

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### 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: Wed & Fri 7pm

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 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.

#### Confessions:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Wednesday 7.00pm; Friday 10.00am.

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Saturday 5.00pm.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am.

### 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.

**A First Anniversary Mass** for the happy repose of the soul of Patricia Mullan will be celebrated on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

**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.

**Funerals, Weddings & Baptisms:** As restrictions ease, the number of people permitted to attend funerals, weddings and baptisms is now determined by the risk assessment of each Church and is no longer restricted to 25 people.

**Trocaire:** The Parish has submitted £7877 to Trocaire. Thank you for your generosity. Any further donations can be made directly to Trocaire. (Bank details are: Sort Code: 93.80.92 Account No: 8822 7020) .

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £685

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £510

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £645

Online: £470

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** have now been distributed. 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.

**Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation Collection** taken up on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 amounted to £981. Thank you for your generosity.

**Derry Diocesan Youth Webinars** continue with the final one taking place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm. The third webinar will be on the theme 'You are the now of God'. Guest speakers will be Elma Walsh, Donal Walsh #LiveLife Foundation and Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry.

**Life in the Spirit Seminars** will take place every Thursday over a period of seven weeks in conjunction with 7.30pm Holy Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. Please join via the parish webcam: <http://www.drumraghparish.com/webcam.html>  
29 April: Salvation - Fr Joe Gormley; 6 May: The New Life - Bishop Donal McKeown; 13 May: Receiving God's Gift - Fr Christopher McDermott; 20 May: Baptism in the Spirit - Fr Eddie Magee; 27 May: Growth - Fr Colum Curry; Thursday 3 June: Transformation - Fr Kevin Mc Elhennon.

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

**Celebrating Mary in the Month of May.** May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at [catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/](http://catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/)

**Invitation to respond - Diocese of Derry Environmental Strategy** The Diocese of Derry has launched a consultative plan about climate change and the environment and is inviting everyone within the Diocese to read, engage and respond to it. The plan identifies actions and behaviours that support rather than destroy the environment. The suggestions cover such areas as land, buildings, energy, food, travel and waste. A draft of the Environmental Strategy has been posted on the Derry Diocesan website, to view and/or download: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/diocese/environmental-strategy>. Every attempt has been made to make the Strategy both comprehensive and practical so as to suit each parish's particular situation. In order to ensure that it is as helpful as possible to your various parish communities however, we would appreciate any constructive feedback on it that you may have to give. We ask if you could: (1) Read the draft Strategy document and give feedback on aspects that you feel could be supplemented/improved. (2) Begin to implement any aspect(s) of it that you feel can be put into practice quickly and easily. (3) Draw the attention of both parish groups and individual parishioners to the Strategy and encourage them to give feedback. (This would be especially relevant to schools and any groups/individuals with particular interest in environmental issues). **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, 31 May 2021** Submit your comments, questions and suggestions to Patricia McCormack by: Email: [laudatosiderry@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosiderry@gmail.com) Telephone/text: 077 1190 0420 Facebook: Laudatosiderry

**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. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm. If you are interested in attending this session or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**Mary's Meals – Pray in May** - This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April – St Catherine of Siena** was born in Siena and, seeking perfection, entered the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was still in her teens. In 1370 she was commanded by a vision to leave her secluded life and enter the public life of the world. She wrote letters to many major public figures and urged Pope Gregory XI to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States. She fought hard to defend the liberty and rights of the Popes and did much for the renewal of religious life. She also dictated books full of sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. She died on 29 April 1380. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church.

**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 / 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.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Winning lotto numbers for 20/4/21 were 1, 11, 16 & 22. Winning £25 each were J Mc Dermott, Veronica Mc Laughlin, Teeny Hasson, Lucy Carton. Thank very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week Jackpot is £2600. Community Drive in Bingo at 4pm on Sunday at the Club.

**Destined After Schools Club** takes place at the Diamond Centre. Claudy on Wednesdays 3.30pm-5.00pm. For more info contact Charlene on 07889539103.

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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**