

PARISH OF BANAGHER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th September 2023

Mass 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
Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 23rd & 24^h September

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm; 9.15am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

Weekend 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

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am

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 this week.
Monday morning – Feeny; Monday afternoon - Foreglen & Carnanbane; Tuesday morning – Park. If you have a relative or neighbour who would like a visit, please let Fr Micheál know.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family & friends of Ann McGrellis RIP, Gallony, who was buried recently.

Baptism We welcome into God's family May McCullagh.

Weekday Mass Schedule: Please note that the Wednesday evening weekday Mass will now be celebrated in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen at 7pm.

The St Vincent de Paul wish to thank those who gave a donation of £325, in lieu of flowers, at the time of Teresa McGaughey's death RIP.

BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW

Money raised will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and repair of our Churches.
A draw with 10 cash prizes will take place in October, November and December. 30 chances to win – ticket costs £30. Tickets available now from the Sacristies of the Churches, Feeny Spar, Park Vivo, Mace Derrychrier & Sperrin View Bar. Thank you for your support!

Children's Liturgy Recommencing Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday during the 10:30am Sunday Masses in St Mary's Church, Altinure, recommencing on Sunday the 17th September 2023. 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 parish's Pope John Paul II Award students, along with a group of vetted 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 they will listen to the children's version of Gospel and do short activity. They will then re-join everyone in the main Church just before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

First Holy Communion Dates 2024

St Mary's PS, Altinure: Saturday 18th May at 11am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

St Peter's & St Paul's PS, Foreglen: Saturday 18th May
at 2pm in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen.

St Canice's PS, Feeny: Saturday 1st June at 11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Confirmation Dates 2024

St Mary's PS, Altinure: Saturday 2nd March at 11am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

St Canice's Ps, Feeny and St Peter's & St Paul's, PS, Foreglen: Saturday 2nd March
at 2pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Sacramental Talk For the attention of parents/guardians of children in **P4 & P7:** The parish will be providing a sacramental talk for all parents whose children will be receiving a sacrament this year. This sacramental talk will provide information on the importance of the sacraments, practical information regarding dates and events for your diary, and an explanation of the role of the schools, parish and parents with regard to sacramental preparation. Date for the sacramental talk: **Monday 16th October, at 7pm in Fincairn Parish Hall.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

9th & 10th September 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1030 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £710
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.

Prayer for Vocations For the three priests ordained for the diocese this year, for our three seminarians, for the four men applying to begin their formal studies this year, for all those currently discerning their vocation, and for those accompanying them, that they will know and preach the message of the response to today's psalm: "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy."

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust brings children and young people with special needs on a week-long Pilgrimage Holiday to Lourdes each Easter. The Parish of Banagher has been generous supporters of their work for several years at the annual church gate collection. If you know of a child or young person who would like to go on the pilgrimage, please contact Margaret Rose Gormley on: 07922237986.

Job Opportunity

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre and Pope John Paul II Award Financial and Administrative Secretary, 35 hours per week – Monday to Friday. Fixed Term Contract until the end of June 2024 with possibility of extension.

For job description and application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org Completed applications must be returned to: Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than **4.30pm on Monday 18th September 2023**.

Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

Youth 2000 Ulster retreat will be taking place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg, Co. Donegal between 29th of September to the 1st of October. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! The retreat is donation only however if you are staying over there is a cost £35/€40 which goes to Lough Derg. Register now on www.youth2000.ie"

Exploring Poetry with Mary Murphy continues on Fridays at 11.00am in the Cathedral Hall, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. You are most welcome to join via the online platforms or in person.

An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love in Knock Basilica - Friday, 1st Dec - 8pm, featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo, Philomena Begley and Marc Roberts with Una Nolan & Schola Cantorum Basilicae choir. A fundraising concert for Victim Assistance Charity. Tickets from Ticketmaster.ie Tickets also available from head office - for details contact Mary McNicholas, Victim Assistance Head Office, Aiden St., Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo 094 9000 251/ 086 3938871. Email: support@victimassistance.ie

Feast Days this Week:

Wednesday: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions Andrew Kim Tae-gon, the first Korean priest, and another 102 of his companions were martyred during the persecutions of the Church in Korea from 1839 – 67.

Thursday: St Matthew, the tax collector, may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus, in Mk 2:14. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants, bookkeepers, tax-collectors, customs officers and security guards.

Saturday: St Pio was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral. A friend of all who suffer.

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

'Host for Hospice' - October is Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month: Can you 'Host for Hospice' and organise a Coffee Morning? For more information or to sign up to become a host, please call Ailbhe, Community Fundraising Officer, Foyle Hospice, on 028 71359888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

Let's Change Tomorrow are having a Charity Walk to Banagher Dam on Sunday 17th September at 2.00pm. Meeting point: Banagher Glen Main Car Park (larger car park with Information board & picnic tables) accessed via Magheramore Road. Shuttle service available from Dungiven Main St Car Park from 1pm. Proceeds in aid of the Moroccan Earthquake Relief. For anyone not walking, donations can be made to our financial collection at Glenshane House, Main Street, Dungiven from 1.00pm – 5.00pm also on Sunday 17th September.

Organ Donation Week - 18 to 24 September: Organ Donation Week is a time dedicated to remembering and giving thanks to people who have enabled the "Gift of Life" to others by donating organs to those in need of life saving transplants. This week, please have a conversation with your family, share your decision, register your decision. Further information: www.organdonationni.info

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 12/09/23 were: 7, 9, 13 & 28. Winning £25 each Margaret Rose Gormley, D Crossan, Sean Mac Bhloscaidh, Siobhan Campbell (online). Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £1,500. Next week's jackpot is £1,400. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

Learmount Community Development Group What's happening at Learmount this week – Monday: Time for me class (10.30am – 12.30pm), Art Class with Sheila (7.30 – 9.30pm), Women's Yoga (7 – 7.45pm), Men's Yoga (8 – 8.45 pm). Tuesday: Craft Club (10.30am – 12.30pm), Men's Workshop (10.30am – 12.30 pm). Thursday: Painting for Pleasure (10.30am – 12.30pm), Park 60+ Group (12 – 2pm), Friday: Learmount walking group (Meet outside the Community Centre at 10.30 am for walks in Learmount Forest). Dates for your diary: Tuesday 3rd October – AGM at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre with guest speaker Dr. Patricia Kelly (Alzheimer's/Dementia champion). Monday 6th November at 7pm in Learmount Resource Centre: University Science Week: A discussion of Dementia Prevention and Brain Health with Dr. Patricia Kelly) Friday 10th November: Paint and Sip Class – Paint a canvas and bring your own bottle! For further information or to book please contact 02877781881 or 07592 995229.

Craigbane Hall Yoga with Orla - Commences wed 27th Sept 7.30-8.30pm, 6 weeks £25. Enrolment for class Wed 20th Sept @7.30 in hall. Everyone welcome

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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.

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

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973