

PARISH OF BANAGHER

5th Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 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; Fri 7.30pm
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri 7pm

SUNDAY 9th 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: Friday 7.00pm; 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.

Rest in Peace We offer our sympathies to the family of Annie Lynch RIP who was buried this past week.

A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Rose McGurk RIP will be celebrated on Friday 7th May 2021 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £845 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £760
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £245 Online: £290
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.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

Given the easing of restrictions across Northern Ireland, Bishop Donal has reviewed his decision to postpone the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation until after the summer holidays.

With this in mind, and to allow parents, children and schools to prepare for the celebrations, the following dates have been set provisionally. Following the next review by the Executive on 17th May 2021, it is hoped that we can confirm these dates.

First Holy Communion:

St Mary's PS, Altinure: Saturday 5th June, 11am.
St Peter's & St Paul's PS, Foreglen: Saturday 12 June, 10am.
St Canice's PS, Fincairn: Saturday 12th June 10am.

Confirmation:

St Canice's PS & St Peter's & St Paul's PS: Saturday 19th June, 11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.
St Mary's PS, Altinure: Saturday 19th June, 2pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

Parish Gift Aid Claim for the year ending April 2021 is in the process of being completed. If you have envelopes or donations to include or there is a change to your gift aid status, please contact the parish office.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound Fr Micheál will visit the sick and housebound of the parish in the forthcoming week at the following times: Monday morning: Feeny; Monday afternoon: Caranbane. Tuesday morning: Park; Tuesday afternoon: Foreglen. If you would prefer not to have a visit at this time or you know someone who should be added to the visitation list, please contact the parish office.

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/

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

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.

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 7th 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.

Monday 3rd May: Ss Philip & James, Apostles. Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ. James the son of Alphaeus is called "James the Less", to distinguish him from James the son of Zebedee. James "the brother of the Lord" ruled the Church at Jerusalem; wrote an epistle; led an austere life; and converted many Jews to the Faith. He was crowned with martyrdom in the year 62. Jerome held these two Jameses to be the same person, and this was certainly the prevailing opinion when the feast of Philip and James was instituted in 560. Nowadays scholars prefer to divide them, in which case we might think of today as being the feast of Philip and James and James.

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 27/4/21 were 10, 18, 21 & 23. Winning £35 each was Claire O Connor, Denis Crossan & Lucy Mullan. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week's jackpot is £2700. 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.

Feeny Community Centre Classes are scheduled to restart in June. Mondays: Guitar & Song writing Class ages 10 to 16 yrs. Monday Evening: Pilates Class. Tuesday 10am: Baby programme, massage, mini me yoga, reflexology. Tuesday After-schools: OMD Dance Class (Time to be confirmed). Tuesday Evenings: Yoga with Sinead. Wednesday After-schools: Arts & Crafts with Christina. Thursday After-schools: Mindfulness programme ages 6 to 12 years. If you are interested in any of the above please email fcald@outlook.com. We will be adhering to government guidelines with regards to numbers at each session. Where sessions are full and there are sufficient numbers we will add additional classes.

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CONTACT US

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Mass is Live and Recorded on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

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