

PARISH OF BANAGHER

The Solemnity of Christ the King 20th November 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: Wednesday 7pm & 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.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of John Harvey, Willowcroft, who was buried during this past week.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for Kathleen McBrearty RIP in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at 7.30pm.

A Month's Mind Mass followed by the burial of Ashes for Patrick Hasson RIP will take place in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Friday 25th November 2022 at 9.30am.

Acknowledgement Fr Micheal would like to acknowledge the donation of £100 from the family of the late Patrick Hasson RIP for the use of St Joseph's Hall.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Maebh Angela Lagan.

Advent Devotions will take place on the Sundays of Advent in St Joseph's, Fincairn at 6pm, beginning next Sunday, 27th November 2022.

Save the Date A Christmas Concert by the University of Ulster Choir will be held in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm.

If you have family away from home this Christmas and would like them to receive a Christmas Card from the parish, please leave their names and full postal address with a sacristan or the Parish Office before 27th November 2022. Parish Christmas Cards will be available next week.

'A Different Way of Praying' - praying in a meditative way over the Advent Mass Readings. A short program during the four Sundays of Advent, in the Grotto Chapel, Fincairn at 5pm. Led by Charlotte Gormley, all welcome.

St Joseph's and St Mary's SVP Banagher is holding Christmas Party on Sunday 27th November at the Roe Park Limavady @2 pm. £10 donation. It's not too late to book dinner and transport to/from Limavady. Please contact any member of conference group; call our telephone number, 07593954973 or leave your name in the SVP collection box before Wednesday 23rd November. We look forward to your company & to see you in person after the long break since 2019

Annual Solemn Novena in St Columba's Long Tower, Derry this Sunday 20th November at 6pm. The theme of this year's Novena is 'What do I believe? Exploring our faith in the Creed'. This week's guest speaker is Michael Kelly who will speak on 'the Communion of Saints'.

The Catholic Mothers Group will host a Retreat in Termonbacca on Saturday 26th November. This all-day Retreat will begin at 10am, with registration. Come and join us for a day away from the busyness of motherhood and take time for prayer, restoration and encouragement. Contact Sinead for further information and to register on 07523104760 or 0860528282

Advent Reflection at Dromantine Retreat Centre, Tuesday 13 December, 4pm, to Wednesday 14 December, 5pm, in preparation for Christmas. Hosted by the SMA Community, it includes Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick. Cost £120/€145. To book, tel 028 3082 1224 or email admin@dromantineconference.com

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome 3rd - 10th May 2023 Led by Fr Micheál McGavigan. Seven nights (direct flights from Dublin to Rome with Aer Lingus; all airport transfers and tours in Italy; 3 nights in Grand Hotel Assisi 4* - half board; 4 nights in Hotel President 4* in Rome - bed & breakfast. Visiting the Tomb of St Francis, St Clare and Bl Carlo Acutis; The 4 Papal Arch Basilicas in Rome; Angelus with Pope Francis in St Peter's Square; The Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona. Cost: £1189pps. For full details & to book contact Fr Micheál McGavigan on 028 777 81223. 30 places have already been booked, and 10 places remain.

Calling Rosary Coasters! The next Rosary on the Coast will be held this Sunday, 20 November at 3pm on Benone Strand, left hand side as usual. All Coasters welcome, and we also welcome any new members who wish to come along. Wrap up well though! Details 07730330028.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12th/13th November 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £765 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £705
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £385

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

Monday 21st: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on this day, "we celebrate that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace..." (The Divine Office)

Tuesday 22nd: St Cecelia Devotion to St Cecilia, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, has spread far and wide because of the Passion of Saint Cecilia, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. As with early martyrs, nothing much is known about Cecilia except her existence and her name. No-one knows quite why she should suddenly have become popular in the middle of the sixth century, some 200 years after her death, and her association with music is also a mystery.

Wednesday 23rd: St Columbanus was born in Ireland before the middle of the sixth century. He was a monk from his youth and was learned in both sacred and secular literature. At the age of 45 he left Ireland and went to Europe, where he founded three monasteries in what is now France. His monastic rule was strict, based on Irish practice. King Thierry II of Burgundy had a veneration for Columbanus and often visited him. Columbanus's criticisms of Thierry's debauched living and practice of concubinage enraged the king's grandmother Brunhild, and eventually Columbanus and all other Irish-born monks were ordered to be deported to Ireland. They eluded their captors, and after an unsuccessful attempt to evangelize the pagan tribes near modern-day Zürich they reached Italy, where Columbanus founded the monastery at Bobbio. He died there in 615. The Rule of St Columbanus was eventually superseded by the milder Rule of St Benedict. Columbanus's writings are among the earliest evidence of Irish knowledge of Latin. Some of what he wrote related to ecclesiastical controversies of the time and is no longer read, but several extracts from his "Instructions" are still part of the Office of Readings. His style combines an underlying passion with a strong and rhythmic rhetorical structure.

Thursday 17th: Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions The evangelization of Vietnam began in the 16th century and was formally established with the setting up of two Vicariates Apostolic in 1659. There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population. This growth comes partly from the fact that since the earliest times the seed of the Faith has been watered by the blood of the martyrs of Vietnam – the missionary clergy, the local clergy and the ordinary Christian people. They have all shared the labour of apostolic work and have together faced death to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. In the course of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries no less than 53 decrees, signed by the lords and emperors of the country from 1625 to 1886, launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions. Over the centuries the names of most of them have been lost, but their memory is still alive in the Catholic community. Since the beginning of the 20th century 117 of these heroes (those whose sufferings were cruellest and best documented) were beatified, in four groups. They were all canonized together by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988. Each one of them was a soul individually created and loved by God, with a life and gifts uniquely his or her own. By nationality, there were 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spanish and 10 French and by status, there were 8 bishops, 50 priests, and 59 laymen and women.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Centre - Park Village Spring Social Prescribing is available through Learmount Community Centre for people living in the Sperrin Ward. It allows healthcare professionals (GP's, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, social workers etc.) to refer patients to community support programs and activities to help improve their health and wellbeing. Clients helped to date include people who suffer from low mood, mild depression, social isolation, long term chronic illnesses or physical inactivity. They have been given practical, emotional and financial support to attend social and activity groups, exercise and nutrition sessions, counselling, therapies and many other advice and support groups. Social Prescribing is about empowering people to take greater control over their own health and wellbeing while being supported to do so.

Warm Space - our Community Centre is a warm, safe and central space for everyone to use with a free library and tea/coffee facilities available. Give us a call to find out more details. Advice NI - Drop-in advice clinic available on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4pm in the Master's House, no appointment necessary. Confidential and free advice on cost of living supports, housing issues, help with filling out benefits forms etc. For more information on any of the above ring 02877781881, message on Facebook or email learmountgroup@gmail.com

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 15/11/22 were: 1, 3, 15 & 26. Winning £50 each was Joan Cunningham & Margaret O'Neill. Money can be collected in the shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week Jackpot is £7,500. ****NO BINGO THIS SUNDAY****

Mary's Meals – Double the Love Mary's Meals is keeping the promise of a daily school meal to 2.2 million children in 20 countries. Our Double the Love Campaign has launched, and all donations made to Mary's Meals until 31st January 2023 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, which we know is affecting people here as well as in the countries where we work. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched, and your kindness will go even further, providing children with hope of a better future through education and helping us to reach the next child waiting. To learn more or to browse our range of Christmas cards and gifts, visit www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Caoimhe McCann on 07394564065.

Lumen Christi College musical, "Cinderella" by Rodgers & Hammerstein. Lumen Christi College's production of the musical, "Cinderella" will be held on Wednesday 30th November, Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd December at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the College Reception: Adults £12; Concession £9; Family (2 adults, 2 children) £40.

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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