

PARISH OF BANAGHER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th October 2023

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday & Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10am

Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.30pm only

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 14th & 15th October

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12.00pm Noon

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, Craighbane: Sunday 10.00am

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

Fr Micheál will be attending the Canon Law Convention in the USA next week. Please contact Fr O'Kane in Claudy or Fr Kelly in Dungiven in the event of an emergency.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Ann McGrellis RIP, Gallony, in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Friday 13th October at 7.30pm.

Acknowledgment Fr Micheál acknowledges with thanks the donation of £1000 towards ongoing the renovations to St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen.

Gospel Reflections The Parish's Faith Coordinator, Charlotte Deeny, will be delivering a Gospel reflection once a month during the weekend Masses in the parish. These short reflections will be focusing on the Gospel for that particular Sunday. The first Gospel reflection will take place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October during the weekend Masses.

Children's Liturgy Adult Volunteers Needed Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday during the 10:30am Sunday Masses in St Mary's Church, Altinure. 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 and are supervised by a vetted parent volunteer. We are looking for adult volunteers who would be willing to supervise the children's liturgy sessions once a month. If you are interested in being on the rota of adult supervisors for the children's liturgy, please contact Charlotte Deeny (Faith Formation Co-ordinator) at: Charlotte.Deeny@derrydiocese.org

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!

Sellers and those with books of tickets: Please return stubs no later than Wednesday 18th October for the first draw on Friday 20th October!

Sacramental Talk The parish will be providing a sacramental talk for all parents/guardians of children in **P4 & P7** whose children will be receiving a sacrament this year. This sacramental talk will provide information on the importance of the sacraments, dates and events for your diary, and explain the role of the schools, parish and parents with regard to sacramental preparation. Date for 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.

Prayer for Vocations Thinking of those considering a vocation to the priesthood and hoping to serve the people of the diocese of Derry, we borrow the words of St Paul in this weekend's second reading, "...fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise."

Rosary on the Coast The next Rosary on the Coast will be on 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 our unborn brothers & sisters, our Catholic faith and our families.

Mass For Deceased Children and Young People will take place on Sunday the 12th of November at 7pm in Saint Eugene's Cathedral. The Mass will be Celebrated by Bishop McKeown.

Preparing for Christmas: Weekend Retreat at Ards Friary, 8 - 10 December. Led by Philip McParland. In the weeks leading up to Christmas there is usually a lot going on in our lives. This weekend will offer you an opportunity to focus on your spiritual preparation. It will be both reflective and practical, suggesting ways to keep in touch with Jesus. To book, contact Ards. Tel: 074 91 38909. Email: info@ardsfriary.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

30th September & 1st October 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £785 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £1,040

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £702

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.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena commences after 7.30pm Mass on Thursday 5th October at Saint Eugene's Cathedral and will continue for the following eight Thursdays finishing on 30th November. Follow online or in person.

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

Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 12th October at 7.15pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny Co. Donegal. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 00353 (01) 4045378.

Job Advertisement

Chief Executive Officer National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (National Board).

Permanent full-time position subject to six months' probation.

The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland assists in the development of best practice policies and procedures and practice in child safeguarding and offers advice in this area to all Church authorities, both dioceses and religious organisations. In addition, it provides relevant and extensive training in matters concerned with child safeguarding.

Key duties and responsibilities of the role of Chief Executive Officer include: Implementing the Board's vision, objectives, mission and policies; Guiding the Board and reporting on progress towards the achievements of its objectives through suitable operational plans; Writing policy, standards and practice guidance for constituent members of the Board and Reviewing safeguarding practice in Dioceses and Religious Orders.

Salary: €90-100k, commensurate with the candidate's skills and experience. For full job description, and further information – please ask for an applicant pack through admin@safeguarding.ie

Location The successful candidate will be located in the offices of the National Board for Safeguarding Children, New House, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare. **To apply**, please submit your CV and Cover Letter (maximum one page), outlining how your motivation, experience and skills fit the role for the attention of the Chairperson of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church via e-mail to admin@safeguarding.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications: 4.00 pm on 31st October, 2023

Feast Days this Week:

Monday 9th: St John Henry Newman was born on 21 February 1801 in London. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriol College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He wrote on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019.

Tuesday 10th: St Denis and Companions. Denis came to Gaul from Rome in the middle of the third century. He arrived at what is now the Ile de la Cité in Paris, where he built a church, arranged the regular celebration of Mass, and preached the Gospel. Denis and two members of his clergy, Rusticus and Eleutherius, were beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258 and later buried at Montmartre. Their finest tribute is the abbey church of Saint-Denis where the kings of France are buried. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, is one of the patrons of France.

Wednesday 11th: St Canice was born in Co. Derry in 527 and died in 603. Though his family were poor, he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Columba, with whom he worked for a long time in Scotland, where he set up several churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossary. This was replaced centuries later by his church in Kilkenny.

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 are covered by CCTV.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 3/10/23 were: 4, 10, 16, 23. Winning £35 each were Maggie Crawford, Tony O'Kane & Keith Hillick. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £1,800. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

Learmount Community Development Group: Dates for your diary: Saturday 21st October – Glass Making Workshop with Natasha Duddy (Make a glass tealight candle holder) 10.30am – 1pm: £15 per person. Monday 6th November at 7pm in Learmount Resource Centre: University Science Week: A discussion on Dementia Prevention and Brain Health). 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.

'EMERGENCY' Foster Care Information Sessions: 'Emergency' describes out-of-hours foster carers who provide time-limited care at short notice. Emergency foster carers may be contacted late at night or over a weekend. Foster carers who can offer emergency care will receive a child or young person (from babies to aged 16/17) into their home where they can offer them safe and welcoming accommodation and care. Information Events: Thursday 12 October, 7.00 – 8.30pm. Venue: Omagh Fire Station. Wednesday 11 October, 7.00 – 8.30pm: Virtual Information Session: Join via MS TEAMS: #Meeting ID: 355 763 453 169 / Passcode: AnYxoJ No sign up required, just drop in to hear more from our team. These sessions are open to everyone.

Millennium Forum Productions presents JACK & THE BEANSTALK 30 November – 31 December 2023. Accessible Performances – Signed Performance – Wednesday 6 December @ 7pm; Relaxed and Dementia Friendly Performance – Saturday 9 December @ 2pm; Audio Described Performance – Sunday 17 December @ 2pm. All performances will include a song using Makaton. Tickets for these performances are on-sale through our box office (02871 264455 choose option 1) or on our website www.millenniumforum.co.uk

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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