

PARISH OF BANAGHER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th October 2023

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday & Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
 Tuesday & Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10am; Fri: 7.30pm (First Friday)
 Wednesday: St Peter's & St Paul's Foreglen: 7.00pm

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 4th & 5th November

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, Craigbane: Sunday 10.00am
 St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

Confessions

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am; Saturday 6.30pm
 St Mary's Church, Altinure: Friday 7.00pm

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 sympathies to the family and friends of Patrick Mullan RIP, late of Terrydeen and Glasgow and Peter Conway, RIP, Foreglen, who were buried in our parish this past week.

A First Anniversary Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Patrick Hasson RIP, will take place on Saturday 4th November 2023 at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

A First Anniversary Mass for the happy repose of soul of Sean Burke RIP, will take place on Friday 3rd November 2023 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure,

Acknowledgement Fr Micheal would like to acknowledge with gratitude the donation of £200 from the McLaughlin family, Carnanbane, for the use of Fincairn Hall following the funeral Mass of Eunan McLaughlin RIP.

Sick Visitation Fr Micheál will visit the sick and housebound of the parish in the forthcoming week at the following times: Monday morning: Feeny. Monday Afternoon: Foreglen. Monday evening: Caranbane. Tuesday morning: Park. If a relative would like to be added to the visitation list, please contact Fr Micheál.

Fr Art O'Reilly has recently been discharged from a lengthy stay in hospital and is now permanently resident in Cornfields Care Centre, Limavady. He has expressed his gratitude for the many prayers and good wishes parishioners have offered for him. During this time of transition Fr O'Reilly needs time and space to settle well, therefore he has asked that visitors are restricted to his family and close friends only in these early weeks.

For the attention of last year's P7 children (current year 8 Secondary School children)

Banagher Parish Year 8 Retreat is half a day in which all the past P7 children from the local primary schools, who have moved on to a post-primary school, can gather together. This retreat aims to be a light hearted and fun time for the year 8 students to reconnect with old primary school friends, share their experiences of post-primary school so far, and a time to reflect. As the year 8 children would have spent their first few of months in a new school, they will have experienced new things, made new friends, missed old friends, had to adapt to 'big school', and lots of other things that come with the transition from primary school to secondary school. The retreat will take place on Saturday 18th November from 10am – 1pm in Fincairn Hall, with lunch provided. If your child would like to attend the retreat, please could you email charlotte.deeny@derrydiocese.org *If you know anyone who has children or grandchildren in year 8 who attended Primary School in Banagher Parish last year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could assist in spreading the word.

Prayer for Vocations We pray for our seminarians and all those hoping to become priests of the Diocese of Derry, that they will keep the commandment of love - love for God and love for neighbour - as the inspiration for everything they say and do.

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.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust would like to thank parishioners for their generosity towards their Church Gate Collection last weekend. The total raised was £1001 & Euro 35.

Friends of St Mary's PS, Altinure will hold a fundraising BINGO on Thursday 30th November in Park Hall at 7.00pm. All welcome

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

Thornhill Ministries Retreat: Memory's Gifting - A Morning Retreat led by Fr Paschal McDonnell - 'In remembering, we touch both gratitude, longing and the acceptance of the unfinished.': Sat 11th November, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, An Grianan Hotel, Burt, Co Donegal. For details/to register, contact Erin at thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

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, continuing today Sunday 29th 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. All are welcome to join in person or online.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

14th & 15th October 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £715 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £325

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

Cistercian Vocation Weekend The Cistercian monks at Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone, invite men who are between the ages of 18 and 50 and who may feel a call to the monastic life, to come and share a weekend of prayer and discernment at the Abbey, 3rd - 5th November. For further details please contact the Vocation Promotor Fr Aelred oco on 02825 821211, or via email frmagee@yahoo.co.uk

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

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 24/10/23 were: 2, 16, 22 & 28. Winning £50 each were Ciara McGrellis and Mary Claire Murphy. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £2,100. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

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)

Granaghan Outreach: A group of 5 volunteers from Granaghan Outreach travelled this year to an area in northern Zambia called Lufwanyama. We surveyed a new project at a primary school in an extremely remote area of forest land which is 23km off the tar road. This stretch to reach the school is on a dirt track which is in extremely poor condition. There are 120 children at the school; 2 classes with no physical structure with children being taught outside under a tree and 2 more classes in a shack-type building on site. We have already put in the foundations for 4 big classrooms which also includes two storerooms, a teachers office and a toilet. 2 of the classrooms are now built up to floor level. We are continuing to provide financial support for local workers in the area to have the roof on these classrooms before the rainy season comes in mid-December. In order to continue funding this work and to prepare for our own project in 2024, all donations will be very much appreciated. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause, please visit our social media pages on Facebook & Instagram or get in contact with any of the Granaghan Outreach members. All donations go directly to the project. In the coming months we will begin preparing for our 2024 trip and we will be looking for volunteers.

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