

PARISH OF BANAGHER

The Ascension of the Lord - 21st May 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 (No Mass in Fincairn)
Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 27th & 28th May

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. 12 Noon

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, Craighane: Sunday 10.00am
St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

Confessions:

Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 10.00pm
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
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday: 10.00am – 11.00am

Visitation of the Parish Sick and Housebound will take place on Monday and Tuesday of the forthcoming week. Monday morning – Feeny; Monday afternoon – Carnanbane; Tuesday morning – Park; Tuesday afternoon – Foreglen. If you have a relative or neighbour who would like a visit, please let Fr Micheál know.

Congratulations to the children from St Joseph's PS and St Peter's & St Paul's PS who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend.

HOPE Camp Banagher Volunteer Registration is 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.

Banagher Parish Golf Day took place on Friday 18th May at Moyola Golf Club. We thank all those who attended and supported the Golf Day. The Golf Day was held to help raise funds for our parish Hope Camp which takes place from 31st July – 4th August 2023.

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

Blessing of the Graves 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Sunday 9th July 2023 – 10.30am
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Sunday 16th July 2023 – 12noon
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Sunday 3rd September 2023 – 10.30am

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers which will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @ChooseLifeIRL on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Exam Mass at Knock Shrine: For all students preparing for exams and their families. Take some time out from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for God's strength and guidance as you move through your exam period. June 5th, 7.30pm, Knock Basilica.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

13th & 14th May 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £845 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £690
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £tbc

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.

Laudato Si' Week 2023 will be celebrated globally from 21 – 28 May with the film “‘The Letter’ – A Message for Our Earth”, marking the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis’ landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, addressed to all of us, on Care for Creation. This year’s theme, “Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity,” focuses on the connectedness of all things and the need for a renewed commitment to environmental justice. The film aims to highlight the power of humanity united in action to stop the ecological crisis; it shows *Laudato Si’* in action. A showing of “The Letter” will take place on Tuesday 23 May, at 7.00pm, in St Eugene’s Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry. Call the Parish Office on (028) 71262894 to book.

Family Encounter event The Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother invite families to attend their Family Encounter event on Pentecost Sunday, 28 May, at St Patrick’s Church, Parochial Hall and House, Killygordon, F93 PNOX. Registration: 10:45 – 11.15am. Mass: 11.30am. 12.30pm: Lunch (bring your own packed lunch for you and your family). Adoration and Confessions (simultaneous children’s activities): 2.30pm. Formation Meeting for adults (simultaneous children’s activities): 3.30pm. Rosary: 4.30pm. Tea (bring something to share): 5.00pm. Close: 6.00pm. Cost: Donation accepted. Link to register: <https://forms.gle/ByWk8RK3hBShPVwQ6>

Graduation Mass – QUB Catholic Chaplaincy: On Thursday 1 June at 5.15pm, the QUB Chaplaincy will host a Graduation Mass for the Class of 2023. Students, their families and friends, as well as staff and alumni are most welcome. This Mass will be the last special celebration before we close our doors and move to temporary accommodation whilst our landmark building on Elmwood Avenue undergoes major redevelopment. If the Chaplaincy holds special memories for you, experience it as-is for one last time Refreshments will be served afterwards. Let us know if you plan to come by emailing catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

Derry Diocesan Youth Ministry ‘Come to the Water’ four-week programme in June 2023, for parish volunteers, of all ages. The programme is aimed at building inter-generational collaboration and faith community amongst volunteers involved in parish ministry in the parishes of the Diocese of Derry. During three online and one in-person session we will come together in prayer, learning and support, sharing best practice and explore Different ways to pray; Themed talks: ‘Where have the young people gone?’, ‘How well do we welcome?’; and practical ideas on what help and programmes are on offer in the diocese. Come to the Water will begin on Monday 5 June, 7:30pm-9:00pm and continue each Monday over four weeks. It will be delivered via Zoom. The last session will be held in person. To participate, please contact Lizzie Rea at lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org. Closing date for registration is: Thursday 25th of May.

Dromantine Family Fun Day Sunday 11 June, 1.30m – 5.30pm. Attractions: Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Vintage Tractors, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more! Admission £5 Donation per car. Everyone Welcome.

Feast Day

Friday 26th May: St Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515. At the age of eighteen he went to Rome and earned his living as a tutor. He undertook much-needed charitable work among the young men of the city and started a brotherhood to help the sick poor and pilgrim. He was ordained in 1551 and built an oratory over the church of San Girolamo, where the young men of Rome, rich and poor alike, could have religious discussions and organise charitable enterprises. Oratorian foundations still flourish in many countries today. He died in Rome in 1595.

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 16/05/23 were: 5, 16, 25 & 28. Winning £35 each was Bridget O’Kane, Evelyn McCullagh, Marie Feeney. 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 £2,400. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

Feile Fundraiser Big Breakfast – Saturday 27th May in Fincairn Parish Hall from 10am – 1pm. Min. donation: £5 per adult & £2.50 per child. Everyone welcome.

Sponsored Walk: Members of the McAteer family, Park, are taking part in the “Stairway to Heaven Boardwalk “ on Saturday, 3rd June to raise much needed funds for the Bowel Cancer Unit, Altnagelvin Hospital. Donations can be made to any family member, to collection boxes in Vivo shop Park or to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bronagh-mcelhill-2>

Glenshane House, Dungiven - Names now being taken for OCN L2 course in Mindfulness & Anxiety in Children: 4 weeks x 3 hours (evenings). Tel. 028 777 42494.

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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