

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

#### Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March

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, Craigbane: 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: 10.00am

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.

St Joseph's Church, 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

**Trócaire** representatives will speak at all Masses next weekend about their Lenten appeal.

**Safeguarding Information Evening:** Fr Micheál kindly invites all Sacristans, Assistant Sacristans, Altar Server Leaders, Secretaries, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Children's Liturgy Facilitators, Pope John Paul II Award Leaders & Parents, Parish Councils, HOPE Committee Members, SVDP members, Choir Members, Cleaners, Ground Workers and all those interested in Safeguarding to a Safeguarding Information Meeting in Fincairn Hall on Monday 20th March 2023 from 7pm-8pm.

**March Do This in Memory Mass (Foreglen)** Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> March will be the Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Foreglen, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is 'Prayer'. 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 cross, to remind the children of the great things Jesus has done for us. Also, to remind us the importance of the cross as a symbol of prayer. We as a parish pray that Jesus will guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

**"A Trip Down Memory Lane"** On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 2:30pm – 5pm people are invited to come to Fincairn Hall to take a look at some old photographs. There will be old school photos, ones of times passed within the community and parish, and various others which will no doubt have you reminiscing of years gone by. This will be a great opportunity for people to socialise, share stories and have a cup of tea and a treat while you chat about the photographs. All are welcome.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1015

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £720

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £255

*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**

**Friends of Africa** will be hosting a 5K fun run/walk on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 12noon. Registration from 11am in Learmount Community Centre. Tea, coffee and refreshments served afterwards.

**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](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org) / 07736832458 or visit [thornhillministries.co.uk](http://thornhillministries.co.uk) website

**World Youth Day** - Derry Diocesan Youth is taking a group on Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, from 25 July to 7 August 2023. This pilgrimage is for over 18s. Limited places available: if you would be interested in travelling on the pilgrimage, or finding out more, please contact Lizzie Rea on [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org).

**Pope John Paul II Award Youth Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** takes place on Tuesday, 28 March, starting at 11.00am and concluding with Mass at 2.30pm. Mass will be celebrated by the Award patron, Bishop McKeown. Many young people from this diocese, with others from across the country, attended this youth pilgrimage last year. Open to all 16-18 year-olds. The pilgrimage, including transportation, is being organised through schools. Parental consent is required. The pilgrimage theme is ‘Pilgrimage for Peace’. Prayer intentions can be sent with any young person you know attending. For more information, visit [www.jp2award.com](http://www.jp2award.com) or contact the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 00 44 (0)28 7126 4087.

**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’.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm -8.30pm / Tea & Coffee included. All Enquiries by Tel 00353 74 93 84866 / by Email: [info@sanctuarydonegal.com](mailto:info@sanctuarydonegal.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>

**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](http://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 14/03/23 were: 1, 5, 6 & 20. Winning £50 each were Bernadette McCloskey and Mairead Devine. 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 £1,500. **N.B. No Drive-in Bingo this Sunday!**

**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](http://www.millenniumforum.co.uk)

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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**