way he had treated her in the past. On another occasion he wrote: "The Catholic and Roman faith which I hold is the only cause... why either I have been thus long imprisoned or why I am now ready to be executed." His last prayer to see his wife and only son, would have been granted, along with his freedom, had he entered the Church of England. He was buried without ceremony within the grounds of the Tower. In 1624 his remains were moved to the Fitzalan Chapel at Arundel Castle where they still rest.

Saturday 22nd St John Paul II Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Kraków and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on 2 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord. He was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April, the Second Sunday of Easter 2014.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Centre - Park Village CARE 55+ Project - open to all in the Sperrin DEA - funded by The National Lottery Community Fund. Halloween Tea Dance in Ballylaw Hall, 27th October from 2-4pm. Music by Sprig of Heather and light refreshments available. £2pp. - joint event between Learmount, Glenelly, Donemana & Artigarvan - contact your nearest centre to book. Booking is essential. Transport will be provided. Walking group every Friday morning in Learmount Forest from 10.30am - 10-15min gentle walk or 40min faster pace - call into the centre afterwards for a healthy snack. Community Library open in the Master's House, near Community Centre from 12 - 3pm Mon - Thu. Books are free to take; no need to return. Foyle Food Bank - in partnership with the foodbank we can provide food support for local families in these challenging times. Contact the centre for info. Monday morning Social Club for those with a dementia diagnosis & their carers (DEEDS referral needed). Free, confidential Dementia Signposting via appointment. Dementia Support Group - An opportunity for family & carers to get advice & support. Further info tel 02877781881 or email.learmountgroup@gmail.com. Follow us on FB for the most current updates.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 11/10/22 were: 1, 2, 23 & 27. Winning £100 Josie O'Kane. Money can be collected in Spar Feeny. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week Jackpot is £7,000. Our drive-in Bingo continues on Sunday at 6pm. Last house worth £1000. Save the date - Banagher GAC Annual Dinner Dance, 19th November, The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny. Band Bitz 'n' Pieces, followed by a disco. Rooms are €99 B&B based on two people sharing *when you ring & say for Dinner Dance*.

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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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