

PARISH OF BANAGHER

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th November 2023

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: ***NB No Mass**

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

Wednesday: St Peter's & St Paul's Foreglen: 7.00pm

Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10am;

St Joseph's Church: 7.30pm November Mass for the Dead

Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 11th & 12th November

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12pm 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, Craigbane: Sunday 10.00am

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

Confessions

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am; Saturday: 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

November Mass for the Dead praying in a special way for all those who have died in our parish over the past year will take place in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm. During the Mass Fr Micheál will call out the names of those who have died and a family member is invited to bring a candle to the altar in memory of their loved one. (Candles will be available at the back of the Church).

A First Anniversary Mass for the happy repose of the soul of John Harvey RIP will be celebrated on Saturday 11th November 2023 in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 7.00pm.

2024 Sunday Missal: Beginning on 1st Sunday of Advent, available for purchase at £10. Leave your name in the office, sacristy or FB message.

Fr Micheál acknowledges with thanks the generous donation of £100 from the family of the late Patrick Mullan RIP for the use of Fincairn Hall following the funeral Mass.

Fr Micheál acknowledges with thanks the generous donation of £100 from the Feeny Band for the use of Fincairn Hall.

National Churches Trust Awards

Fr Micheál & Catriona Doughty will attend the Churches Trust Awards in London on Monday 6th November where it is hoped we will win the maintenance award for St Mary's Church, Altinure.

You can follow along the ceremony by watching the livestream at:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/715886605107?aff=oddtcreator>

Banagher Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024: 17-24 May. Direct flights from Dublin to Lisbon. 7 nights full board, central Fatima Hotel. Full religious program including 3 afternoon excursions. £760 pps. Please see Fr Micheál for further details.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

28th & 29th October 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £860 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £695

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £515

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! FINAL NIGHT OF PARISH DRAW

Friday 15th December - Fincairn Hall

Final night of the Parish Draw with music, entertainment, bar and supper.

Save the Date! SVP invite you to the Christmas Party on Sunday 26th November at 1.30 in the Roe Park Limavady. SVP conference group will organise transport from Park Resource Centre @12.30 and Feeny Main St @12.45. We kindly request a donation of £15 towards the cost of the party. Please use SVP telephone (07593954973), speak to conference member, or leave name(s) in the SVP collection box before 19th November if you would like to attend.

A Day Retreat of Prayer for the Relief of the Souls in Purgatory will take place in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca on Friday 17th November from 10.00a.m. - 3.00p.m. Cost for the day, including light lunch £15. For bookings, telephone 71 262512.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 80-5 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

Rosary on the Coast The next Rosary on the Coast will be on Sunday 5 November at 3pm on Lisfannon Strand, Bunrana, and then on Sunday 19 November at 3pm on Benone Strand.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Deceased Children & Young People’s Mass: The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will take place in St Eugene’s Cathedral on Sunday 12 November at 7:00pm. There will be an opportunity to write the name of your deceased loved one before Mass. All are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the Mass but would like your loved one’s name included in our prayers, please email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

Prayer for Vocations For those discerning their vocation at this time, and particularly for those who hope to begin seminary training in the next few months, that they will take to heart the Lord’s words in this weekend’s gospel, and hear Him calling them to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in a spirit of humility.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group - Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing: Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh, Sunday 19 November. Registration from 9.30am. Celebration of the Eucharist in the afternoon. Speaker Fr Brendan Walsh SAC. Lunch, tea & coffee available. Booking by 10 November essential. Tel: 07876411435 or 07596609041.

November	St Joseph’s Church, Fincairn		St Mary’s Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Elaine Loughery	Hugh Francis O’Neill	Maeve McLaughlin
Eucharistic Ministers	Patsy McDermott	Anne Hassan	Sally O’Kane
Flowers	Margaret Cartin, Seamus McLaughlin		Barbara Sharkey
Cleaning	Breige O’Neill, Pauline McGrellis		Brenda McCloskey, Shauna Quirk, Alison O’Neill
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Hugh Francis O’Neill		Christine McGaughey, Celine McGaughey, Ann O’Kane
Collectors	Marty McGrellis, Vincent McCloskey	Anthony O’Neill, Patrick McGrellis	Stephen Gormley, Tony Gormley, Shaun McElhinney Shane McElhinney

Feast Days this week:

Monday 6th: All the Saints of Ireland Ireland, especially in the early Christian centuries, was known as the land of saints and scholars. More than once, when the rest of western Europe was submerged in ignorance and chaos, Ireland kept learning alive. Many of the Irish saints combined pastoral care with an observance of the monastic life. The Irish also did much as missionaries, bringing the faith to other parts of Europe, and the story of St Brendan, whether true or not, proves they set their sights further afield.

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.

Let’s Change Tomorrow Last year, following the terrible floods in Pakistan, ‘Let’s Change Tomorrow’ sent £4,524.80 to Fr Liam O’Callaghan, a missionary priest in Pakistan, to help provide aid for victims of the floods. We have received a letter from Fr Liam detailing how the money has been spent: to provide relief rations; food packs; mosquito nets; health kits; winter bedding and medical supplies. Fr Liam sends his sincere thanks to those who donated to ‘Let’s Change Tomorrow’s’ Pakistan appeal. Following our recent fundraiser, £4,110.00 has been sent to ‘Drs Without Borders’ working voluntarily to help victims of the Moroccan earthquake and floods in Libya. We donated the fundraiser to the charity as we had no local contact. A very big thankyou to everyone who donated on behalf of ‘Let’s Change Tomorrow’.

St Mary’s GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 31/10/23 were: 5, 21, 24 & 25 . Winning £100 was Thomas O’Neill. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week’s Jackpot is £2,200. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

What’s happening in Learmount: Week Commencing 6th November 2023: Monday 6th : Time for Me Class 10.30am - 12.30pm ((Community Centre), Dementia Social Morning 10.30am - 12.30 pm Resource Centre), Art Class 7.30pm to 9.30 pm (Community Centre), Ladies Yoga 7 -7.45 pm (Park Hall), Men’s Hall (Park Hall), Dementia Prevention Workshop with Dr. Patricia Kelly 7 pm - 9pm (***Park Primary School**). **Tuesday 7th:** Craft and Crochet Club 10.30am - 12.30pm (Community Centre), Men’s Hobby Workshed 10.30am - 12.30pm (Recycling Centre), Guitar and Banjo Club 7.30pm (Resource Centre). Advice NI 2pm - 4pm (Community Centre). **Thursday 9th:** Painting for Pleasure 10.30am - 12.30pm (Community Centre), Park 60+ Luncheon Club 12 pm-2pm (Resource Centre), Outreach Post Office Service 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre). **Friday 10th:** Walking Group 10.30am at the Community Centre, Paint and Sup (Bring your own bottle Art Class) with local artist Sheila Byrne 7.30pm -10pm (Community Centre).* in partnership with Ulster University, Personalised Medicine Centre & Queens University Belfast, LCDG invites you to St Mary’s PS Sports Hall, Altinure on Monday 6th November from 7pm – 9pm for a discussion on **dementia prevention** with Dr Patricia Kelly, PhD to celebrate 75 years of NHS & Lifelong Wellbeing & ESRC Festival of Social Science. ***Please note the change of venue** St. Mary’s Primary School (Altinure), 70 Monadore Road, Park Village. For further information on any of the above, please contact Learmount Community Centre on 02877781881 or 07592 995229.

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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