

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th November 2023**

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday & Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am **NB Mass in Grotto Chapel*

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

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

**NB From this week, Morning Mass in Fincairn will be celebrated in the Grotto Chapel*

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 18th & 19th November

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, Drumsum: 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

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

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

Baptism: We welcome into God's family Saórla Rose Lambert.

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.

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. Half of the places have been taken. Please see Fr Micheál for further details.

DATE CHANGE - First Holy Communion 2024

We have had to change the First Holy Communion dates for St Mary's PS and St Peter's & St Paul's PS. St Canice's date will remain the same. The new dates for the 2024 First Holy Communion are:

St Mary's, Altinure: Saturday 11th May at 11am.

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: Saturday 11th May at 2pm.

St Canice's, Fincairn: Saturday 1st June at 11am. (NO CHANGE)

Apologies for any inconvenience this change has caused.

For the attention of last year's P7 children (current year 8 Secondary School children)

Banagher Parish Year 8 Retreat is half a day in which all the past P7 children from the local primary schools, who have moved on to a post-primary school, can gather together. This retreat aims to be a light hearted and fun time for the year 8 students to reconnect with old primary school friends, share their experiences of post-primary school so far, and a time to reflect. As the year 8 children would have spent their first few of months in a new school, they will have experienced new things, made new friends, missed old friends, had to adapt to 'big school', and lots of other things that come with the transition from primary school to secondary school. The retreat will take place on Saturday 18th November from 10am – 1pm in Fincairn Hall, with lunch provided. If your child would like to attend the retreat, please could you email charlotte.deeny@derrydiocese.org *If you know anyone who has children or grandchildren in year 8 who attended Primary School in Banagher Parish last year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could assist in spreading the word.

National Churches Trust Award Winner!

St Mary's Church, Altinure

Winner of the Naylar Award for Excellence in Church Maintenance

Fr Micheál & Catriona Doughty attended the Churches Trust Awards in London on Monday 6th November where they were delighted to be presented with the maintenance award for St Mary's Church, Altinure and £2,500. You can catch up on the ceremony by watching at:

<https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/9LfqCAM4jHrPYkHGk7Hv?domain=youtube.com>

A Prayer for Vocations: Lord, bless all those who are currently discerning a vocation to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry. Fill them with the Wisdom that comes from You.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

4th & 5th November 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £855 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £525

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.

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 Sunday 19th November if you would like to attend.

Deceased Children & Young People's Mass: The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral today 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.

Rosary on the Coast The next Rosary on the Coast will be on Sunday 19 November at 3pm on Benone Strand, Magilligan. Everyone welcome. Details on 07730330028

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.

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 18th November from 2pm. Speakers include Fr John Ryan, Fr Luke Demasi, Fr John McEaney & Francis Hogan. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

Feast Days this week:

Monday 13th: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 - 1917) She was born in Lombardy, Italy the youngest of thirteen children. Because of her frail health she was refused admission to two convents. She devoted herself to teaching and founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose aim is to spread devotion to the Heart of Jesus by spiritual and corporal works of mercy, running homes for the old and the sick, orphanages, and schools. In 1889 the Pope sent her to New York, where she founded an orphanage. In all she founded 67 institutions across the United States, South America and Europe. She died of malaria at Chicago in 1917.

Tuesday 14th: Saint Laurence O'Toole (1128 - 1180) Also known as Lorcán Ua Tuathail, he was born at Castledermot, Kildare, Ireland. He was elected archbishop of Dublin in 1161 – he was the first elected archbishop, since his predecessor, Gregory, had already been bishop of Dublin when the city was raised to an archbishopric. He was the first Irish bishop of Dublin, and also the last one before the Reformation: Ireland was invaded by the Normans in 1170 and his successors were all Normans or Englishmen. He took part in the negotiations consequent on the invasion, and negotiated with Henry II of England. Forbidden for a while to return to Ireland after being made a papal legate by the Pope in Rome, he eventually persuaded Henry II to let him return, but he died on the journey, at Eu in Normandy.

Wednesday 15th: St Albert the Great (1206 - 1280) was born at Lauingen on the Danube, in Germany, and studied at Padua and Paris before entering the Dominican Order. He taught in a number of places including the University of Paris, where St Thomas Aquinas studied under him. He was one of the greatest philosophers of the Middle Ages, coming at the beginning of the great flowering that came with the rediscovery of the works of Aristotle. He had a great interest in science and astronomy and his learning gave him the title, as a Doctor of the Church, of Doctor Universalis, the "Universal Doctor." In 1260 the Pope made him Bishop of Regensburg, a post that he held for three years before resigning it. He made great efforts to secure peace between people and between cities. He died at Cologne in 1280.

Friday 17th: St Dionysius of Alexandria, Bishop (190 - 265) Dionysius was born in Alexandria in 190. After studying literature and philosophy, he became a Christian and joined the catechetical school where he was taught by Origen. In 232 he became the head of that school. Fifteen years later he was appointed bishop of Alexandria and had to endure severe persecutions and even exile because of his boldness in proclaiming the faith. He involved himself in major theological disputes of the time. He died in 265.

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 7/11/2023 were 1, 13, 19, 20. Winning £35 each was Michelle McLaughlin, Joanne Hassan & Sinead McKenna. Next week's Jackpot is £2,200. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

Glenshane House, Dungiven - OCN L2 Introduction to Mindfulness & Reducing Anxiety in Children course starts Wednesday, 15th November at 7pm. Tel 028 777 42494

Simon Community Christmas Appeal: Every day, we support approximately 1,130 individuals in Northern Ireland, including through 464 warm beds in our temporary accommodation services for those with no home. As the Christmas season draws closer, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the church communities for your support. Your involvement plays a pivotal role in creating a network of hope for local homeless people. Today, we ask, if you would consider supporting our Christmas appeal. Whether it's a one-time donation, hosting an event, or holding a seasonal collection - every contribution makes a meaningful impact, enabling us to provide vital services and resources to those in need this Christmas, helping them rebuild their lives. For more information please visit www.simoncommunity.org

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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 next week: Monday - Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973