

PARISH OF BANAGHER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd 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: 28th & 29th October

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm
 St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am
 St Peter's & St Paul's, 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, 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

A First Anniversary Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Susan Donaghey RIP, will take place this Sunday, 22nd October 2023 at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

A First Anniversary Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Kathleen McBrearty RIP, will take place on Saturday 28th October 2023 at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Acknowledgement Fr Micheal would like to acknowledge with gratitude the donation of £100 from the McGrellis family, Gallony, for the use of Fincairn Hall after the funeral of Ann McGrellis RIP.

October Do This in Memory Mass: Feeny & Park Sunday the 22nd October will be the first Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Feeny and Park, 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.

St Canice's PS, Feeny, will hold a Bake Sale at the school on Friday 27 October @ 10am in the school hall. Any funds raised will go towards an Outdoor Classroom for the children. If you can contribute to the Bake Sale we would be very grateful if you could send items into the school between 9 & 9.30am on that morning. Everyone is very welcome to drop in for a cup of tea/ coffee and a bun @ 10am! Thank you.

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.

November	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Elaine Loughery	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Maeve McLaughlin
Eucharistic Ministers	Patsy McDermott	Anne Hassan	Sally O'Kane
Flowers	Margaret Cartin, Seamus McLaughlin		Barbara Sharkey
Cleaning	Breige O'Neill, Pauline McGrellis		Brenda McCloskey, Shauna Quirk, Alison O'Neill
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Hugh Francis O'Neill		Christine McGaughey, Celine McGaughey, Ann O'Kane
Collectors	Marty McGrellis, Vincent McCloskey	Anthony O'Neill, Patrick McGrellis	Stephen Gormley, Tony Gormley, Shaun McElhinney, Shane McElhinney

Prayer for Vocations As we pray this weekend for all those spreading the gospel in "the foreign missions" we continue to pray for those called to serve as priests here in our own diocese, and particularly for anyone from our own parish who may be contemplating a vocation to the priesthood.

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 today 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

14th & 15th October 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £510 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £565

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: £575

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

Mary's Meals Please give what you can and help us keep funding our community meals programmes such as our Crisis in Ethiopia campaign, where along with the Daughters of Charity, we deliver 10,000 basic school meals to school children in fourteen schools in Tigray, Mekelle. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child for a whole school year. To donate go to www.marysmeals.org.uk

Job Opportunity

Financial and Administrative Secretary to Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre and Pope John Paul II Award 20 hours per week (Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm). Temporary Contract until the end of June 2024 (Possibility of extension to hours and /or term of contract). For job description and application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone (028) 7126 2302 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 4.30pm on **25.10.2023**.

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 23rd: St John of Capistrano 1386-1456, studied civil and canon law and joined the Franciscan Order. A faithful servant of four popes, travelled throughout Germany, Poland, Transylvania, Moldavia, and Russia, leading an apostolic life, strengthening Christian morals and combating heresy. When the Turks were invading Europe in the wake of the fall of Constantinople, they laid siege to Belgrade, then a border fort of the kingdom of Hungary. John preached a crusade against them and took part in the battle on 22 July 1456 in which John Hunyadi, his army and John's peasant crusaders lifted the siege and defeated the Turks, keeping Christian Europe safe from Turkish invasion for the next 70 years. John contracted plague during the battle and died on 23 October 1456. He is the patron saint of military chaplains.

Tuesday 24th: St Anthony Mary Claret was born at Sallent in Catalonia. After becoming a priest he spent several years preaching to the people throughout Catalonia and also in the Canary Islands. Returning to Spain, he established a missionary order, and founded a great religious library and publishing house in Barcelona which published millions of cheap copies of ancient and modern Catholic works. In 1851 the Pope appointed him Bishop of Santiago de Cuba. He reorganised the seminary, enforced clerical discipline, and regularised thousands of marriages. This was not done without opposition and he was the subject of fifteen assassination attempts. Recalled to Spain in 1857 by Queen Isabella II to act as her confessor, he did further great work for the Church. After failing health, he died at Abbaye de Fontfroide, Narbonne which is still open for visits.

Saturday 28th: Ss Simon & Jude. **Simon** is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of "Simon Cananaeus" simply adapts another Hebrew word for "zeal" and has nothing to do with the town of Cana. **Jude**, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

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 17/10/23 were: 2, 4, 10 & 17 . Winning £20 each were Rosaleen Boggs, Canice O'Neill, Alison O'Neill, Kathleen McCullagh, Annie O'Neill, Osisin Lynch. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £2,000. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

St Mary's GAC Big Breakfast! On Saturday 28th October from 10am-1pm in Fincairn Parish Hall. Minimum Donation £5 per adult, £2.50 per child.

Banagher Community Playgroup Fundraiser Would you like the chance to WIN this amazing prize of an overnight stay in a Deluxe guestroom for two people with choice of private Bathing Experience, Mud Rasul or Galgorm Detox Therapy, three course dinner in either Fratelli Ristorante, Gillies Grill, Castle Kitchen + Bar, full Irish Breakfast, relaxation in the Thermal Spa Village from check-in until check-out? Prize worth £495. Numbers 1-150 (1 number £20 or 2 for £30) Draw will take place after all numbers are sold and paid for in full. Once you pick your number please send payment through Paypal to : banagherplaygroupfundraiser@gmail.com (friends and family)

What's happening in Learmount: Week commencing Monday 23rd October - Monday: Time for me Class -10.30-12.30pm (Community Centre), Dementia social morning -10.30-12.30pm (Resource Centre), Art - 7.30 - 9.30 pm (Community Centre). Please note that there will be no Yoga on this week. Tuesday: Craft and Crochet Club - 10.30 - 12.30pm (Community Centre), Men's Hobby workshop - 10.30 - 12.30pm, Guitar and Banjo Class- 7.30 pm (Resource Centre). Wednesday: Ladies 50+ Social Evening - 7.30 - 9pm (Community Centre). Thursday: Bat Walk in Learmount Forest - 6 - 8 pm). Friday: Walking Group - 10.30 am (Meet at the Community Centre), Monthly History Group - 7.30 pm (Community Centre), Saturday: Children's PAC Club - 12.30-2.30pm (Community Centre). Booking is essential. For further information, contact the Community Centre on 028 77781881.

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: Tuesday – Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973