

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## Mass Times

### Weekday Mass Times:

Monday & Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am  
Tuesday & Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am  
Wednesday: St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm

### Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 30<sup>th</sup> September & 1<sup>st</sup> October

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm  
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.  
St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: 12.00 Noon

### Weekend 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, 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

**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.

## 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!*

**Rest in Peace:** We offer our sympathy to the relations and friends of Monsignor Brendan Devlin RIP, who was Parish Priest of Banagher from 1989-1989.

**Baptism** We welcome into God's family baby Caoilte Bond

October	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Pauline McGrellis	Sheena McGrellis	Leo Devine
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Darragh McCloskey	Breige O'Neill	Alfie Dallas
<b>Flowers</b>	Bridie McErlean		Corrine Coyle
<b>Cleaning</b>	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Catherine Ball, Emma O'Donnell
<b>Counters</b>	Liam Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Breige O'Neill, Peter McCullagh		Mary Conway, Betty McAteer
<b>Collectors</b>	Dermot O'Hara, Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson, Liam Campbell	Hugh Grieve, JB Murphy, JT McCloskey

**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.**

## 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.

**Trocaire** is looking for people to join its team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict across Ethiopia, South Sudan and Ukraine. You can make a difference through a range of activities, e.g. the promotion of its Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, please email Mark McMahon on [infoni@trocaire.org](mailto:infoni@trocaire.org) or call 028 9080 8030.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £900 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £565

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £640

*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** During National Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood and as the Church prepares for the Synod due to begin in Rome on 4 October we ask our loving, merciful, and generous God to send the Holy Spirit down powerfully on all of us that we will walk together in faith, renewing the Church here in the diocese of Derry, each one fulfilling our baptismal promises as lay, religious, and ordained members of the Body of Christ, and that the Lord will bless our diocese with an abundance of priestly vocations.

**Rosary on the Coast** The next Rosaries on the Coast will be on Sunday 01 October at 3pm on Lisfannon Strand, Buncrana, and Sunday 15 October at 3pm on Benone Strand, Limavady, also at 3pm. All Rosary Coasters welcome. Invite as many of your friends and families along to pray for peace, our unborn brothers and sisters, our Catholic faith and our families. The Rosary is a true weapon of mass conversion.

**SMA Novena 2023**, in honour of St. Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions: Saturday 23 September to Sunday 1 October: Daily Mass & Novena Prayers at 10.00am & 7.30pm. SMA Chapel, Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, via webcam ([www.sma.ie](http://www.sma.ie))

**The Irish Pilgrimage Trust** Group 190 of Irish Pilgrimage Trust are looking for Male carers around age of 18 up to 45, to travel to Lourdes at Easter 31/3/24 until 6/4/24. All Carers are to pay their own fare, which is as follows, €495 for 3rd Level Students; €750 for any other persons. If anyone is interested in volunteering, or if you know of a child or young person who would like to go on the pilgrimage, please contact Margaret Rose Gormley on 07922237986.

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership** 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. There is still time to sign up for the Academic Year 2023/2024. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)

**Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme** Now in our 18th Year... Have you ever thought of taking time out, to reflect, to better understand your faith in all its richness, to explore how it might be integrated with your busy, daily life and to nurture in a focussed way your relationship with God? If the answer is “yes”, then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis or online via Zoom. For further information or to register on either of these courses, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

#### Feast Days this Week:

**Wednesday: St Vincent de Paul** was born in Aquitaine and became a priest. He devoted his whole life to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity.

**Friday: Archangels Gabriel**, appears in the book of Daniel to explain some of the prophet's visions, and was also the bearer of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Raphael** is the angel who heals Tobit of his blindness. His name means God heals & **Michael** is mentioned in the Apocalypse as the leader of the heavenly host. He is a patron of soldiers.

**Saturday: St Jerome**, 340 – 420, founded a monastery, a hospice, and a school in Bethlehem. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron of librarians.

**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](mailto:ailbhe@foylehospice.com)

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto numbers for 19/09/23 were: 4, 12, 18 & 23. Winning £15 each was Claragh Faulkner, Conor Smalls, Eva Quirk, Stephen McBrearty, Lesley Craig, Pauline Murphy, John O'Dwyer, Brian Conway. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £1,600. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

**Glenshane House** - OCN L2 Award in Introduction to Mindfulness & Reducing Anxiety in Children starting soon. A few spaces available. Tel 028 777 42494

**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). **Upcoming Events:** Tuesday 3rd October – AGM at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre with guest speaker Dr. Patricia Kelly (Alzheimer's/Dementia). Saturday 21st October: Glass-making Class with Natasha Duddy Glass designs – make a glass candle holder: 10am-12.30pm. £15ppn. Materials included. Booking Essential. **Donation Appeal:** Looking for unwanted gifts or presents that can be used as prizes for our older people's groups. These can be dropped off at the Community Centre or you can give us a call and we can arrange collection. For further information or to book classes, please contact 02877781881 or 07592 995229. Thank you.

### PARISH CLERGY

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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](mailto: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](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**