

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**1st Sunday of Lent
26th February 2023**

Mass & Service Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Wednesday: St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm;

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.30pm.

Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am; St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm

N.B. Mass in Fincairn will return to the Main Church for Lent

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend, 4th & 5th March

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm. 12 noon

Sunday Mass times in Neighbouring Parishes:

St Patrick's Church, Dungiven: Vigil 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am & 11.30am

St Matthew's Church, Drumsum: Sunday 10.15am

Immaculate Conception, Gortnahey: Vigil 4.30pm

St Joseph's Church, Craighane: Sunday 10.00am

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

Confessions:

Wednesday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm

Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 10am

Saturday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Grotto Chapel, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

Stations of the Cross Devotions for Lent:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 8.00pm Wednesday (After evening Mass)

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 6.00pm Sunday

Children in Crossfire would like to extend their sincere thanks for all donations received during their visit last weekend. Your generous donations amounted to £1,290 & €43.20- which will help provide vital healthcare, education, food, and safe, clean water for vulnerable children in Tanzania and Ethiopia. Thank you for your support. For more information go to www.childrenincrossfire.org

Confirmation 2023

Next Saturday, 4th March, we welcome Bishop Donal McKeown to the Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Primary 7 Children. Children from St Peter & St Paul's Primary School, Foreglen and St Canice's Primary School will receive the sacrament at 11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn. Children from St Mary's Primary School, Altinure will receive the sacrament at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure. We keep the boys and girls in our prayers.

HOPE Camp Banagher We are delighted to confirm that HOPE Camp Banagher will be taking place from 31st July – 4th August 2023. HOPE Camp is for children who live in the geographical boundary of Banagher Parish. HOPE is open to children who have finished P6 in June 2023 up to children who have finished Year 11 in June 2023. If you would like to volunteer to help at the HOPE Camp in Banagher Parish, you must be 16+. More information regarding HOPE Camp will be announced in the coming weeks.

February Do This in Memory Mass (Fincairn & Altinure)

Sunday the 26th February will be the Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Fincairn and Altinure, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is the 'Importance of Baptism for 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 bottle of Holy water, to remind the children of their baptism, and why it is important 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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome 3rd - 10th May 2023 The remaining balance of the fare is due by the end of the February. Payment can be made directly to the parish bank account. There are a few remaining seats for those who would like to travel.

Calling All Men... The Men's Worldwide Rosary Crusade hits Limavady this March and we invite all faithful Catholic men from Limavady and beyond to meet and say the Rosary for reparation, repentance and conversion of the Irish nation at 1pm on the corner of Market Street and Catherine Street, Limavady, on the first Saturday, 4th March 2023. We urgently need men to answer Our Lady's call to pray the Rosary for our families, our faith, our lives and our country. Please attend this wonderful event and pray the Rosary. Bring your family and friends and let's make this something beautiful for Our Lady, Ireland and the world. For details, ring 07730330028 (00447730330028 from the Republic).

Lough Derg are recruiting a range of roles for extra staff during their Pilgrimage and Retreat Season in 2023 including . The Application Pack is available on www.loughderg.org/jobs or please Phone: +353 (0)7198 61518 email: hr@loughderg.org -. Closing Date Friday March 3rd at 3 pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

18th & 19th February 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £550

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £725

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £465

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950306 A/c 51052659

'Different ways to pray' – Lent Program

The 'Different ways to pray' Lent program aims to provide parishioners with an opportunity to experience different forms of prayer. During this Season of Lent, some of the forms of prayer that will be offered within this program are: Guided Meditation, Lectio Divina, Lent reflection, the Divine Office, the Examine. These sessions will take place on a Monday morning in the Grotto Chapel in Fincairn at 10am and will roughly last about half an hour. All parishioners are welcome to attend these prayer sessions, and they aim to give the people of the parish an opportunity to experience prayer in different ways and focus our hearts on Christ on the lead up to Easter. The first prayer session will take place on Monday 27th of February at 10am and will continue on a weekly basis through the season of Lent.

SMA Dromantine Lenten Reflection Day Saturday 4th March 9.30am – 5.00pm Kindfulness... a gifted way of living my life. An opportunity for time aside to reflect on the Season of Lent and to open our minds and hearts afresh to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA Cost (including lunch) £35/€40. Dance of Life Retreat Friday 17th March (5.00pm) – Sunday 19th (2.00pm). In this retreat the opportunity to dance may bring a renewed awareness in your sense of self, connection with others and connection with God. Led by Sr. Mary Taylor OLA and Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA Cost £220/€250 SMA Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH. Tel; 02830821964 email: admin@dromantineconference.com

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, will be open to the public on Saturdays only from 11.00am until 1.00pm commencing on Saturday 11th February. Intending pilgrims can also leave a message on 028 7126 0293 with their full postal address and the number of booking forms required or email this information to derrypilgrim@outlook.com or write to us at the above address.

March	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Elaine Loughrey	Mary Kathleen McDermott	Miriam & Nábla Lockhart
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Geraldine McCloskey	Sally O'Kane
Cleaning	Margaret Carton, Angela Hasson		Catriona Doughty, Geraldine McElhinney, Estella McLaughlin
Counters	Anna Hassan, Marion O'Neill, Anthony O'Neill, Patricia McCloskey		Christine McGaughey & Mary Conway
Collectors	7.00pm Marty McGrellis Paul McLaughlin Vincent McCloskey	9.15am Dermot Lynch Sean Roe McCloskey	Stephen Gormley Tony Gormley Shaun McElhinney Shane McElhinney

Safeguarding Notice: 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. Please also note that the outside areas and the interiors of St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure are covered by CCTV.

Essential Repairs & Maintenance

Over the coming weeks and months, a schedule of essential repairs and maintenance will take place across the 3 churches in the Parish. Most notably will be the dismantling and rebuilding of the bell tower at St Mary's Church, Altinure. While the scaffolding will be erected at the eastern wall, stonework repairs and ventilation works will also be carried out. In St Peter and St Paul's Church, Foreglen, repairs to the stonework around the sanctuary, treating the damp in the porch and resolving the ongoing problems with the heating will take place. I thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dungiven and Feeny LC for Cancer Research UK are delighted to announce the return of their Big Breakfast on Saturday 11th March, in the Church of Ireland hall, Upper Main Street Dungiven, from 8.00am to 12.30pm. Donations at the door. All proceeds from all of our fundraising events are used for research and clinical trials carried out here in Northern Ireland. Everyone welcome.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 21/02/23 were: 8, 9, 18 & 25. Winning £100 was Anne Hassan. Money can be collected in the shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £1,200. Drive-in Bingo continues Sunday 4pm.

Glenshane House - names now being taken for BTEC Level 3 Dementia course. Tel 028 777 42494.

PARISH CLERGY

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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.

Parish Office opening hours: Monday - Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973