

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## Easter Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### EASTER WEEK MASS TIMES

#### Weekday Mass

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri 9.30am; Wed 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & Thurs 10am

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: No Mass

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

#### Weekend Mass

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm. 9.15am.

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Vigil 5.30pm. 10.30am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm. 10.30am.

#### Solemn Conclusion of the Divine Mercy Novena

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 3pm

### Return to Public Worship

As we return to public worship, please bear the following in mind:

- There is no obligation to attend Mass, even on a Sunday.
- Churches have been 'fogged' to kill any infection.
- Doors and windows will be open for ventilation.
- Time inside the Church will be kept to a minimum.
- Observe the 1-way system in St Mary's Church, Altinure.
- **If you do attend Mass, please observe the following:**
  - Use Hand Sanitiser on entry.
  - A face covering is compulsory while inside.
  - Do not sit on blocked-off pews.
  - Families/ Households can sit together on a pew.
  - No more than 2 people from different households on other pews, at least 2m apart.
  - Do not stand in the porchway or the back of the Church.
  - Stay 2m apart when queueing for Holy Communion & leaving the Church, leaving your pew row by row.
  - Receive Communion only on the hand.
  - Take missalettes home, they cannot be reused.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021** Bishop Donal McKeown has made the difficult decision to postpone all First Holy Communion ceremonies in the Diocese of Derry until September 2021. Confirmation ceremonies are also postponed, and these might take place in June once a review has been undertaken by the Bishop in mid-May. It is hoped to have the Confirmation in June before the children finish the school year. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

**Divine Mercy Novena** which began on Good Friday and runs every day until Divine Mercy Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, will be prayed every day at 3pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure. This will also be available to follow on the webcam.

**A Month's Mind Mass** will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Kevin (Toby) O'Kane on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 7.30pm.

**Easter 2021:** A comprehensive list of Easter resources and activities in which parishioners can join online, watch on TV or listen to on radio is available. These include live Easter broadcasts from the Vatican with Pope Francis, live Mass broadcasts from Knock Shrine, films for Easter, downloadable activities for children, prayers for use in your home, instructions on creating an Easter garden and much more. To view, visit: [derrydiocese.org/easter](http://derrydiocese.org/easter)

**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.

**St Mary's Church, Altinure:** April Cleaning rota: Regina Forester, Roisin McLaughlin, Margaret Rose Devine. Flowers: Regina Forester, Barbara Sharkey.

**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.

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

**Trocaire:** Donations can be made directly to Trocaire (Bank details are: Sorting Code: 93.80.92 Account No: 8822 7020) or leave your Trocaire box at any of our churches at Mass time.

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £2260

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £1510

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £1100

Online: £515

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.

**Parish Envelopes** will be distributed in the coming weeks. Thank you to those who assist with the delivery. If you do not have an envelope and wish to have a box, please call the parish office. Likewise, if your Gift Aid status has changed, please let us 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.

### Grace before & after Easter Dinner

#### Grace Before Easter Dinner

Bless us, O Lord on this Easter day.

Bless the food we share as we celebrate your Resurrection.  
We thank those who made the food and all who share this meal.

We remember family members who cannot be with us today,  
Bless them O Lord. Amen.

#### Grace After Easter Dinner

We thank you loving Father for what we  
have eaten together in celebration of your resurrection.

We remember and pray those throughout  
the world who do not have food today. Amen.

**The Net**, the monthly publication sharing the fruits of faith in the Derry Diocese, is now available on the Diocesan website and Facebook Page.

**Aid for the Children of Yemen:** Fr Neal Carlin's new book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is now on sale at €10/£10 and can be purchased by contacting [goldenagecentre@hotmail.com](mailto:goldenagecentre@hotmail.com). All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen.

**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 Personnel (DLP) at 07596 500 793 / 07707 311 358 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: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.

**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.

### Early on the first day of the week

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The Gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection, she is the first to bring this *Good News* to others, the first preacher of the Resurrection. *'It was still dark ...'* when Mary went to the tomb but it was also the *'first day of the week'*, a new beginning, like the first warm day of Spring.

We can all recall situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel. But the Easter story shows us that transformation is always possible. There comes a point during dark times that we realise something has changed, the stone has rolled away.

Let the linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities.

As we continue to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 crisis, many people are longing for this situation to ease, to lift. The Easter Gospel shows us that even the most difficult of situations can bring transformation. A question we can ask today, is where have we seen the Risen Christ during this crisis? In the frontline workers, in good neighbours and friends. Where are we being called to share Easter joy with others?

*'Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where we never thought that we would find you.'* (Joyce Rupp)

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Winning lotto numbers for 30/3/21 were 5, 9, 10 & 18. Winning £100 was M Murphy (Coolnamonan). Thanks very much to everyone who continues to support our club lotto. Next week Jackpot is £2300

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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)  
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**