

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## Mass Times

### Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am  
Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am  
Wednesday: St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7:00pm  
Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am  
Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

### Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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

### Confessions

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday: 10:00am  
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Saturday: 6.30pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am  
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10:30am – 11:30am

**A First Anniversary Mass** for the happy repose of the soul of Bridget McLaughlin RIP will be celebrated in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 12noon.

**Lent 2024:** Stations of the Cross will take place in St Mary's Church, Altinure for the Sundays of Lent at 6pm.

**Walk with Me** A daily reflection on the scriptures and a prayer for each day during lent. These books are available at Church porches and are priced £1.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the family of God: Olivia Lockhart, Roghan Cooper Campbell-Feeney & Rhia Cassie Campbell-Feeney.

**February Do This in Memory Mass - Feeny & Park:** Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February will be the Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Feeny & Park, as part of their Sacramental preparation. This month the children will receive a bottle of holy water at the end of Mass. When they receive their holy water, the children will be reminded of their baptism and their union with Christ. The imagery that is associated with holy water is "washing", which helps us to remember that we need to be cleansed and forgiven for our sins. This is important for the children as they come closer to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We as a parish, pray for the children in P4 as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

**Children's Liturgy:** Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday during the 10:30am Mass 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, along with a group of dedicated parent volunteers. At the beginning of Mass, the children will be invited to go to the sacristy along with the JP2 students and parent volunteers, where the children 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.

**Lough Derg Day Retreat (18 – 30-year olds):** The Knights of Columbanus, Omagh, is organising a Retreat in Lough Derg for young adults, to take place on Saturday 27 April 2024, from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Guest Speakers, inspirational talks, reflective time and concluding with Mass. This event is FREE OF CHARGE. For further information email [info@knightsfstcolumbansomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbansomagh.co.uk)

**Vocations:** That those aspiring to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry will, like Abraham, have the faith and trust they need to follow the Lord's call. Vocations Retreat in Drumalis, Larne, 8-10 March. Anyone interested should contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, at [pgoh2111@gmail.com](mailto:pgoh2111@gmail.com)

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £580      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £660  
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £582

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.*

### Job Opportunity:

Cleaner – Parish of Claudy. Permanent, Part Time. 5 hours per week.  
For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: [recruitment@derrydiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:recruitment@derrydiocese.org) no later than 4.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

**Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service** seeking Marriage Preparation Facilitators  
ACCORD NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting people to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Brenda on 02890 233002 or by email to [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)

**Webinar on Vocations:** Will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 8-9pm. The webinar is hosted by 'The Hook of Faith' platform ([www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)) and is organised in collaboration with the National Vocations Office. The webinar is entitled '*The Last Priest in Ireland? It Depends on You*'. It is a follow up of a RTE documentary broadcast in January entitled '*The Last Priest in Ireland*'.

**Meeting** in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbaca, Derry, every Sunday at 3.00pm, for adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families. This is an anonymous programme for those 18 years and over who grew up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes.

**Tour:** Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024. £799.00 pps. Price includes return bus from NI, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 07740 175557 or 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Prepare for the Sunday Gospels of Lent** with Fr Patrick Lagan: Would you like to spend a little time each week of Lent preparing for the Sunday Gospel before you hear it at Sunday Mass? Lent is a time to consider a commitment to prayer, fasting and giving. 'Prepare' will provide you with a wonderful opportunity to gather with others to pray, share and reflect on the Sunday Gospels during the weeks of Lent leading up to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. 'Prepare' will be delivered via Zoom and facilitated by Fr Patrick Lagan, Diocese of Derry. Beginning on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm-8:00pm it will continue each Monday until 18<sup>th</sup> March. Using the prayer practice of Lectio Divina, Fr Patrick will lead the group to read, listen to, respond to and rest with the Word of God. As a group, it is a wonderful opportunity to place the Word of God at the centre of our prayer and spiritual life as we strive to deepen our relationship with Christ and each other. To book your place Email: [tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org)

### Feast Days this Coming Week:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: St Alexander of Alexandria (250 - 328)** played an important role in the growth of the catechetical school at Alexandria. When he was made bishop, he continued in his efforts to educate the faithful in the faith. He encountered serious challenges especially from Arius, a priest who was teaching that Jesus was only human and not divine. Alexander called bishops together to deal with Arius, who remained incorrigible in his position even after being excommunicated. Alexander died in 328, at the age of seventy-eight.

**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 20/2/2024 were 3,14,15,22. Winning £100 was Vincent Feeney. Next week's Jackpot is £3,800.

**Dungiven Outdoor Bowling Club fundraiser draw:** Over £4K in prizes to be won. Draw will take place LIVE on Facebook on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024. £20 each / £30 for 2/ £50 for 4. Please see Dungiven Outdoor Bowling Club Facebook page for more details.

### PARISH CLERGY

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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](mailto:banagherparish@derrydiocese.org).

**Parish Office** opening hours next week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**Mass is Live on the Webcam at [www.banagherparish.com](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**