

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Mass Times for the forthcoming week:

Online Weekday Masses:

**St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

**St Mary's Church, Altinure:** Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am

Online Weekend Masses:

**St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:** Sunday 9.15am

**St Mary's Church, Altinure:** Saturday 5.30pm Vigil

**New Webcam in St Mary's Church, Altinure** is now live. Both webcams can be accessed at [banagherparish.com](http://banagherparish.com) and the Masses will be recorded so that they can be watched later in the day. Thank you to all those who contributed so generously to cover the entire to the cost of the installation.

**Housebound Visitation:** Routine home visits to the sick and housebound are still not permitted. If someone is gravely ill and needs a priest, please call the parochial house.

**Hospital Visitation:** If you have a relative or friend in hospital and they wish to see a priest, please ask a member of the hospital staff to page the Catholic Chaplain. There is always a priest on call to visit. Thank you for your understanding.

**Sick, Elderly, Homebound & Shielding** Do you have a relative who would normally attend Mass or receive a monthly visit from Fr Micheál and is presently shielding due to COVID-19? If you or another family member who cares for them would like to bring them Holy Communion once per week, please let Fr Micheál know.

**Children for Baptism:** If you have a child for Baptism, please contact Fr Micheál. Baptism ceremonies can continue during this current lockdown but are restricted to immediate family.

**Funerals:** During this current lockdown the number of mourners permitted in the Church and at the graveside are restricted to 25 people.

**ACCORD – COVID-19 Counselling & Support:** If you can't talk to each other, talk to Accord. Accord's free and confidential 'Relationships Support Phone Line' for marriages, families and relationships, offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Accord NI – 028 9568 0151.

**Confirmation 2021:** Due to the recent lockdown, Confirmation will be postponed for 2 weeks, until **Saturday 13th March 2021**. This will give families a chance to make preparations for their children and the teachers more face to face time with the children to prepare them for the Sacrament.

The children from St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School, Foreglen and St Canice's Primary School, Fincairn will be confirmed at **11.00am** in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn. The children from St Mary's Primary School, Altinure will be confirmed later on the same day at **2.00pm** in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

**Preparing for Marriage?** Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27-28 March 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. This course fulfils the requirements of get married in the Catholic Church. Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512

**Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated from 24th-31st January 2021. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience. Mass will be celebrated for the Children and Staff of our schools on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

**The NET** The January edition of *The Net*, the monthly publication sharing the fruits of faith in the Derry Diocese, is now available on the Diocesan website and Facebook Page - <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-january-2021>

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:** £NIL    **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £NIL

**St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen:** £NIL    **Online:** £225

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**St Mary's Primary School, Altinure** Are you thinking of sending your child to St. Mary's PS Altinure in September 2021? It will soon be time to make your online application at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>. Why not visit our school's website at [www.altinure.co.uk](http://www.altinure.co.uk) to see what life is like at St. Mary's P.S.? Or you could call into school to get a prospectus or speak to the Principal, Mrs Redmond. The online portal opens on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 12 noon and will close at 12 noon on Friday 29th January 2021. Contact school on 02877781384 for more information. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

**St Canice's P.S Feeny** - Is your child due to start Primary 1 in September 2021? Online registration for P1 will open on 7 January 2021 and will close 29 January 2021 @ noon [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk). Please ring the school for a phone appointment with the Principal, Fiona McCann on 028 777 81346 or e mail [info@stcanicesps.derry.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcanicesps.derry.ni.sch.uk) We look forward to hearing from you! Our virtual tour will be posted soon! Check out our website [www.stcanicespsfeeny.com](http://www.stcanicespsfeeny.com)

**If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church** please see contacts on church noticeboards.

**Online Financial Contributions**, for those who wish to, can be made directly to the Parish Bank Account. Sort Code: 95-03-06 Account Number: 51052659. Please indicate your name as a reference on the payment.

### Saints this week:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January: The Conversion of St Paul** Saul, the young man who looked after the cloaks of the men who were stoning St Stephen, grew into a dedicated and efficient persecutor of Christians. Today's feast celebrates the day that Christ appeared to him in a vision as he was on the way to Damascus, reproached him for his persecutions and converted him to the true faith.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Sts Timothy & Titus** were converted to Christianity by St Paul and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called "pastoral" epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January: St Angela Merici** was born in Desenzano, in Lombardy, in about 1470. She became a Franciscan tertiary and set up a school to instruct girls in Christianity and good works. In 1535 she founded the Ursulines, an order of nuns devoted to giving a Christian education to girls from poor families. She died in 1540.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January: St Thomas Aquinas** was born of a noble family in southern Italy and was educated by the Benedictines. He became a Dominican and studied in Paris and in Cologne under the great philosopher St Albert the Great. Thomas brought simple, straightforward sense to a time of intellectual turmoil. He taught that truth cannot contradict truth. Out of his work came many writings on philosophy and theology, including the *Summa Theologiae*, a standard textbook for many centuries and still an irreplaceable resource today. Out of his depth of learning came, also, the dazzling poetry of the liturgy for Corpus Christi. And out of his sanctity came the day when, celebrating Mass, he had a vision that, he said, made all his writings seem like so much straw; and he wrote no more.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** The winning lotto Numbers were 1,18,21,23. No winners this week. Receiving £50 each were Eva Quirk and Bridgette Gallagher. Next week's jackpot is £1,300. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto.

### Feeny Medical Practice

**COVID Vaccines:** The next vaccine clinic will run at Banagher GAC Sports Pavilion on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please wait to be contacted by the Medical Practice; we will be in touch with patients as soon as vaccine becomes available for their age group.

**Mobile Numbers:** The quickest way for us to contact patients is by mobile. If we don't have your mobile number, or if it has changed recently, please contact us to update.

**Learmount Community Centre:** *information for people living in the Sperrin Electoral Area.*

If you have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and fall under any of the following categories below you are entitled to support during this crisis:

- Have lost income or your job during the current crisis (even temporarily). Had a reduction in your income due to reduced hours/furlough including self-employed.
- Have increased child/caring responsibilities that are impacting on your ability to work or causing increased expense in the home.
- An older person, particularly those living alone. People living with a disability/carer. Families with children/young people (0-24yrs). Those clinically vulnerable (previously shielding). People from minority communities.
- People with chronic ill health/disability or who been recently bereaved, and this is impacting on their ability to work/source income.

- Those in receipt of one of the following benefits: Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Universal Credit (incl. pending applications), Job Seekers Allowance, No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF), Working Tax Credit.

**We can offer support with food vouchers and also some support with coal/oil/electricity costs. This help is available directly through the Community Centre for individuals or families who are currently struggling a bit and live in the local area (within the Sperrin electoral area).** Please get in touch by ringing 07763777765 or 02877781881 or send a private message to the Learmount Community Centre on face book.

**Openreach Broadband** The scheme is a community fibre partnership which allows residents, businesses and community providers to pledge a free government Gigabit voucher worth £1500 for homes and £3000 for businesses towards the cost of the works associated with upgrading the broadband structure in the area. The vouchers will allow Openreach to undertake works on roads/addresses that would not usually be commercially viable and will therefore deliver superfast broadband to most addressees in Feeny & Park.

However, they need in the region of 80% of the exchange area to pledge their voucher in order for the scheme to proceed. So far only 102 vouchers out of a possible 820 have been pledged and therefore the target is falling considerably short on the current uptake. If the target was to be met, the scheme would be expected to be delivered this year which would be a major boost to the local area in a very short period of time.

Please visit [www.openreach.cm/connectmycommunity](http://www.openreach.cm/connectmycommunity) to register.

**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 6 rows of seats in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

### PARISH CLERGY

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### Retired Priests Residing in the Parish

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028 7778 1228                      028 7778 1776                      028 7133 8261

### 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)  
Bulletin notices should be emailed to [banagherparish@derrydiocese.org](mailto:banagherparish@derrydiocese.org)

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

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**