

PARISH OF BANAGHER

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th June 2023

Mass & Service Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn 9.30am

Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Wednesday: St Joseph's, Fincairn: 7.30pm *

Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Friday: St Joseph's Fincairn: 9.30am *

*NB: No Mass in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen this week; Fr O'Reilly is on holiday.

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 1st & 2nd July

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

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

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

Sunday 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, Craighbane: Sunday 10.00am

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

Confessions:

Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 10am

Saturday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 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 Joe Guy RIP, Main Street, Feeny who was buried recently.

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A Month's Mind Mass for Kathleen Murphy RIP, who died in New Zealand, will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm.

P7 Leavers' Masses

St Canice's PS, Fincairn: P7 Leavers' Mass in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Monday 26th June at 9.30am

St Mary's PS, Altinure: P7 Leavers' Mass in St Mary's PS, Altinure on Monday 26th June at 1.30pm

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Claire McFeely and Cashel Conway.

Congratulations to Sean Devine & Katie McGrellis and Louise Brolly & Sean McAuley who were married this weekend.

Children's Liturgy Sunday 25th June at the 10:30am Mass in St Mary's Church, Altinure will be the last children's liturgy of this academic year. It will not take place over the summer months of July and August; but will resume in September. Thank you to the Pope John Paul II award students and the parent supervisors who have helped out this academic year.

Ordination to the Priesthood: We keep in our prayers Rev Shaun Doherty, who will be ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Derry on Sunday 2nd July at 3pm in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry

Well Wishes to our Faith Formation Co-ordinator, Charlotte Gormley, who returns to England this week for her wedding on Friday 30th June to Claudy native, Conor Deeney.

Banagher Blessing of the Graves 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **Sunday 9th July 2023** – 10.30am

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **Sunday 16th July 2023** – 12noon

St Mary's Church, Altinure: **Sunday 3rd September 2023** – 10.30am

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn Graveyard Clean Up will take place on Thursday 6th July at 7pm in preparation for Blessing of the Graves in St Joseph's on Sunday 9th July.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

17th & 18th June 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £785 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £535
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £185

Annual Diocesan Purposes Collection: £1,150

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.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Information Meeting and ticket distribution in the Everglades Hotel, Derry, this Tuesday, 27 June, at 7.30 pm. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please notify the Pilgrimage Office at 028 7126 0293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com

Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 23rd July 2023, beginning with the Rosary at 2pm. For more information visit www.knockshrine.ie

July	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Elaine Loughery	Liam Campbell	Betty McAteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Patsy McDermott	Briega O'Neill	Tony Gormley
Flowers	Joey McDermott		Teresa Devine
Cleaning	Kathleen Lynch, Carol Ann McGinty, Bernie Lynch		Donna O'Kane, Catherine Loughery, Rosie Dallas
Counters	Briega O'Neill, Liam Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Peter McCullagh		Christine McGaughey, Celine McGaughey, Ann O'Kane
Collectors	7.00pm	9.15am	Stephen Gormley Tony Gormley Shaun McElhinney Shane McElhinney
	Marty McGrellis Paul McLaughlin Vincent McCloskey	Dermot Lynch Sean Roe McCloskey	

Rally For Life 2023: Saturday 1 July Join thousands of fellow-Catholics & pro-life supporters at the biggest annual pro-life event, now in its 17th year. Gather at 1pm at Parnell Square, Dublin 1. For more information, visit www.thelifeinstitute.net, or call 01 (003531) 873 0465.

Annual Novena Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 14th August 2023. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Northern Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Avail of Novena Ceremonies. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Last remaining places for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at Christmas 2023, ex Dublin, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Contact James Treacy, 061921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Feast Days this Coming Week

Wednesday 28th June: St Irenaeus was born in Smyrna, in Asia Minor (now Izmir in Turkey) and emigrated to Lyons, in France, where he eventually became the bishop. It is not known for certain whether he was martyred or died a natural death. Whenever we take up a Bible we touch Irenaeus's work, for he played a decisive role in fixing the canon of the New Testament. Before Irenaeus, there was vague general agreement on what scripture was, but a system based on this kind of common consent was too weak. Irenaeus studied the books of the New Testament, and the candidates (such as the magical pseudo-Gospels, and the entertaining and uplifting novel The Shepherd of Hermas). He gave reasons for and against the canonicity of each. Irenaeus's canon of scripture is very nearly the modern one (he does not quote from three of the short universal epistles), but more important is the fact that he began the tradition of biblical scholarship.

Thursday 29th June: St Peter & St Paul Jesus' choosing of Peter teaches us a lesson. The Church's foundation-stone and its first leader is not all-wise, all-knowing, good, heroic, and beautiful. He is a very ordinary man who makes many mistakes and kicks himself for making them afterwards. The Church is not just for saints: it is for confused, impetuous, cowardly people like us – or St Peter. Paul is not some cold and remote intellectual – just read the Epistles, and see if that stands up. Paul is always reminding people of his weakness – look, I know what I ought to do, and I keep on doing the opposite – look, I have this thorn in my flesh and God absolutely refuses to take it away. Paul is not all mind – he does have his troubles too.

Saturday 1st July: St Oliver Plunkett was archbishop of Armagh and primate of All Ireland from 1668, at a time when the country was in a state of civil and religious disorder after the interventions of Oliver Cromwell. He persevered for ten years in his effort to ameliorate this state of affairs, until the discovery of a non-existent "Popish Plot" against the English government (invented and revealed by Titus Oates, who implicated many before he was executed for his part in it) gave the authorities an excuse to act against many prominent Catholics. Plunkett was arrested in Ireland but taken to London for trial; one of his companions was saved by being appointed as Bavarian Ambassador to London and therefore acquiring diplomatic immunity, but for Plunkett there was no such escape, and he was hanged at Tyburn, cheating his executioners by dying before he could be ceremonially disembowelled. His remains are preserved at Downside Abbey, together with such other relics as the notes for his defence at his trial; on the occasion of his canonization in 1975 his casket was opened and some parts of his body given to the cathedral at Drogheda in Ireland.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 20/06/23 were: 1, 8, 13 & 16. Winning £50 each Oisín McCloskey and Marty McGinty. Money can be collected in the shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £2,900. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

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

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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

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