

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
9th October 2022**

Mass Times

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **No Weekday Masses this week.*

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & Thurs 10am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri 7.00pm

Weekend Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm. 9.15am.

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Vigil 5.30pm. 10.30am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm. 12noon.

Confessions:

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Saturday 5.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am.

Fr Micheál will be attending the Canon Law Society Convention in Cleveland, USA and will be absent from the parish from Thursday 6th October, returning for the weekend Masses on Saturday 15th October. In case of emergency, please contact one of the retired or neighbouring priests.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Tommy Eugene Cuffe and Chloe Martina Cuffe.

The Tour de Fincairn sponsored 10mile fun cycle will take place next Saturday 15th of October at 10.00am, leaving from Fincairn Hall. All proceeds will go towards the painting the outside of St Joseph's Church, Fincairn. It's not too late if you or your family still want to join in in the fun cycle or are available to steward, please call the Parish Office or Margaret Carton on 777 81606. The cyclist riding in your area will deliver sponsorship envelopes around the townland over the coming days. Please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer - it uplifts your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you.

There will be boxes in Fincairn Chapel and Feeny Spar or you can return your envelope to your cyclist. Your generosity over the years at Parish car washes and other fundraisers has had a very significant impact on Parish life. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Fr Micheál acknowledges with gratitude the donation of £1040 & €150 from Jackie Hasson, being the proceeds of his 80th birthday gifts after the celebration in Fincairn Hall last weekend.

Parish Mission: 22nd - 28th October

Fr Damian Polly OP, Fr Patrick Desmond OP and Fr Conor McDonough OP will visit and be with us for the week. A very full week is planned, including early morning Mass in each Church, regular morning Mass in each church, evening talks with rosary and benediction in each church, school visits, youth talk, rosary walk, housebound visitation, meet and greet sessions. A full schedule will be published next weekend.

'BECOMING' – 1-Day Retreat by Thornhill Ministries. Monday 24 October 10:00 am – 3:00 pm An Grianan Hotel, Burt. A day in which to take the long view on our awareness and growing in our spiritual 'becoming' as we navigate the joys and challenges, the ups and downs of life's journey. Day includes reflection, input, contemplation, Mass. Lunch provided. A donation welcome. To register: Text 077 368 32458/ email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

St Joseph & St Mary's SVP Banagher - Save the Date! The SVP invite you to the Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon 27th November at the Roe Park Limavady. It will be a good opportunity to meet up again with friends that you may not have been in touch with for a while. Please use SVP telephone (07593954973), speak to a conference member, leave name(s) in the SVP collection box if you would like to attend. Thank you. More details later

Rosary on the Coast The next Rosary on the Coast will be held at 3pm on Sunday 16 October on Benone Strand, left hand side as usual. All regular Rosary Coasters and new members welcome. For details, ring 07730330028.

Youth 2000 The next Youth 2000 Ulster retreat will be taking place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg, Co. Donegal between 14th-16th October 2022. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Suggested donation £35/€40. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

1st/2nd October 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £ 1,130 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £715

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £500

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Online Bank Donations can be made to Parish of Banagher: Sort: 95-03-06 A/C: 51052659

Chaplaincy QUB – Golden Jubilee Mass The Catholic Chaplaincy warmly invites you to join them for their Annual Dedication of Studies Mass, which this year takes place on the 50th anniversary of the opening of their landmark site at the heart of the Queen's campus. Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate the special Mass on Sunday 16 October at 8pm in the Chaplaincy's Corpus Christi Chapel, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. The Chaplaincy Choir, Canticle, will provide music and song and refreshments will be served afterwards. Current students and staff are especially welcome, as are alumni, friends and all who support the Chaplaincy's important work with students.

Derry Diocesan Trust Employment Opportunities:

Pastoral Youth Ministry Co-ordinator (St Eugene's and St Columba's) & Cathedral Hall Manager

(1-year Fixed Term contract with possibility of extension), Parish of Templemore:

St Eugene's & St Columba's, Derry. Closing date for post: 4.30pm on 19.10.2022

For job description and application forms please: telephone 028 7126 2302, write to:

Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or

Email: payroll@derrydiocese.org More info on derrydiocese.org

Mary's Meals The world is facing a hunger crisis of unprecedented proportions brought about by conflict, climate change and Covid-19. Now with the soaring cost of living worldwide our supporters in the UK are being impacted but just 8p a day can feed a hungry child with Mary's Meals – so every donation, no matter the size, will transform lives. For info visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

Saints' Feasts Days this Week

Monday 9th St John Henry Newman, Saint John Henry Newman was born on 21 February 1801 in London, England. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel 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. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019.

Saturday 15th St Teresa of Avila entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20 because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted, and could keep one's own possessions. Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Avila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. In 1566 the General of the Carmelite Order approved Teresa's original foundation and permitted her to make new ones. In 1575 the chapter of the Order decided to dissolve them all, and for the next five years every effort was made to destroy Teresa's reforms and many of her followers (including St John of the Cross) were imprisoned and cruelly treated. In 1580, and with King Philip II's support, the Discalced Carmelites were made independent and St Teresa was able to found more new convents. She died, worn out by her efforts, on 15 October 1582. St Teresa is an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action. She wrote much on the subject of contemplative prayer and her writings are still standard works today. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970. A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates the intimate relationship that the saints have with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!"

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Centre - Park Village CARE 55+ Project - open to all in the Sperrin DEA - funded by The National Lottery Community Fund. The majority of our classes are now fully booked but do ring to check and add your name to the waiting list, spaces do become available. You can still join our Walking group every Friday morning from 10.30am - suitable for all abilities; 10-15min gentle walk or 40min at a faster pace and if you've time come into the centre afterwards for a healthy snack.

Foyle Food Bank - working in partnership with the foodbank we are able to provide food support for local families in these challenging times. Contact the centre to find out more. We also offer a number of Dementia Services on an ongoing basis. Monday morning Social Club for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers (referral through DEEDS). Free, confidential Dementia Signposting on an appointment basis. Our bimonthly Dementia Support Group is an opportunity for family and carers to get advice and support. For further information on any of the above contact 02877781881 or email learmountgroup@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook for the most current updates on what's happening.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 04/10/22 were: 4, 6, 14 & 18. Winning £10 each were Mary J McLaughlin, Gareth McCullagh, Siobhan McNicholl, Martin Mullan, John O'Dwyer, Pauline Farren, Marcella Conway, Terence Bradley, Rachel Farren, Kevin Farren & Joy McBride. Money can be collected in Spar Feeny and Park shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week Jackpot is £6,900. Our drive-in Bingo continues on Sunday at 6pm. Last house worth £1000.

Foreglen Community Association Are you aged 60+? Would you like to meet people, have a chat, take part in various activities and have a healthy 3 course lunch? Come & join Foreglen Social Club. The club meets every Tues & Thurs from 10:30am to 3pm. Members receive tea and homemade scones on arrival and a 3-course lunch. Activities include Knitting/Crochet, games and quizzes, Dominoes and Bingo, shopping and trips, and more. Cost is £4 daily (Bingo is an additional £2). Transport is available from Foreglen, Claudy, Feeny, Dungiven, Gortnaghey and Burnfoot. Contact 02871 338347 or 07933 660193 or email foreglensocialclub@gmail.com.

Glenshane House, Dungiven - Free Art course starting on Wednesday, 12th October from 6.30-8.30 pm. From beginners to the more experienced artist. Causeway Coast and Glens Council Museum Service want to meet up with anyone who attended The Castle Ballroom in the 1950s and 60s to share their memories of their dancing days. If anyone has photos, post cards of the bands, or any memorabilia of those days bring along to Glenshane House, Main Street, Dungiven on Wednesday 12th October from 11am - 1pm (just for a topic of conversation, not for parting with). Spaces left on the OCN Level 2 Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children. Tel: 028 777 42494

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

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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 hours this week: Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973