

PARISH OF BANAGHER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th October 2023

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday & Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
Tuesday & Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10am
Wednesday: St Peter's & St Paul's Foreglen: 7.00pm

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 20th & 21st 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, Craighbane: 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

Gospel Reflections The Parish's Faith Coordinator, Charlotte Deeny, will be delivering a Gospel reflection once a month during the weekend Masses in the parish. These short reflections will be focusing on the Gospel for that particular Sunday. The first Gospel reflection will take place during this weekend's Masses.

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!*

Sellers and those with books of tickets: Please return stubs no later than Wednesday 18th October for the first draw on Friday 20th October!

Sacramental Talk Monday 16th October, at 7pm in Fincairn Parish Hall 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, amongst other things, information on the preparation for the sacraments and dates and events for your diary.

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.

October Do This in Memory Mass Sunday the 15th October will be the first Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Foreglen, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is 'The Rosary', as October is known to be the month of the Rosary within the Catholic Church. Each month the children will receive a gift at the end of Mass which aims to help them grow in their prayer life. This month's gift is rosary beads, to remind the children that having a relationship with Mary is a powerful gift to have in their faith journey, especially coming up to receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We as a parish ask Mary our Mother to protect and guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

Rosary on the Coast The next Rosary on the Coast will be today Sunday 15 October at 3pm on Benone Strand, Limavady, also at 3pm. All Rosary Coasters welcome.

Prayer for Vocations That those studying for the priesthood, and those currently discerning their vocation may know, as St Paul tells us in our second reading, that "...there is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength."

Mass For Deceased Children and Young People will take place on Sunday the 12th of November at 7pm in Saint Eugene's Cathedral. The Mass will be Celebrated by Bishop McKeown.

Annual Solemn Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St Columba's, Long Tower, Derry for the nine Sundays before Christmas beginning Sunday 22nd October at 6pm. This year's theme: 'Year of Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood'. Each night will comprise of the Rosary, talk given by various speakers, Novena prayer and petitions, Eucharistic Healing Service and Benediction. Guest speaker on Sunday October 22nd will be Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Chair of the Irish Bishops' Council for Year of Diocesan Priesthood. All welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

7th & 8th October 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1070 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £680

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.

The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark authors Triona Doherty and Jane Mellett in their new publication, 'The Deep End', invite us to journey with them through Mark's Gospel, offering insights and fresh perspectives so we may grow in awareness and understanding of this narrative. As with their previous books on the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark* includes tips for prayer and meditation to increase our understanding and facilitate an encounter and engagement with the living God. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark* by Triona Doherty and Jane Mellett, with a foreword by Séamus O'Connell is published in Ireland and the UK by Messenger Publications. Priced at €19.95/£18.95

Job Advertisement

Chief Executive Officer National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (National Board).

Permanent full-time position subject to six months' probation.

The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland assists in the development of best practice policies and procedures and practice in child safeguarding and offers advice in this area to all Church authorities, both dioceses and religious organisations. In addition, it provides relevant and extensive training in matters concerned with child safeguarding.

Key duties and responsibilities of the role of Chief Executive Officer include: Implementing the Board's vision, objectives, mission and policies; Guiding the Board and reporting on progress towards the achievements of its objectives through suitable operational plans; Writing policy, standards and practice guidance for constituent members of the Board and Reviewing safeguarding practice in Dioceses and Religious Orders.

Salary: €90-100k, commensurate with the candidate's skills and experience. For full job description, and further information – please ask for an applicant pack through admin@safeguarding.ie

Location The successful candidate will be located in the offices of the National Board for Safeguarding Children, New House, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare. **To apply**, please submit your CV and Cover Letter (maximum one page), outlining how your motivation, experience and skills fit the role for the attention of the Chairperson of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church via e-mail to admin@safeguarding.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications: 4.00 pm on 31st October, 2023

Feast Days this Week:

Monday 16th: St Gall was a monk in Bangor, Co Down and one of the twelve disciples who accompanied St Columbanus to Gaul, establishing themselves with him at Luxeuil. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall followed Columbanus on his voyage on the Rhine to Bregenz in 610, but was separated from him in 612, when Columbanus left for Italy. He remained in Swabia, where, with several companions, he led the life of a hermit, in a wilderness to the west of Bregenz, near the source of the river Steinach. After his death, a church of St Gall was erected there, which by the middle of the eighth century had grown into the famous Abbey of St Gallen.

Tuesday 17th: St Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch after St Peter (the first being Evodius). He was arrested, condemned to death, and transported to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena. In the course of his journey, he wrote seven letters to various churches, in which he dealt wisely and deeply with Christ; the organisation of the Church and the Christian life. In one of his letters, he describes the soldiers who were escorting him as being like "ten leopards, who when they are kindly treated only behave worse." He was martyred in 107 and his feast was already being celebrated on this day in fourth-century Antioch.

Wednesday 18th: St Luke was a Greek doctor who converted to Christianity. He was a companion of the Apostle Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. Luke wrote his Gospel in accordance with Paul's teaching. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, which narrates the early history of the Church up to Paul's first stay in Rome. As a Greek, he takes care to explain to Gentile readers Jewish customs and the meaning of Hebrew words. In art, he is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

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 10/10/23 were: 3, 10, 12, 14. Winning £20 each were John Joe Marlow, PJ McCloskey, Anne McGrellis, Orla Deighan, Sorcha McGrellis, Brenda McCloskey. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £1,900. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

Learmount Community Development Group: 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.

Millennium Forum Productions presents JACK & THE BEANSTALK 30 November – 31 December 2023. Accessible Performances – Signed Performance – Wednesday 6 December @ 7pm; Relaxed and Dementia Friendly Performance – Saturday 9 December @ 2pm; Audio Described Performance – Sunday 17 December @2pm. All performances will include a song using Makaton. Tickets for these performances are on-sale through our box office (02871 264455 choose option 1) or on our website www.millenniumforum.co.uk

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Parish Office opening hours next week: Monday – Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973