

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7<sup>th</sup> February 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

**RIP:** We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Patrick (Patsy) McGrellis RIP, Fincairn, who was buried during the past week.

**A First Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Jean McGaughey RIP, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in St Mary's Church, Altinure at 5.30pm.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of God baby Kayne McPeake.

**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 and no more than 10 in the Church at the time of the ceremony.

**Confirmation 2021:** Due to the ongoing, extended restrictions and the uncertainty around when children in Primary 7 will return to face-to-face teaching, and in addition, the continued closure of Churches, Confirmation will have to be postponed once again, at least until after Easter. Once we can be certain that children will be back in school and Churches are permitted to have public worship, then we will arrange a new date. Apologies for the inconvenience and repeated postponement of the celebration. Much of this is outside our control and I appreciate your understanding at this time.

**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.

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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

**St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen:** £NIL    **Online:** £674

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**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.

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses** – If you are planning on getting married in the near future, you are expected to take part in a preparation workshop. Due to current restrictions on gatherings, these are taking place virtually online. Upcoming dates are: April 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> 2021; May 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 & June 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2021. Courses are limited to 15 couples and you can book online at: [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

**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.

**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

**Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery:** St Angela's College, Sligo, beginning Autumn 2021. The course is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This date may be extended. For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo Email: [mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie](mailto:mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie) or visit [www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie](http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie)

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.

**Saints this week:**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February: St Josephine Bakhita** was born near Jebel Agilere in South Darfur (Sudan). Kidnapped when still very young, she experienced the cruelty of slavery as she was sold several times in slave markets of Africa. Finally, she was rescued by an Italian family and brought to Italy where she not only became a Christian but also felt the call to consecrate her life to God as a sister. She joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and lived the rest of her life at Schio, a small village near Vicenza. She died on 8 February, 1947.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February: St Scholastica** was born in Nursia in about 480, the twin sister of St Benedict. She was dedicated to God from an early age and followed her brother to Cassino, where she died in about 547.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick** In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called "de Massabielle." Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick.

#### **A Prayer for the NHS**

**Lord Jesus,  
We pray for all our NHS Workers.  
That they may have the strength and  
courage to carry out their daily duties.  
Give them the skills and resilience to care for the sick,  
and give your wisdom to those researching for a cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit, so that through their work,  
they can restore the sick back to health.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**by:  
Oisín Burke  
P7, St Canice's Primary School, Feeny**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** The winning lotto Numbers were 3,17,19,20. No winners this week. Receiving £35 each were Laura O'Neill, Bernie Lynch & Paudie Lynch. Next week's jackpot is £1,500. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto.

**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**