

PARISH OF BANAGHER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st October 2023

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday & Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am ***NB No Tuesday Mass**

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

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 7th & 8th October

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

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

Weekend 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, Craighane: Sunday 10.00am

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

Confessions

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am

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

Churches Trust Awards 2023: St Mary's Church, Altinure has reached the final of the Churches Trust Awards. The shortlisted entries, including our project, which came through the previous round of judging were of extremely high quality, and there was very strong competition for the finalist places. The National Church Award thought it was incredibly inspiring to see the range of activities, churches, and volunteers who are passionate about and work so hard to make the parish successful. The winner will be announced at an awards ceremony in London on Monday 6th November 2023.

Sacramental Talk The parish will be providing a sacramental talk for all parents/guardians of children in **P4 & P7** whose children will be receiving a sacrament this year. This sacramental talk will provide information on the importance of the sacraments, practical information regarding dates and events for your diary, and an explanation of the role of the schools, parish and parents with regard to sacramental preparation. Date for Sacramental talk - **Monday 16th October, at 7pm in Fincairn Parish Hall.**

Prayer for Vocations That those the Lord is calling today to go and work in His vineyard will have the courage to say, "Yes" and the grace to work faithfully in building up God's kingdom on earth - a kingdom of justice, truth, holiness, equality, love, and peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

22nd & 23rd September 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £2,070 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £490

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.

Children's Liturgy Adult Volunteers Needed Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday during the 10:30am Sunday Masses in St Mary's Church, Altinure. Children's liturgy is open to all children in P1, P2 and P3, and is a great opportunity for them to experience the Word of God in a way that is more accessible to young children. These sessions will be led by the parish's Pope John Paul II Award students and are supervised by a vetted parent volunteer. At the beginning of Mass, the children will be invited to go to the sacristy along with the JP2 students and parent volunteer, where they will listen to the children's version of Gospel and do short activity. They will then re-join everyone in the main Church just before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We are looking for a few adult volunteers who would be willing to supervise the children's liturgy sessions once a month. Charlotte Deeny (Faith Formation Coordinator) will organise a rota which will be flexible to suit the needs of the adult supervisors. If you are interested in becoming an adult supervisor for the children's liturgy, please contact Charlotte at: Charlotte.Deeny@derrydiocese.org

First Holy Communion Dates 2024

St Mary's PS, Altinure: Saturday 18th May at 11am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

St Peter's & St Paul's PS, Foreglen: Saturday 18th May
at 2pm in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen.

St Canice's PS, Feeny: Saturday 1st June at 11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Confirmation Dates 2024

St Mary's PS, Altinure: Saturday 2nd March at 11am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

St Canice's Ps, Feeny and St Peter's & St Paul's, PS, Foreglen: Saturday 2nd March
at 2pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Rosary on the Coast The next Rosary on the Coast will be on Sunday 15 October at 3pm on Benone Strand, Limavady, also at 3pm. All Rosary Coasters welcome. Invite as many of your friends and families along to pray for peace, our unborn brothers and sisters, our Catholic faith and our families. The Rosary is a true weapon of mass conversion.

BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE 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!*

During National Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood and as the Church prepares for the Synod due to begin in Rome on 4th October we ask our loving, merciful, and generous God to send the Holy Spirit down powerfully on all of us that we will walk together in faith, renewing the Church here in the diocese of Derry, each one fulfilling our baptismal promises as lay, religious, and ordained members of the Body of Christ, and that the Lord will bless our diocese with an abundance of priestly vocations

October	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Pauline McGrellis	Sheena McGrellis	Leo Devine
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Breige O'Neill	Alfie Dallas
Flowers	Bridie McErlean		Corrine Coyle
Cleaning	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Catherine Ball, Emma O'Donnell
Counters	Liam Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Breige O'Neill, Peter McCullagh		Mary Conway, Betty McAteer
Collectors	Dermot O'Hara, Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson, Liam Campbell	Hugh Grieve, JB Murphy, JT McCloskey

Trocaire is looking for people to join its team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict across Ethiopia, South Sudan and Ukraine. You can make a difference through a range of activities, e.g. the promotion of its Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, please email Mark McMahan on infoli@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

Exploring Poetry with Mary Murphy continues on Fridays at 11.00am in the Cathedral Hall. You are most welcome to join via the online platforms or in person.

Masters in Catholic School Leadership The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers this post graduate degree for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The Masters is dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. For info, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Feast Days this Week:

Monday 2nd: Guardian Angels The doctrine that every individual soul has a guardian angel has never been defined by the Church and so is not an article of faith, but is the "mind of the Church", as expressed particularly by St Jerome and St Basil and presented in both the Old and New Testaments. As Jesus says, 'See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven always gaze on the face of my Father in heaven.' Thus even little children have guardian angels, and these angels remain in the presence of God even as they fulfil their mission on earth. One of the benefits of this feast is that it reminds us that God cares for us each, individually. It is easy – in times of depression or temptation – to convince ourselves that we are too small to matter, for good or ill. Today we remind ourselves that each of us has an angel of our very own looking after us; and pray to God for our own Guardian Angel.

Wednesday 4th: St Francis of Assisi preached to all, the love of God and the love of the created world; because, having renounced everything, he celebrated everything he received, saw or heard, as a gift. St Francis founded the Friars Minor, and with St Clare, the Poor Clares. He started the practice of setting up a crib in church to celebrate the Nativity and for the last two years of his life suffered the stigmata.

Saturday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary, 'Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.' (Divine Office)

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 26/09/23 were: 3, 16, 19 & 27. Winning £35 each was. Ann O'Brien, Bronagh O'Kane and Colette McAneney. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £1,700. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

Learmount Community Development Group What's happening at Learmount this week: Week commencing 2nd October – **Monday:** Time for me class (10.30am – 12.30pm), Art Class with Sheila (7.30 – 9.30pm), Women's Yoga (7 – 7.45pm), Men's Yoga (8 – 8.45 pm). **Tuesday:** Craft and Crochet Club (10.30am – 12.30pm), Men's Workshop (10.30am – 12.30 pm). Advice NI Drop Inn Clinic (2-4pm), Learmount Community Development Group Annual General Meeting (7.30pm in the Community Centre with guest speaker Dr. Patricia Kelly). **Thursday:** Painting for Pleasure (10.30am – 12.30pm), Park 60+ Group (12 – 2pm), **Friday:** Learmount walking group (Meeting outside the Community Centre at 10.30 am for walks in Learmount Forest with refreshments afterwards in the Community Centre). New and existing members always welcome. **Dates for your diary:** Saturday 21st October – Glass Making Workshop with Natasha Duddy (Make a glass tealight candle holder) 10.30am – 1pm: £15 per person. Monday 6th November at 7pm in Learmount Resource Centre: University Science Week: A discussion on Dementia Prevention and Brain Health). Friday 10th November: Paint and Sip Class – Paint a canvas and bring your own bottle! For further information or to book please contact 02877781881 or 07592 995229.

'Host for Hospice' - October is Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month: Can you 'Host for Hospice' and organise a Coffee Morning? 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

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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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973