

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

**Parish Mission: 22nd - 28th October**

**Fr Damian Polly OP, Fr Patrick Desmond OP and Fr Conor McDonough OP**

**will be leading our Mission this incoming week.**

**Please see the Banagher Parish Mission flyer for details of all**

**Mass Times and ceremonies during the week.**

**Baptisms:** We welcome into God's family Fionn Farren, Cahir Curran and Rory Hugh Smyth.

### **October Do This in Memory Mass**

Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> October will be the first Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in our parish, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is The Rosary, as October is known to be the month of the Rosary within the Catholic Church. Each month the children will receive a gift at the end of Mass which aims to help them grow in their prayer life. This month's gift is rosary beads, to remind the children that having a relationship with Mary is a powerful gift to have in their faith journey, especially coming up to receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We as a parish ask Mary our Mother to protect and guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

**The Tour de Fincairn Sponsored 10mile Fun Cycle** Donation envelopes can still 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.

**St Joseph & St Mary's SVP Banagher - Save the Date!** The SVP invite you to the Christmas Party on Sunday 27th November at the Roe Park Limavady. If you would like to attend, please use SVP telephone (07593954973) or leave name(s) in the SVP collection box. More details later ....

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

**15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £815      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £480

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £310

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

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

**The Matt Talbot Prayer Society** prays daily and specifically for those enrolled to be freed from addictions including alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling, eating and smoking through Matt Talbot's intercession. Mass is celebrated on the first Monday of each month for those enrolled. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please contact 02871262894.

**Calling All Men:** The Men's Global Rosary Crusade invites 100 faithful Catholic men and more to meet and say the Rosary in reparation, repentance and conversion of the Irish nation at 1pm in Church Street, Coleraine, on the first Saturday of the month, 5th November 2022. We need as many men from your parish to attend this wonderful event and pray the Rosary as Our Lady has repeatedly asked us to do. Please come along with your family and friends as well and let's make this something beautiful for Our Lady, Ireland and the world. For details, ring 07730330028 (00447730330028 from the Republic).

**'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](mailto: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. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Mary Dunnion on 00353877962047 or Aileen Henry on 00353872063183 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 Dunion (above). More details see website [www.irishpilgrimagetrust.ie](http://www.irishpilgrimagetrust.ie)

The recent IPT's collection in our parish raised £1254,80 and €20,80. Margaret Rose Gormley of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust thanks everyone who gave so generously and very much appreciates the support of parishioners over the years.

**Annual Solemn Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.** Nine Sundays before Christmas in Long Tower Church at 6.00pm, beginning Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The theme of our Novena this year is What do I believe? Exploring our Faith. Our first speaker will be Deacon Michael McCaul. Everyone is welcome.

**Long Tower's 40 Hours:** A continuous 40 Hours of Adoration will begin with 8am Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, continuing right through Sunday night and all-day Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October, concluding at midnight. 'O Come Let Us Adore Him'.

**Prayer for Vocations** St. Paul tells Timothy that his life has been poured out in service, that he has run the race to the end and kept the faith. We pray that those who are discerning a call to serve as priests, deacons or religious will be encouraged and supported to run the race faithfully to the end. Anyone interested in serving the diocese of Derry as a priest should contact their local priest(s) and/or the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP, Bellaghy, at [pgoh2111@gmail.com](mailto:pgoh2111@gmail.com)

### Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
we gather before you as your beloved children.  
We thank you for every blessing we have in our lives,  
especially for our faith, families, and parish community.

We ask for a powerful outpouring  
of your Holy Spirit on us  
during these days of our parish mission  
so that we may grow deeper in our love  
for you and for our neighbour.  
Expand our hearts so that we may be merciful to others  
as you are so merciful to us.

Grant that our parish mission may be:

a time of grace for all,  
a time of growth for the young ,  
a time of refreshment for the old,  
a time of renewal for families,  
a time of healing for the broken,  
a time of joy for those in mourning,  
a time of forgiveness for the sinner,  
a time of homecoming for those who have been away.

Jesus you are the bread of life  
who comes to nourish our souls  
with the total gift of yourself in the Eucharist.  
Help us to be truly grateful to you for so great a gift during every Mass.  
Help us to make you the centre of our lives.

Jesus you are the divine physician.  
We pray for healing in mind, body and soul for ourselves  
and all those we pray for during this mission.  
Lord renew us in your love.

O Mary, Mother of Mercy  
we entrust to you this time of mission.  
May it produce abundant fruits in our Christian life.

Amen.

### Saints' Feasts Days this Week

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: Sts Simon and Jude.** Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. The "Zealot" simply adapts another Hebrew word for zealous or religious and has nothing to do with the town of Cana. **Jude**, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes. The teaching of the apostles is the living Gospel for all to hear. Their authority comes from their fidelity to Christ and his message.

### Derry Diocesan Trust Employment Opportunities:

Part Time Financial & Administrative Secretary - Gortin, Greencastle, Newtownstewart & 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](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) More info on [derrydiocese.org](http://derrydiocese.org)

**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

**Glenshane House** - C&G Level 1 in Plaiting & Twisting Hair and C&G Level 1 in Nail Art & Makeup. A few spaces left on OCN L2 Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children and on the Floristry course. To register Tel. 028 777 42494.

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Winning Lotto Numbers for 18/10/22 were: 19, 22, 25 & 26. No Winners. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week Jackpot is £7,100. 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.

**Learmount Community Centre - Park Village CARE 50+ 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. This is a joint event between Learmount, Glenelly, Donemana and Artigarvan so contact your nearest centre to book. Booking is essential and transport will be provided. Sean Doherty from ADVICE NI is back with his face-to-face advice clinic in the Masters House from Tuesday 25 Oct. 2-4pm. This is a free, drop-in service with advice on issues such as benefits, employment, housing issues and much more. Outreach Post Office service available in the Resource Centre every Thursday from 9am to 12pm. Avail of a wide range of postal and daily banking transactions on your doorstep. For further information on any of the above contact 02877781881 or email [learmountgroup@gmail.com](mailto:learmountgroup@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook for the most current updates on what's happening.

### PARISH CLERGY

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### Retired Priests Residing in the Parish

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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](mailto: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](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**