

PARISH OF BANAGHER

4th Sunday of Easter - 21st April 2024

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 Sunday – 28th April 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12pm Noon

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

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound will take place at the following times this forthcoming week: Monday morning: Feeny; Monday afternoon: Foreglen; Monday evening: Carnanbane; Tuesday morning: Park. Please let Fr Micheál know if you would not like a visit this month.

Rest in Peace: We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Annie Teresa O'Kane RIP, Dreen, who died this past week.

Rest in Peace: We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of James (Jimmy) O'Kane RIP, Foreglen, who died this past week.

A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Teresa Marlowe RIP, will be celebrated on Sunday 28th April in St Mary's Church, Altinure at 10.30am.

A First Anniversary Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Theresa McArdle RIP, will be celebrated on Sunday 28th April in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen at 12pm Noon.

Acknowledgement Fr Micheál would like to acknowledge the very generous donations of £1000 to St Vincent de Paul and £500 to Parish Funds as a contribution to the painting of St Mary's Church, Altinure.

April Do This in Memory Mass (Feeny & Altinure) Sunday the 21st April will be the Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Feeny and Altinure, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is 'The Holy Family'. 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 a Holy Family medal, which the children can keep to remind them that they are part of God's family. The Holy Family is a perfect example of faith for not only the P4 children, but for everyone. We as a parish pray that the Holy Family will guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

Prayer for Vocations As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday / Vocations Sunday we ask God's blessing on our diocesan seminarians in Rome, Maynooth, and Salamanca, and for all those working in the area of priestly formation. We pray for those discerning their vocation at this time, that they will allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit speaking to them through their Spiritual Director and in their personal prayer. We ask God's blessing on those applying these days to begin their studies in seminary next January. May the Lord inspire many more men to answer His call to serve the people of this diocese as priests.

Granaghan Outreach The collections taken up in the parish for Granaghan Outreach totalled £1,713.42. Your ongoing generosity towards this worthy cause is very much appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE!

Car Wash for HOPE Camp

Sunday 5th May from 8.30am – 1.30pm.

Experienced car washers. All support greatly appreciated.

Thornhill Ministries *The Deepening - A Morning Retreat.* Led by Fr Paschal, this retreat morning allows us to hold Easter hope and a renewed Pentecost in our lives. Retreat includes Contemplation, Input, Personal Time and Celebration of Eucharist and lunch. Date: Saturday 27th April, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm, An Grianan Hotel, Burt. For details/to register: Please contact Erin via 07736832458 or thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

13th & 14th April 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £541 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £610
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £355

Clerical Education & Ongoing Formation Collection: £1190

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:

Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950306 A/c 51052659

Thank you for your continued generosity!

BANAGHER HOPE CAMP

29th July – 2nd August

Volunteer and Participant Registration will launch soon!

Marriage Encounter Ireland invite married couples to their next Marriage Enrichment Weekend in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare, Friday 26 – Sunday 28 April. Register online www.marriageencounter.ie.

Reflection Day - 'Forgiveness: the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness.' at SMA Retreat Centre, Dromantine: Saturday 4 May, 9.30am – 5.00pm. Led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA. Cost (incl. lunch) £38/€43. Tel 028 30821964 Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Human Life International "You are invited to the "Following Christ as a Catholic in Ireland today" Conference and Gala dinner, Guildhall, Derry, Saturday 11th May 2024. With Dana, Mickey Harte, John Pridmore (former East London gangster), Patrick McCrystal and others. Bishop Donal McKeown will lead grace at Saturday night dinner. Book at www.humanlife.ie or call Human Life International Ireland 00353 949375993. Book by **6th May** - deadline for dinner bookings.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May: These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun 5th, Mon 6th, Sun 12th, Tue 14th, Sat 18th, Sat 25th and Mon 27th. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie. €45 per person, booking essential. The Lough Derg traditional Three Day Pilgrimage begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th.

All-Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1st: The All-Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. Begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Michael Donnelly & Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. At 11.30 am meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland, followed by the keynote Rosary talk; Stations of the Cross; Rosary Procession and Concelebrated Mass (inc. Anointing of the Sick). For info please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

St. Eugene's Cathedral Pilgrimage to Fatima – 19 -24 October 2024. Cost £770 per person sharing with a single room supplement of £150 (subject to availability). For more information, please contact Anne Marie Hickey on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

Masters in Catholic School Leadership - The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If you are interested in registering for the Masters in September 2024 or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Feast Days this Week

Thursday 25th April: St Mark the Evangelist was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied the apostle Paul on his first missionary journey; later he followed him to Rome. He was a disciple of Peter, and his gospel is told from Peter's point of view. He is credited with founding the Church in Alexandria.

Saturday 27th April: St Asicus (~c.490) He was converted to Christianity by St Patrick, who made him bishop of Elphin. He is the patron saint of that diocese.

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.

The Parish Webcams are now available to view on the Firestick. If you search for the iTech Media App and download it to your Firestick, you can then search for the Church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 16.4.24 were 2, 8, 10 & 22. Winning £50 each were Brendan Murphy and Rosaleen Biggs. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £4,600.

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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