

PARISH OF BANAGHER

4th Sunday of Easter – 30th April 2023

Mass & Service Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
 Wednesday: St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm
 Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
 Friday: St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm &
 St Mary's Church, Altinure: 7.30pm (*First Friday*)

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 6th & 7th May

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:

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.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God Richaela McNickle.

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.

Fr Micheál acknowledges with thanks the generous donation of £1000 towards the work on the belltower at St Mary's Church, Altinure.

HOPE Camp Banagher Volunteer Registration is now open If you would like to volunteer to help at the HOPE Camp in Banagher Parish click the link to volunteer on Banagher Parish Facebook or Hope Banagher Summer Camp FB page. You must be 16 or over to volunteer. HOPE Camp takes place from 31st July – 4th August 2023 and is open to children who have finished P6 in June 2023 up to children who have finished Year 11 in June 2023.

May	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Pauline McGrellis	Sheena McGrellis	Corrine Coyle
Eucharistic Ministers	Patsy McDermott	Anne Hassan	Alfie Dallas
Flowers	Sheena McGrellis		Mary Redmond
Cleaning	Breige O'Neill, Pauline McGrellis		Mary Redmond, Cora Kerlin
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Hugh Francis O'Neill		Philomena Conway, Sean Conway, Karen Feeney
Collectors	Martin McGrellis, Vincent McCloskey	Liam Campbell Dermot Lynch	Martin Smyth, Eamon Feeney, Patrick Conway, John Joe Marlow

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome: A group of 42 pilgrims will depart on Wednesday morning on the pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome. We carry with us the prayers and intentions of the people of the parish and their families. Fr Dominic McGrattan, Chaplain at Queens' University, Belfast, will celebrate Masses in the Parish next weekend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

22nd & 23rd April 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £925 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £620

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £485

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 each month.

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.

Day Retreat in Termonbacca in Honour of St Peregrine on Wednesday 3rd May from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Cost including light lunch is £15. A first-class relic of St. Peregrine will be available for veneration at the retreat. Please bring a bottle of olive oil to have it blessed in honour of St. Peregrine. For bookings contact the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca on 028 71262512.

Lisfannon Rosary on the Coast. The next Rosary on the Coast at Lisfannon will be on Sunday 07 May at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and pray for peace, Ireland and our unborn children. More details on (00 44) 0 7730330028

Legion of Mary Conference 'WHO IS SHE?', a day- long Legion of May 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

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

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. 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.*

ACCORD NI Marriage Preparation Courses – following dates available June 12th /13th 2023 & July 3rd /4th 2023. Courses can be booked online at www.accordni.com. Both courses are virtual.

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 Days this Week

Tuesday 2nd May – St Athanasius. Born at Alexandria around 295, he fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ. As a result, he had to endure much tribulation and he was several times sent into exile.

Wednesday 3rd May – Philp & James, Apostles. St Philip asks to see and having seen; he tells the good news to others. He was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. **St James**, son of Alphaeus a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.

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 25/04/23 were: 1, 5, 9 & 11. Winning £15 each was James O'Neill, Micheal McGill, Conal Biggs, Niall Farren, Kieran McNickle, Martin McCormick, Jack Lynch, Richella Clarke. 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 £2,100. Drive-in Bongo Sunday 6pm.

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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: Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973