

PARISH OF BANAGHER

3rd Sunday of Easter – 23rd April 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: 29th & 30th April

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, 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:

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.

Wedding Congratulations: We congratulate Oonagh McLaughlin & Christopher Maguire who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony this past weekend.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God Ellis Peter William O'Kane and Heidi Jayne O'Kane.

April Do This in Memory Mass (Feeny & Altinure)

Sunday the 23rd April will be the Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Feeny and Altinure, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is 'The Holy Family'. 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 Holy Family medal, which the children can keep to remind them that they are part of God's family. The Holy Family is a perfect example of faith for not only the P4 children, but for everyone. We as a parish pray that the Holy Family will guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

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.

Prayer for Vocations: 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' (Luke 24:32) The disciples on the road to Emmaus discerned a burning in their hearts after their encounter with the Risen Lord. We pray for all who are discerning their vocational call to serve as a priest, deacon or religious that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit. We ask God's blessing particularly on those attending the Vocations retreat in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, this weekend.

St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry 150th Anniversary Celebrations:

A Diocesan Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 30 April at 3.00pm. All are very welcome. On Wednesday 3 May there will be a blessing of a new statue of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The blessing will take place during the 10.00am Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. On Thursday 4 May at 7.30pm Bishop Mc Keown will celebrate Mass to mark the day the Cathedral was opened in 1873. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

15th & 16th April 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,490 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £510

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

8th & 9th April 2023 (Easter Sunday)

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,155 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £945

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

Clerical Education & Ongoing Formation Collection Total - £1,565

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.

Youth 2000 Ulster Retreat will take place from 28th - 30th April in St Patrick's College, Maghera! (St Mary's Building) We can't wait to see you there! For ages 16-35. For more information and to register online at youth2000.ie

Masters Information Session Change of Date The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. An information session via ZOOM will be now be held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 3.30pm. If you require any further information, or wish to register for the information session, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Marriage Preparation: Couples getting married 2023 or early 2024 can book online on Monday 24th April for booking at www.accordni.com

Holy Land Pilgrimage - QUB Alumni and Friends The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for alumni and friends.* Departing 9 February 2024 for 8 nights with half-board accommodation in 4 star hotels in Jerusalem and Nazareth, this promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime trip. The Pilgrimage's Spiritual Director will be Queen's Chaplain, Fr Dominic McGrattan, with music and song provided by the Chaplaincy's Director of Sacred Music, celebrated soprano, Marcella Walsh. In addition to a rich itinerary which includes visits to the principal sacred sites, we will also visit the Holy Family Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem and the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem. If you would like to know more information including price, itinerary and how to book, please email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk *We expect most families have an association with Queen's. Perhaps you or a loved one studied or worked at the University and have benefited from the faith and pastoral supports. Know that we consider you friends.

Legion of Mary Conference 'WHO IS SHE?', a day-long Legion of Mary Conference takes place on Saturday 13 May, in the historic DCU Rooms, All Hallows Campus, Dublin. Insightful talks on Our Lady, Prayer, Mass. 'What can we learn from early Irish Christian Marian devotion? How can we love Jesus as His mother loved Him?' To find out, come along on 13 May, 9.30am - 4.30pm. Cost €30, including food. For more information or to book contact mariaassumptadublin@gmail.com

VERTIAS Derry Gift Ideas for First Holy Communion from Veritas Choose from beautifully designed rosaries, to bibles, missals, prayer books, crosses, medals, watches and much more to make this sacramental occasion memorable and meaningful for the children and their families. This First Holy Communion season, SPEND £50 ON COMMUNION GIFTS AND GET A £10 VOUCHER on selected products until 31st May 2023. Browse the complete range of gifts on www.veritas.ie or visit your local Veritas store.

Feast Day – Tuesday 25th April – St Mark was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied the apostle Paul on his first missionary journey; later he followed him to Rome. He was a disciple of Peter, and his gospel is told from Peter's point of view. He is credited with founding the Church in Alexandria. His body was stolen from Alexandria in 828 (though some say that the wrong bones were stolen) and taken to Venice, which adopted him as its patron saint.

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

Fleadh Cheol Dhoire 2023 County Derry Fleadh 2023 will take place from the 5th - 11th of June in Dungiven. All competitions will be held on Saturday the 10th of June in Gaelcholáiste Dhoire. Fleadh Entries are now open, with the deadline for all entries the 28th of April. All Comhaltas branch members can enter via their local branch committee. Non-Comhaltas branch members can only enter via our online Fleadh Entry website www.derryfleadhentries.com For more information follow Fleadh Cheoil Dhoire Dún Geimhin 2023 facebook page or Derry CCE facebook page

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 18/04/23 were: 2, 3, 6 & 8. Winning £50 each was Maria Cartin, Cecelia O'Neill, Money can be collected in the shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next weeks Jackpot is £2,000.

Glenshane House: OCN L3 Introduction to Holistic Health & Complementary Therapies - 5 week course x 3 hours on a Thursday morning. Also OCN L2 Mindfulness & Anxiety in Children 6 weeks x 2 hours (evenings). A few spaces available. To register Tel 028 777 42494 or call into office.

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 Event - 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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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