

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - 11<sup>th</sup> December 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 7.00pm & 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.

**Visitation of the Sick and Housebound for Christmas** will be on Monday the 12th & Tuesday 13th December. Monday morning: Feeny; Monday afternoon: Carnanbane and 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.

**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. All welcome.

**Acknowledgement** Fr Micheál would like to acknowledge with thanks the donation from the Harvey family for the use of St Joseph's Hall after the funeral of John Harvey RIP.

**Acknowledgement** Fr Micheál would like to acknowledge with thanks the donation of £300 from the Stevenson family for the use of St Joseph's Hall after the funeral of Bridie Stevenson RIP.

**Congratulations** to Shannan O'Connor and Shaun Mulhern who were married this weekend in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen.

**Baptism** We welcome into God's family Lauren Devlin.

**Advent Devotions** will take place on the Sundays of Advent in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 6pm.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 5.30pm & 7.00pm  
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 5.30pm & 7.00pm  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm

#### Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.15am  
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12noon

**Trócaire Gifts of Love Will Be on Sale** at weekend Masses on the 10th /11th December in St Mary's Altinure and St Joseph's Fincairn. Trócaire Gifts of Love help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 23 gifts to choose from starting at £5. How do they work? Say, you buy Trócaire's *Gift of Winter Essentials* for a friend or family member, Syrian refugees in camps in Lebanon will receive socks, waterproof boots, warm jackets and blankets all sourced in-country and all vital. Your friend or family member will get a lovely Gift card telling them you have bought this Gift of Love on their behalf. All the gifts are sourced in-country and go directly to families in need. For info go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>.

December	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure	
	7.00pm	9.15am	5.30pm	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Brenda Duddy	Jack McColgan	Maeve McLaughlin	Leo Devine
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mickey Hasson	Geraldine McCloskey	Seamus McCaul	Sally O'Kane
<b>Flowers</b>	Pauline McGrellis		Sheila Byrne	
<b>Cleaning</b>	Lucy McLaughlin, Jean O'Neill		Roisin McInroy, Sheila Byrne, Fiona Byrne	
<b>Counters</b>	Anne Hassan, Marion & Anthony O'Neill, Patricia McCloskey		Philomena Conway, Sean Conway, Karen Feeney & family	

**Banagher SVP** The Theme of the SVP Christmas Appeal 2022 remains 'Many Families will face impossible choices this Christmas'. Banagher SVP is asking you again this year to please participate in our Gift of Choice Appeal so that families can make their own decisions on how best to meet their needs. Unfortunately for some that may be to HEAT or EAT. There are a number of ways to help: Take a tag from the Christmas tree in St Joseph's Fincairn/St Mary's Altinure and consider a donation of funds or a gift voucher or Use a blue envelope to make your donation. These are available in all three chapels St Joseph's / St Peter & St Paul's /St Mary's and return via Parish collection box, The SVP box or to any conference member. You can also donate by phone 02890750161; by post or online at [www.svp-ni.co.uk](http://www.svp-ni.co.uk). If you are a UK taxpayer your donation can be Gift Aided by HMRC - 25p for every pound (e.g., £100 donation Gift Aided = £125 donation). As always, SVP thank you sincerely and appreciate all your support and generosity in the past. The conference group wish you God's Blessings and Best Wishes for Good Health and Happiness in 2023.

**St Joseph's Church Junior Choir** has been reformed and practice in the Church on Thursday evening from 5pm-6pm. They will make their debut performance at Mass on Christmas morning. Children in Primary 4 to Year 9 are welcome to join.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £910      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £1340  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £390

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

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

**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.

**An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land** is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops, [www.columbabooks.com](http://www.columbabooks.com) or by calling 01.687.4096 price €16.99/£14.99.

**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.

**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

## New Mass Schedule 2023

As announced, the new Mass schedule will begin on the weekend of 31st December/1st January 2023 and will be a trial for 3 months:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, Vigil 7.00pm; Every Other Sunday 9.15am  
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Sunday 10.30am  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm; Every Other Sunday 12noon

### Mass times in Neighbouring Parishes:

St Patrick's Church, Dungiven: Vigil 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am & 11.30am  
St Matthew's Church, Drumsurn: Sunday 10.15am  
Immaculate Conception, Gortnahey: Vigil 4.30pm  
St Joseph's Church, Craigbane: Sunday 10.00am  
St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Benbradagh Christmas Giving Tree Appeal** Donations for this year's appeal are needed more than ever. Please consider buying a new gift for an elderly person and/or new toy for a child (0 - 16 years). Drop off your unwrapped gifts at any of these collection points until 17th December 2022: SPAR Feeny; MCCARTNEY'S VIVO, Gortnahey; EUROSPAR, Dungiven and A6D2D, Claudy. The local families in our community will benefit greatly from your gifts, this Christmas especially.

**Feeny Community Association** On Saturday 17th December, pupils from St Patrick's College Maghera will be holding a Bake Sale to help raise vital funds for their charity School Aid Romania. It will be held at Feeny Community Association and will run from 12pm to 3pm. Come along and bring as many friends as you can for a few treats before Christmas and support a worthy cause.

**Leamont Community Centre** Christmas Workshops through the CARE 50+ project - Booking Essential as numbers are limited - one workshop per person. All workshops are in the Community Centre starting at 7pm. Tue 13 December: Glass Painting with Christine Bonnar - make your own hand painted Christmas decoration. £2pp incl. materials. Wed 14 December: Christmas Centrepieces with Louise from Farmgirl Florals. Create and take home a beautiful floral decoration. £20pp incl. materials. Thu 15 December: Christmas Cookery Demo with Seana McAirfryer. See how to speedily cook honey roast ham, stuffing, soup and festive finger food. Tasty samples to try. £2pp Call 02877781881, send a PM on Facebook or email [leamontgroup@gmail.com](mailto:leamontgroup@gmail.com)

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Winning Lotto Numbers for 6/12/22 were: 11, 14, 22 & 24. Winning £20 each was Teresa Bradley, Tony Browne, Keith Hutchinson, Paul Cartin, Geraldine Feeny, Fergal McKay. 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 £7,800. Our drive-in Bingo continues on Sunday at 4pm.

**Glenshane House - OCN Level 2 Award** in Introduction to Mindfulness & Reducing Anxiety in Children starting January, Wednesday nights from 7-9 (6 weeks). To register Tel 028 777 42494

**New Alcoholics Anonymous** group starting up in the new year. First meeting is on Monday 2nd of January 2023 in Glenelly House, Plumbridge at 8:30pm. If you need support before this or have any enquiries, please reach out to Brian on 07738063344.

### PARISH CLERGY

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028 7778 1228      028 7778 1776      028 7133 8261

### 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**