

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 28<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; Friday 7.30pm

Online Weekend Masses:

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

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

**Lenten Devotions** will take place on the Sunday evenings of Lent at 6pm from St Joseph's Church, Fincairn. The order of service will be available to borrow from the Church porches or will be posted online to download.

**Trócaire Boxes** are available in Church porches this weekend.

**Rest in Peace** we extend our sympathies to the family of Hannah Hasson RIP of Coolnamonan who was buried over the past week.

**A Month's Mind Mass** for the happy repose of the soul of Patsy McGrellis RIP will be celebrated on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 9.15am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

**Congratulations** to Francis McCormick and Sarah Lynch who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn this weekend.

### Return to Public Mass

The next NI Executive review of current lockdown provisions will be taking place on Thursday 18th March. The Northern Bishops of the Catholic Church have agreed to further assess the situation immediately after that date in the cautious expectation that, from Friday 26th March onwards, and in preparation for Holy Week, the faithful may safely gather once more for the celebration of Mass, with all necessary risk assessments having taken place and with all necessary precautions and mitigations in place. Further details will be announced in due course.

**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 you understanding at this time.

**Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion 2021:** Children in Primary 4 were due to celebrate the Sacrament of First Confession in the forthcoming weeks. As they have not been attending school, this will be postponed until after Easter. As this is a more informal celebration, a new time will be agreed with the schools once children return. It is hoped that the existing dates arranged for First Holy Communion will continue as normal. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

**CTS Books:** The Book Stands in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn & St Mary's Church, Altinure have been restocked with new titles including prayers and reflections for lent and a life of the recent Blessed Carlo Acutis. Titles are individually priced.

**Saint Vincent de Paul** – continue to be available to assist in a confidential way anyone who is struggling at this time. If you need help with fuel, food or electricity etc, please get in touch. People living in Park area are covered by the Learmount Community Association, but anyone in the Feeny and Foreglen areas should contact SVP on 07593954973.

**Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa - LENT 2021** This five-week programme for Lent includes a Gospel Reading, Reflective Prayer and Scriptural Rosary. More info at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/categories/lent-2021>

**'Living Christian Faith' Lenten Conversations – Online at Knock Shrine** Knock Shrine are launching a new series of online discussions to engage you during Lent. The talks will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. Join us at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) or on Facebook @knockshrine

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Online & via Parochial House: £1429**

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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Job Opportunity: Derry Diocesan Trust - Safeguarding Coordinator (2-year fixed term contract)** Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. 14 hours per week, Monday and Tuesday. £27, 905 - £29,636 per annum pro rata. For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 02871262302 or email: payroll@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 payroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 5.00pm on 05.03.2021. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto Numbers For 23/2/21 were 7, 10, 13 & 14. Winning £35 each were Megan Mc Dermott, Willie Ball & Nicole Farren. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto; much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £1800.

**Feeny Community Association** have received funding from Causeway Coast & Glens Council to provide a Voucher Scheme for those in the local Community who have been adversely affected by COVID 19. We have partnered with Spar Feeny for this project, Vouchers will be available in the amount of £25 each which can be redeemed

in your local shop. If your household are struggling financially and have been affected in any of the following we may be able to help:-

- Anyone struggling or adversely affected at this time due to COVID 19.
  - Diagnosis of Covid 19 and need assistance with living costs eg Food, Electric, Heat.
  - Home schooling children and struggling with additional costs eg Food, Heat, Light
- Please contact Feeny Community Association on 07483120866 or email fcaltd@hotmail.com or pm Feenyfca facebook page for details. Limited number of vouchers available – please apply early.

**Learmount Community Centre** - Our flyer listing all our classes and services is now in circulation and on Facebook - if you haven't seen a copy give us a call and we'll get one to you. Classes starting this week through zoom to keep you connected, healthy and fit including: Losing Weight with Janice Tracey (Mon 7pm), Mens Strength & Conditioning Sessions with Conor Johnston (Mon 7pm), Ladies Fitness Workouts with Anne Daly (Tue 7pm), Yoga with Veronica Armstrong (wed 7.17pm), Mindfulness with Majella O'Kane (Thu 8pm), 60+ Exercise and Cookery Hour (Fri 12pm). Dementia Support Group 17 Feb @ 8pm - advice and support for families and carers of people with dementia - new members always welcome.

*All classes are free, open to everyone out there, but booking is essential either by PM on Facebook or ringing 02877781881.*

**COVID Vaccine Update from Feeny Medical Practice:** Our next clinic is on Tuesday 2nd March and we are calling 'At Risk Patients'. We are still working on an appointment only system and patients will be contacted as a vaccine becomes available for them. Currently those from 59-64 years. We hope to have an increase in supply over the next weeks so we should be able to run bigger clinics.

**Foyle Arena** are now moving to second vaccines for the most part so all groups will move to GP Clinics. We won't routinely be calling patients who were eligible to book with Foyle Arena just yet but will do so down the line. Patients may email us (or get a family member to email us) on Reception.Z00603@gp.hscni.net if they wish to be called. Please don't ring us regarding this as our phone lines are extremely busy and our aim is to keep them freed up so sick patients can have quicker access to care.

### PARISH CLERGY

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### Retired Priests Residing in the Parish

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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  
Bulletin notices should be emailed to banagherparish@derrydiocese.org

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

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**