

PARISH OF BANAGHER

3rd Sunday of Lent – 12th March 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 Patrick's Day: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

St Mary's Church, Altinure, 10.30am

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12noon

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 18th & 19th 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; 12noon.

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, Craighbane: Sunday 10.00am

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

Confessions:

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

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.

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

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God baby Eimear Hassan.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Bob Roe McCloskey on Saturday 18th March in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 7.00pm.

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.

Banagher Parish Golf Day will take place on Friday 19th May at Moyola Golf Club. This Golf Day is a Fundraiser for the Hope Camp. Tee times can be booked by contacting Sean McGrellis on 07590188129. Anyone who would like to Sponsor the Golf Day can do so by contacting either Sean or Fr Micheál.

Children's Liturgy will be taking place on a weekly basis during the 10:30am Sunday Masses in St Mary's Church in Altinure, starting on Sunday the 12th March. Children's liturgy is open to all children in P1, P2 and P3, and is a great opportunity for them to experience the Word of God in a way that is more accessible to young children. These sessions will be led by the parishes Pope John Paul II Award students, along with a group of dedicated parent volunteers. At the beginning of Mass, the children will be invited to go to the sacristy along with the JP2 students and parent volunteers, where the children will listen to the children's version of Gospel and do short activity. They will then re-join everyone in the main chapel just before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

4th & 5th March 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £435 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £690

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £415

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

Thornhill Ministries: Thursday 23 March 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm – 'Let's start at the very beginning'. An introductory workshop for those who sing in Church covering basic techniques re breathing, posture, vocalisation etc.

Oct 15th 2023 Pilgrimage Retreat to the Holy Land. Direct flights ex Dublin 9 Nights Staying in Bethlehem and Nazareth. To register/for details, please contact thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org / 07736832458 or visit thornhillministries.co.uk website

Faith Renewal – Knock Shrine Lenten Reflections – Weekly Talks with Guest Speakers. Taking place Online and at St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine Time: 8.15pm - 9.15pm. March 14th – Jane Mellett 'Almsgiving: Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor through Care for Creation.' March 21st – John Connell 'Living more simply in a complex world'.

Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation Collection will be taken up at all Masses on St Patrick's Day. This collection assists in the formation of priests and for those who go on to do further studies. For the Derry Diocese, there are currently 2 deacons who will be ordained priests this summer. There are a further 4 seminarians in various stages of priestly formation. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

A Prayer for Vocations: “O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.” The response to today’s Psalm is our prayer for those called to serve the Lord as priests of the diocese of Derry. Friday, 17 March, marks the end of the Diocesan Year of Prayer for Vocations, but please keep this intention in your thoughts and prayers as the Church constantly needs workers to reap the Lord’s abundant harvest.

IOSAS Centre: Want to learn about the rich wisdom and inspiration from our Celtic Spiritual Heritage? The IOSAS Centre, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal is running three-week programs on How our Celtic Past Can Help Us Today. These programs that are made up of short videos & small group discussions Building Welcoming Communities, Growing in Faith, Renewed in the Holy Spirit, Caring for God’s Creation & Evangelising with Love and Action. Starting Monday 27th March from 7pm -8.30pm / Tea & Coffee included. All Enquiries by Tel 00353 74 93 84866 / by Email: info@sanctuarydonegal.com

A Concert to Celebrate Saint Patrick Celebrate Lá Fhéile Pádraig, Saint Patrick’s Day at Knock Shrine by joining us for a special concert on Thursday 16th March. Celebrating Irish music, heritage and culture with many well-known Irish favourites performed on the night. The concert will take place in Knock Basilica at 8.30pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

SMA Dromantine Dance of Life Retreat Friday 17th March (5.00pm) – Sunday 19th (2.00pm). The opportunity to dance at this retreat 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

Space for Lent at Lunchtime: Would you like to spend a little time each Wednesday of Lent preparing for the Sunday Gospel before you hear it at Sunday Mass? Lent is a time to consider a commitment to prayer, fasting and giving. 'Space for Lent at Lunchtime' will provide you with a wonderful opportunity to gather with others to pray, share and reflect on the Sunday Gospels during Lent leading up to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. 'Space for Lent at Lunchtime' is delivered via Zoom and facilitated by Ursula Doherty - Lectio Divina Guide, and Tony Brennan - Pastoral Coordinator, Diocese of Derry. Each session is held on the Wednesdays of Lent, 1:00pm - 1:50pm, and will continue until Wednesday, 29th March 2023. Registration and details can be found at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/space-for-lent-at-lunchtime>

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.

Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigid of Kildare and Columba. Patrick was never formally canonised, having lived prior to the current laws of the Catholic Church in these matters. Nevertheless, he is venerated as a Saint in the Catholic Church and in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where he is regarded as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland.

Marriage Preparation: Dates of the Accord Marriage Preparation Courses for April and May 2023 (Virtual) are April 17th/18th and 22nd/23rd May 2023. Courses can be booked online at www.accordni.com

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 and covered by CCTV.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary’s GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 07/03/23 were: 2, 15, 24 & 27. Winning £50 each were, Louise Kealey & Sean McCarthy. 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 £1,400. Drive-in Bingo continues Sunday 4pm.

Energy of Light Discos Our next 15+ Energy of Light Disco on Friday 31 March @ 8.30pm. We now also have a Kids (0-6 Yrs) @ 4-5pm and Juniors (6-14 yrs) 5-6pm on Saturday 18 March, please note age is a guidance. Our discos are aimed at those experiencing limited physical, sensory and or learning disability. Tickets are £3 with carers and parents going free – complimentary tea/coffee provided. Tickets for this performances are on-sale through our box office (02871 264455 choose option 1) or on our website www.millenniumforum.co.uk

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

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973