

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
19th 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 Morning Mass in Fincairn will be celebrated in the Grotto Chapel*

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 25th & 26th November

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: 12 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; 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

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family & friends of Martin McElhinney, Lettershandoney & Park who was buried recently.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Peter Conway RIP on Sunday 26th November in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen at 12 Noon.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Bridie Stevenson RIP on Saturday 25th November in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 7pm.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Pat Feeney RIP on Sunday 26th November in St Mary's Church, Altinure at 10.30am.

Baptism: We welcome into God's family Ruan McLaughlin.

Parish Draw Winners! November Winners

£100 - 0096 Donna McGilligan

£100 - 0694 Darragh McCloskey

£100 - 0152 Rosaleen Biggs

£100 - 1265 Leo Devine

£100 - 0212 John McGrellis

£100 - 1148 Josie Lynch

£100 - 1367 Ann McCallion

£250 - 686 Patricia Hasson

£500 - 1042 Bernie O'Kane

£1000 - 0636 Kieran & Orla O'Kane

Thank you to all who supported our draw.

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. Please see Fr Micheál for further details.

SVP invite you to the Christmas Party on Sunday 26th November at 1.30 in the Roe Park Limavady. SVP conference group has organised 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.

DATE CHANGE - First Holy Communion 2024

The parish has 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. Below are the new dates for the 2024 First Holy Communions:

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.

Holy Hour for Peace Bishop McKeown will lead a Holy Hour for Peace in the World from 8.00pm to 9.00pm on Monday 20 November in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can also join in this time prayer for peace via the St Eugene's Cathedral webcam.

Trócaire Christmas Gifts of Change will be on sale at weekend Masses on the 2nd & 3rd of December and 16th & 17th in St Joseph's Fincairn and 10th & 17th December in St Mary's, Altinure. In this Trócaire's 50th anniversary year, the organisation is marking '50 Years of Giving' by the Irish public, helping the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. With 22 gifts to choose from, ranging from £5 to £1,400, each Trócaire gift will support critical work e.g. the horrific situation in Gaza, two gifts that will help families caught up in conflict this year: The Gift of Family Essentials (£30) will bring vital comfort to children and families caught up in conflict in countries like Gaza, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Ukraine. This gift will provide families with survival kits, emergency dignity kits and food baskets and The Mental Health Lifeline Gift (£40) also provides women and children in Gaza access to vital mental health care. Meanwhile, your friend or family member will get a lovely Gift card telling them you have bought this Gift of Change on their behalf. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

11th & 12th November 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £725. St Mary's Church, Altinure: £835

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: £530

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 That our present seminarians and those discerning their vocation will use wisely the gifts and talents with which the Lord has blessed them.

November Do This in Memory Mass (Feeny & Park) Sunday the 19th November will be the Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Feeny and Park, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is Christ the King, as it is the feast day of Christ the King on Sunday 26th November. Each month the children will receive a gift at the end of Mass which aims to help them grow in their prayer life. This month's gift is a cross, to remind the children that Christ is their King and it is important to have a relationship with Him, especially coming up to receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We as a parish ask Christ to protect and guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

Rosary on the Coast The next Rosary on the Coast will be today Sunday 19 November at 3pm on Benone Strand, Magilligan. Bring along family and friends to pray for world peace, the protection of our faith, marriages, families and children, all of which are under unprecedented attack today. Tel 07730330028. Everyone welcome. Details on 07730330028

ACCORD Derry Marriage Preparation Courses January 2024 to March 2024 - January 19th/20th 2024; February 23rd/24th 2024 & March 22nd/23rd 2024. Venue: Everglades Hotel, Prehen Road Derry. Please note that these courses are NOT Virtual and are in person.

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

Feast Days this week:

Tuesday 21st: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary In unity with Eastern Christianity, and commemorating the dedication in 543 of the New Basilica of Saint Mary, built next to the Temple at Jerusalem, this feast celebrates Mary's "dedication" of herself to God from her infancy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, whose grace had filled her ever since her immaculate conception.

Thursday 23rd: St Columbanus, Abbot (543 - 615) was born in Ireland before the middle of the sixth century. He was a monk from his youth and was learned in both sacred and secular literature. At the age of 45 he left Ireland and went to Europe, where he founded three monasteries in what is now France. His monastic rule was strict, based on Irish practice. King Thierry II of Burgundy had a veneration for Columbanus and often visited him. Columbanus's criticisms of Thierry's debauched living and practice of concubinage enraged the king's

grandmother Brunhild, and eventually Columbanus and all other Irish-born monks were ordered to be deported to Ireland. They eluded their captors, and after an unsuccessful attempt to evangelize the pagan tribes near modern-day Zürich they reached Italy, where Columbanus founded the monastery at Bobbio. He died there in 615. The Rule of St Columbanus was eventually superseded by the milder Rule of St Benedict. Columbanus's writings are among the earliest evidence of Irish knowledge of Latin. Some of what he wrote related to ecclesiastical controversies of the time and is no longer read, but several extracts from his "Instructions" are still part of the Office of Readings. His style combines an underlying passion with a strong and rhythmic rhetorical structure.

Friday 24th: Sts Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions The evangelization of Vietnam began in the 16th century and was formally established with the setting up of two Vicariates Apostolic in 1659. There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population. This growth comes partly from the fact that since the earliest times the seed of the Faith has been watered by the blood of the martyrs of Vietnam – the missionary clergy, the local clergy and the ordinary Christian people. They have all shared the labour of apostolic work and have together faced death to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. In the course of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries no less than 53 decrees, signed by the lords and emperors of the country from 1625 to 1886, launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions. Since the beginning of the 20th century 117 of these heroes were beatified, in four groups. They were all canonized together by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988.

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 14/11/2023 were 4, 10, 17, 24. Winning £25 each was Eilish Doherty, Sheenagh McCloskey, Mary A O'Neill & Oisín Lynch. Next week's Jackpot is £2,400. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

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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