

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd September 2023**

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

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

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 9th & 10th September

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family & friends of Brian Brolly RIP, Owenbeg and Stephen Mullan RIP, Feeny who were buried in our parish in the past week.

Congratulations to Orla Brolly & Luke McGurk who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God: Corey Ronan O'Hara, Ronan Liam Faulkner and Ethan John Hegarty.

BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW

Tickets are now on sale for the draw.

Money raised will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and repair of our Churches.

A draw with 10 cash prizes will take place in October, November and December.

30 chances to win – ticket costs £30.

Tickets available now from the Sacristies of the Churches, Feeny Spar, Park Vivo, Mace Derrychrier & Sperrin View Bar. Thank you for your support!

Ordination to the Priesthood: As a diocesan family we pray for Rev Stephen Ward who will be ordained priest in the Church of Christ the King, Omagh on Sunday 10th September at 3pm. May the Lord bless Stephen in his ministry in the diocese of Derry. We wish him "Ad multos annos!" - many happy and fulfilled years of priestly service.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

26th & 27th August 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1100 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £645

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.

Schedule of Sunday Masses for Forthcoming Year detailing which Sunday Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen, is available in Church Porches this weekend. Please take one home.

Marriage and Relationship Counselling with ACCORD NI: Help us help you support your marriage and relationship. If you feel your relationship is in crisis or you need a little guidance and help, either face to face or online, contact your local ACCORD centre. ACCORD NI counsellors are professionally trained in the specialism of couples and relationships counselling. Every year Accord help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. For support, call 028 9023 3002 or visit accordni.com

Prayer for Vocations: For our seminarians and those considering a vocation to the priesthood, that, like Jeremiah in today's first reading, they will feel a fire burning in their hearts as the Holy Spirit calls them to service in the Diocese of Derry.

Padre Pio Prayer Group The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 5 September at Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty, Derry. Starting with the holy rosary at 6.45pm, mass at 7.15pm, and novena to St. Pio directly afterwards. The priest will bless each person, directly after mass, with a first-class relic of St. Pio.

Radio Maria Ireland launch in Northern Ireland will be held in its Belfast Studio, located in St Marys Church, Chapel Lane, BT1 1HH: Thursday 7 September, Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Starting with 6pm Mass in St Mary's Church followed by tea/coffee and an information evening about Radio Maria and its Mission, Vision and how it can help support the faithful in Ireland today. For more information www.radiomaria.ie or call 00353 86 838 9989.

Rosary on the Coast All Rosary Coasters and friends are welcome to join together again at 3pm on Lisfannon Beach this Sunday 03 September to pray the Rosary for peace and our unborn brothers and sisters. See you there.

Life in the Spirit Seminars, led by Apostles of Love Missionary Team: St Joseph's Hall, Omagh. Saturday 16th September from 11.00am to 4.00pm & Sunday 17th September from 10.00am to 4.30pm with Mass. Celebrant Bishop Michael Router. Enquiries & Booking: telephone 07876411435 or 0759660904. Cost: Donation only. Open to adults and to children age 12+.

The Net July/August 2023 edition is now available in parishes as well as on the Diocesan website. For coverage of faith related stories just email editorthenet15@gmail.com.

Job Opportunity

Parish of Three Patrons - Part Time Housekeeper, 18 - 20 hours per week.
For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 02871262302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org.
Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30 pm on Wednesday 13th September 2023. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

Feast Days this Week:

Monday: St Mac Nissi, Bishop founded the diocese of Connor in Ireland in 480, and is patron saint of the diocese, which is now part of the diocese of Down and Connor.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, on 26 August 1910 in Macedonia. She left home at the age of 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, where she received the name Sister Mary Teresa, after St Thérèse of Lisieux. In 1931 she was assigned to the order's Calcutta house and taught at their school there, where she eventually became headmistress. She received a new vocation to help the poor and destitute, and in 1948, obeying this call, she left the convent and took up a new life caring for them wherever they might be: lying sick in the street or even dying in dustbins. Some of her former pupils joined her, one by one, and the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was established in the Diocese of Calcutta in 1950, spreading across India and eventually onto every continent. Mother Teresa died on 5 September 1997 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 19 October 2003 and canonized by Pope Francis on 4 September 2016.

Friday: The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St Ciaran, Abbot was born in 516 in County Roscommon, Connacht, in Ireland. He studied under St Finian and later under St Enda. On Enda's advice he founded the monastery of Clonmacnoise in 545. He was a teacher of St Carthage.

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 are covered by CCTV.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 29/08/23 were: 3, 4, 17 & 24. Winning £35 each were Leonard Rafferty, Mary Alice O'Neill, Leo Coll. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £1,300. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

The McAteer Family, Park, would like to thank all those people who contributed so generously to their "Stairway to Heaven" Board- walk in aid of the Bowel Cancer Unit, Altnagelvin. A total of £3,070 was presented to Mr. Brady, oncologist. Late donations totalling £120.00 were also forwarded to this worthy cause.

Learmount Community Development Group commencement of Autumn classes: Booking is essential for both old and new members. Everyone welcome. To book call 02877781881 or 07592 995229. More details can be found on our flyer and on our Facebook Page. Yoga - Monday 11th September at 7pm in Park Hall followed by Men's Yoga at 8pm. Women's Time for me class - Monday 11th from 10.30am-12.30pm in the Community Centre. Art Classes - Monday 11th at 7.30pm and Thursday 14th September at 10.30am. Men's Hobby Workshop recommences Tuesday 5th September at 10.30am at Park Recycling Centre and our walking group on Friday 8th September at 10.30am at the Community Centre. All walking abilities catered for. Book Club will take place on Thursday 14th September at 8pm in the Community Centre. Ladies (50+) Social Club will meet on Wednesday 27th September at the Community Centre, History Group on 29th September and Gardening Club on 11th October 2023.

'Host for Hospice' - October is Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month: Can you 'Host for Hospice' and organise a Coffee Morning in your community, whether it is in your workplace, Community Centre or at home. Host anywhere, any way, all you need is a kettle and some company. We will even provide a 'Free Coffee Morning Pack'. For more information or to sign up to become a host, please call Ailbhe, Community Fundraising Officer, Foyle Hospice, on 028 71359888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O divine master grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life
Amen

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CONTACT US

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