

PARISH OF BANAGHER

5th Sunday of Lent – 26th 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 (N.B. No Fincairn Mass)
 Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
 Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 1st & 2nd April (Palm Sunday)

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:

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 Mary's Church, Altinure: 6.00pm Sunday

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God baby Rián McCloskey.

A First Anniversary Mass for the happy repose of the soul of George McCormick RIP will take place on Saturday 1st April in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen at 7.00pm.

Parish Pilgrimage 2023: A meeting for all those travelling will take place next Sunday, 2nd April in Fincairn Hall at 4pm.

Palm Sunday Readers:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7pm: Readings: Niall Brolly. The Passion Narrator: Brenda Duddy. The Passion Other: Pauline Mc Grellis.
 St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am: Readings: Maeve McLaughlin. The Passion Narrator: Mary Redmond. The Passion Other: Emma Redmond.

April	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Brenda Duddy	Liam Campbell	Emma Redmond & Aoife Kerlin
Eucharistic Ministers	Mickey Hasson	Briege O'Neill	Tony Gormley
Flowers	Briege O'Neill		Regina Forester
Cleaning	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Regina Forester, Margaret Rose Devine, Roisin McLaughlin
Counters	Briege O'Neill, Liam Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Peter McCullagh		Anna Smyth, Anna Gormley
Collectors	Dermot O'Hara Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson Patrick McGrellis	Gerald, Shane, Connor & Sean Kerlin

March Do This in Memory Mass (Fincairn & Altinure) Sunday the 26th March 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 '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" Today, Sunday 26th 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 during the 10:30am Sunday Masses in St Mary's Church in Altinure. Open to all children in P1, P2 and P3 across the Parish. These sessions will be led by the parish's 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

18th & 19th March 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £775 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £710
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £685

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

Please note that the above figures do not include donations made online directly to the parish bank account. This total figure will be published at the beginning of every month.

Parish Financial Statement for last year is published this weekend on a separate sheet.

A Prayer for Vocations: Through the prophet Ezekiel the Lord promises to put His spirit into His people, the spirit of the Risen Jesus as St Paul tells us in our second reading today. We pray that those who are discerning their vocation will listen to the Holy Spirit moving within them.

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

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.

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

Job Opportunity: Financial and Administrative Secretary for the Diocesan Catechetical Centre and Pope John Paul II Award. 21 hours per week (Days and Times to be agreed) Temporary Post until end of August 2023. To register your interest please contact the Diocesan Office on 028 7126 2302 or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org by 4.30pm on 24th March 2023. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

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 21/03/23 were: 2, 6, 9 & 20. Winning £20 each were, Eileen Rafferty, Cecilia O'Neill, Margaret Coll, Grainne McCullagh, Michelle McLaughlin. 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 £1,600.

Learmount Community Centre - Hope Matters programme with Marie Dunne. Developed by Resilio, this highly regarded workshop, will equip you with the skills and knowledge to grow and maintain hope within yourself and others during these challenging times. Friday 31st March from 10-2pm in Learmount Resource Centre. Light lunch will be provided. Registration details available on booking.

Carers Training: In partnership for DEEDS we are running this free course for family members looking after someone at home living with dementia. We encourage you to come together on the course and share the learning exploring: What is dementia? Communication and Behaviours. The final session will be the carers' choice. Starting 18th April to 9th May at 7pm weekly. To book contact the Community Centre on the number below or email sinead@olt.ie. For further information and/or to book a class contact 02877781881 or email learmountgroup@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information.

Feeny Community Centre: New baby massage and reflexology class starting 17th April in Feeny Community Centre. Contact rosiesbabymassage@hotmail.com for more details.

Foster Carers needed in the Western Trust area – a range of opportunities available that can work in with different lifestyles, including respite, emergency and long-term: Upcoming Information Events – Saturday 1 April, 2.00-4.00pm: Mellon Country Hotel, Beltany Road, Omagh; Thursday 20 April, 6.30pm-7.30pm: Guildhall, Derry; Saturday 22 April, 2.00-4.00pm: Westville Hotel, Enniskillen; Saturday 13 May, 2.00-4.00pm: Bethany Community Hall, Limavady. To register, email info@fostering.hscni.net or call 0800 0720 137.

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

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973