

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Solemnity of Christ the King – 24th November 2024

Mass Times this Week

Monday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
 Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
 Wednesday: St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7:00pm
 Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
 Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 1st December 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil and 9:15am
 St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

Confessions

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am
 St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday: 10.00am
 St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 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

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Dolores McCormick, RIP, in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 30th November 2024 at 7pm.

Prayer for Vocations That those called by the Lord to be priests of the diocese of Derry will "bear witness to the truth" as they help God's people to listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, whose Kingdom "will never pass away."

Trócaire Christmas Gifts of Love will be on sale across the parish before and after the masses on the weekend of 30th Nov/1st Dec, and 8th December. These Gifts are an alternative way to support Trócaire's work in an ethical and sustainable way. The money goes toward buying life changing products for some of the poorest people in the world, and for people severely affected by climate change and conflict. Trócaire are also working with their partners in Gaza and the Middle East and money raised will also support their essential work there. Please come and see us at our stand after weekend Masses, alternatively visit the Trócaire website for ways to donate. Thank you for your support.

The Parish Webcams are now available to view on the Firestick. If you search for the iTech Media App and download it to your Firestick, you can then search for the Church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

16th & 17th November 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £880 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £780

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:
Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950306 A/c 51052659

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Radio Maria Ireland Christmas Fundraiser! Join us on Thursday 28th November in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. Doors open at 6pm followed by a four-course meal, live music information about Radio Maria and its Mission, Vision and how it can help support the faithful in Ireland today. Enjoy a great night and help a charity! To book your ticket (€65/£60 per person) go to Eventbrite.ie or to book over the phone. For info, call the studio on 01 4 123456 or visit www.radiomaria.ie Radio Maria Ireland is available on digital television via Saorview channel 210, website www.radiomaria.ie, or on the App 'Radio Maria Ireland', via Alexa, Facebook and Google and, for those without digital connectivity via landline phone broadcast on 01 437 3277.

Dominican Friars - Online Advent Retreat for parishioners. The speaker is Fr Stephen Cummins OP. The title of the retreat is: 'Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God'. The link for parishioners to sign up for the Retreat is: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat>

Advent Retreat Emmanuel - He meets you where you are: This Advent season, step away from the busyness of life and enter a sacred space of quiet reflection and prayer. Join the Columba Community for their retreat on Sunday 8 December at 11.00am in St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co Donegal, Eircode: F93NF76. Find stillness, experience guided prayer, with Adoration and Eucharist. Deepen your spiritual journey during this holy season as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. Booking is essential tel: (00353)0749384866. A Light lunch is provided, suggested donation £20.

December	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Brenda Duddy	Jack McColgan	Patrick Conway
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Lynch	Geraldine McCloskey	Sally O'Kane
Flowers	Pauline McGrellis		Sheila Byrne
Cleaning	Lucy McLaughlin, Jean O'Neill		Roisin McInroy, Sheila Byrne
Counters	Ann Hasson, Marian & Anthony O'Neill Patricia McCloskey		Anna Smyth, Anna Gormley
Collectors	Paul Campbell Pat McCullagh	Liam Campbell Sean Roe McCloskey	Gerald, Conor, Sean & Shane Kerlin

Christmas Carols by Candlelight The Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother at Crossroads, Killygordon, invite you to Christmas Carols by Candlelight followed by Live Crib at 5pm, at St Patrick's Church, Crossroads, Killygordon, on Sunday 15 December. Hot Chocolate will be served! Everyone is welcome.

Advent Course for Young People The youth department of the Catechetical Centre, in conjunction with Youth link NI, will be delivering a four-week course for Advent in two venues - Derry City and Maghera, for young people, including those doing the JPII Award this year. If you would like to attend please email your name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

Mary's Meals Double the Love Appeal From now, any donation made will be doubled (up to £900,000)! Together, through Double the Love, we can keep our promise and bring hope this Christmas to the 2.4 million children who eat our meals, while striving to reach the next hungry child waiting. Please visit marysmeals.org.uk for information.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 led by Bishop Donal McKeown, from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July, leaving from City of Derry Airport. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required. The Pilgrimage Office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ will not be open for booking until Saturday 1 February 2025, 11.00am to 1.00pm (and each following Saturday and Thursday at the same time unless notified). However, Gift Vouchers are now available from the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Also, enquiries can be made by email to derrypilgrim@outlook.com

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje direct from Belfast from 5th to 12th September 2025 with Spiritual Director, Fr. Michael McCaul. Price: Flights and half board in 4 star Leone Hotel is £849 with special offer of £100 discount if paid in full by 29th November. Contact Maria Bradley at 02881648357 or WhatsApp 07768395038.

NI Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sat 10 May to Thurs 15 May 2025. The price of £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd and facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:- Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL, or speak to us on Tel. 078746 88388, or e-mail at:- mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

Feast Days this Week

Monday 25th November: St Catherine of Alexandria (d. 305) Legends coming from a number of sources say that St Catherine was very outspoken at the time of the persecutions of Christians. She even protested openly to the emperor Maxentius who had her arrested, tortured on the wheel and decapitated in 305. St Catherine's courage is a great challenge to all African Christians in their struggle for justice and peace. The witness of her life and her readiness to die for the faith encourages us to be brave witnesses to the Lord and to speak out on behalf of all those who suffer.

Wednesday 27th November: Saint Fergal (c.700 - 784) (Ferguil, Vergil, Virgil) was an Irish monk, possibly educated at Colbroney under St Samthann and going on to become Abbot of Aghaboe. Like many Irish monks of the time, he set off on his 'pilgrimage of the love of Christ', in 723. He passed through France and southern Germany. He was invited to Bavaria by Duke Odilo and founded the monastery of Chiemsee. Eventually he became Abbot of St Peter's at Salzburg. He engaged in controversy with St Boniface, but on Boniface's martyrdom he became his successor as Bishop of Salzburg in 766 or 767. He is remembered as Apostle of the Slovenes; he also had a keen interest in mathematics and astronomy.

Friday 29th November: Blessed Bernard Francis de Hoyos (1711-1735) was born in Torrelabátón, Spain. He entered the Jesuit novitiate at Villagarcía in 1726 and, just three months later, had his first mystical experience. Then, in early May 1733, during his theology studies, he received his decisive mission from Christ: "I wish for you to spread the devotion to my Sacred Heart throughout all of Spain." Days later he obtained the "Great Promise": "I will reign in Spain with more veneration than in other places." Through his efforts, devotion to the Sacred Heart became popular throughout Spain. He is acclaimed as the first apostle of the Sacred Heart in Spain.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 19.11.2024 were 7, 9, 19 & 24. Winning £15 each was Briege O'Neill x 2, Josie Lynch, Sandra McColgan, Ciara McCloskey, PJ McCloskey, Sean McDermott & Stephen O'Kane. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £7,700.

Learmount Community Development Group This incoming week in Park: Monday 25th November: Time For Me 60+ Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Hearing Aid Clinic: 11am (Resource Centre); Ladies Yoga: 7pm - 7.45pm; Men's Yoga: 8pm - 8.45pm; Art Class: 7.30pm - 8.30pm; Tuesday 26th November: Crochet Class (week 7) with Theresa McSwiney: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park Deed's Dementia Social Group & Strabane Deed's Social Group (Movie day): 11am - 1pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; Wednesday 27th November: Ladies' 50+ Social Evening with Louise Nicholas: 7pm; Thursday 28th November: Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; CARE Project (Joint Trip) to Belfast Christmas Markets: Bus departing 9.15am from the Resource Centre; Friday 29th November: Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am; Learmount History Group: 7.30pm; Saturday 30th November: Mini PAC Club (Toddlers): 10am - 11am; PAC Art Club: 11.30am - 1pm.

~Date for your diary: Santa and his friends will be coming to Park on Friday 6th December at 7pm to switch on the Christmas Lights.

For further information on any of our classes, groups or events, contact Karen at the Community Centre on 028 77781881 or 07592 995229 or email: admin@learmountgroup.org or / and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Anniversary Mass, please call Fr Dermot 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