

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

### Mass Times

#### Weekday Masses this week:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn - **No Masses this week.**

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & Thurs 10am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed 7.00pm & Fri 7.00pm

#### Weekend Masses for next weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm; 9.15am.

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm.

#### Sunday 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, Craighbane: Sunday 10.00am

St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

**St Joseph's Junior Choir Practice** will take place this Thursday evening from 5pm - 6pm. Those in Primary 4 - Year 9 are welcome to join. The choir will sing at the 9.15am Mass every other Sunday morning in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

**Rest in Peace** We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Dan Lynch, Learmount Drive, who was buried during this past week.

**January Do This in Memory Mass (Altinure & Foreglen)** Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> January will be the first Do This in Memory Mass of 2023 for the Primary 4 children in Altinure and Foreglen, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is New Beginnings, as it is the start of a new year and the year in which the P4 children will be making their First Holy Communion. 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 a Sacred Heart of Jesus candle, to remind the children that Jesus is the light of the world, and is a light to them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. We as a parish pray that Jesus will guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

### Confirmation and First Holy Communion Dates 2023

#### Confirmation

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.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January** You are invited to an interdenominational service for Christian Unity on Wednesday 25 January at 7.30pm. It is in Oakgrove Integrated College, Stradreagh, Gransha Park. BT47 6TG. The event is led by the Corrymeela Community. All are welcome.

**Catholic Schools Week 2023** begins on 29th January and continues until 4th February in the Diocese of Derry. The theme for this year is 'Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese, the Eucharist will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Thursday 26th January at 10.00am.

February	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Leah Stevenson Niall Brolly	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Niamh O'Kane
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joanne Donaghey	Anne Hassan	Alfie Dallas
<b>Flowers</b>	Pauline McGrellis		Dympna McElhinney
<b>Cleaning</b>	Colette Hasson		Mary Rose O'Kane, & Anna Smyth
<b>Counters</b>	Bridie McErlean & Hugh Francis O'Neill		Christine McGaughey, Celine McGaughey & Ann O'Kane

### Sycamore Faith Programme

Banagher Parish will be running the Sycamore Faith Program for adults. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and some time for great conversations.

The main speaker in the videos is Fr Stephen Wang, a Catholic priest and popular speaker. In the videos, there is a talk from Fr Stephen followed by street interviews with people from different backgrounds which gives a fresh perspective on the big questions. Throughout the video various questions are posed to our local group to get discussion started.

Everyone is welcome, and it is a great opportunity to experience a real sense of community and a spirit of friendship. There's no pressure, if you are shy, you can take a back seat. If you are full of ideas and questions, this is a space to share them. You can be yourself without any fear of being judged, and you can also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee during these sessions.

The sessions will be led by Charlotte, our Faith Formation Coordinator, and will take place in the Grotto Chapel in Fincairn on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 8pm. The sessions will start on Tuesday 7th of February and continue until Easter.

**Primary One places for September 2023.** There are three excellent Catholic schools in our parish, which take both boys and girls. The three schools are St Canice's PS, Feeny; St Mary's PS, Altinure and St Peter & St Paul's PS, Foreglen. If your child is starting primary school in September 2023, you can apply online for their place at [www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions). The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 27th January 2023.

**Lourdes 2023: The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage**, led by Bishop Donal McKeown, will go direct from City of Derry Airport. 3rd to 7th July, four nights FB in the Hotel Agena: £745 sharing, £35 single sppt. Travel insurance up to age 79-£39. Age 80 to 94-£78. (Pilgrims may wish to use their own insurance). Further details and payment arrangements via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com), tel 02871 260 293

**Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome 3rd - 10th May 2023** Deposits of £250 per person are now due, together with a copy of your passport. Payment can be made directly to the parish bank account. There are a few remaining seats for those who would like to travel.

**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome:** As part of St Eugene's Cathedral 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome from 25th – 30th September 2023. Visiting the birthplace of Padre Pio, Shrine of St Michael Archangel, St Peter's Basilica and other important sites. Price is £879pps (Single room supplement £150). For more details, email [info@marian.ie](mailto:info@marian.ie) or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,015 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £720  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £235

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:

**Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950366 A/c 51052659**

**Prayer for Vocations:** In today's gospel Jesus calls Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow Him. We pray for those the Lord is calling today to follow Him and serve the Church as priests, deacons, religious or in consecrated life, that they will have the willingness and the courage of the first disciples. Anyone interested in serving the Church as a priest of the diocese of Derry should contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy and Greenlough, at (028) 7938 6259 or at [pgoh2111@gmail.com](mailto:pgoh2111@gmail.com)

#### Saints' Feast Days this Coming Week

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - St Francis de Sales** (1567 – 1622) bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron saint of writers, editors and journalists.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – The Conversion of St Paul** preached the power of God at work in each one of us. His conversion shows that power in his own life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples. Paul never ceased to express thanks and wonder for this grace and prayed for perseverance.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Sts Timothy and Titus** were close to Paul. Timothy was likely the first bishop of Ephesus. Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete.

**Lumen Christi College Open Evening – Tuesday 31st January 2023** Prospective pupils and their parents/carers are invited to visit Lumen Christi College for the annual Open Evening on Tuesday 31st January 2023 between 4.00pm and 6.30pm. Principal's Address: 4.00pm & 6.00pm in College Assembly Hall. Guided tours of departments will be provided by pupils. Parents of current pupils will be available to share their experience with visitors. Details may be accessed on the College website [www.lumenchristicollege.co.uk](http://www.lumenchristicollege.co.uk)

#### Derry Diocesan Trust – Employment Opportunities

**Derry Diocesan Trust Administrative Officer**, Derry Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, Derry. 3 days per week (9.00am – 5.00pm)

**Derry Diocesan Trust HR Officer**, Derry Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, Derry. 2 days per week (9.00am – 5.00pm)

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: [office@derrydiocese.org](mailto:office@derrydiocese.org). Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) no later than 4.30pm on 30.01.2023.

*Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

**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

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Winning Lotto Numbers for 17/01/23 were: 16, 23, 24 & 25. Winning £35 each was Gregory Simpson, Louise & Declan, Dara Lynch c/o Kathleen Lynch. Money can be collected in the shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £8,300. Drive-in Bingo continues Sunday 4pm.

#### Learmount Community Centre

Spaces available on some of our classes - contact the centre to book and find out more info.

**Mondays - Women's 60+ Club** from 10.30am-12.30pm **Women's Yoga** from 7.00-7.45pm;

**Men's Yoga** from 8.00-8.45pm in Park Hall. **Art Club** 7.30-9.30pm.

**Tuesdays - Men's Hobby Workshop** from 10.30am-12.30pm in the Recycling Centre .

**Thursdays - Painting for Pleasure** 10.30am - 12.30pm.

**Fridays - Walking group** from 10.30am suitable for all abilities; 10-15min gentle walk and 40min faster pace; quick cuppa back at the centre afterwards. Contact 02877781881 or email [learmountgroup@gmail.com](mailto:learmountgroup@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook for the most current updates on what's happening.

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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** opening hours: Monday - Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**Mass is Live on the Webcam at [www.banagherparish.com](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**