

PARISH OF BANAGHER

6th Sunday of Easter – 9th 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
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri 7pm

SUNDAY 16th MAY 2021 – Feast of the Ascension

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.

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: £490 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £975
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £295 Online: £644
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.

Proposed Renovation to St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thank you to the many people who have submitted opinions and observations on the proposed work. Please submit any further ideas or opinions by the end of the week to mcgavigan@derrydiocese.org

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.

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

Consultation on Irish Synod As you may have heard via the media, the Irish Bishops have decided to initiate a process in the Irish Church, leading to a Synodal Assembly in perhaps five years. The Bishops' Conference plans the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. Following this, there will be a three-year preparation for a National Synodal Assembly. Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations.

Individual and groups are invited to submit ideas as to

- how the national conversation might best be conducted,
- what hard-to-reach groups need to be involved.

For further information on making a submission go to www.catholicbishops.ie/synod. Please note that submissions are sought by 23 May 2021 and can be made directly online through that website.

Thursday 13th May: Feast of Our Lady of Fatima This feast commemorates the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October, and by October huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and reporting visions and miraculous occurrences themselves. Pope John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fátima and attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13 May 1981 to her intervention. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died in the great Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919-20, were beatified on 13 May 2000.

Friday 14th May: Feast of St Matthias, Apostle was not one of the Twelve; but after the treachery and death of Judas Iscariot, someone was needed to take his place. Two candidates were selected, and lots were drawn to see which of them should be made one of the Twelve: the choice fell on Matthias. Nothing is known for certain about his subsequent history. Drawing lots to select a candidate for an office sounds strange to us, but it was a recognised Jewish custom: for example, the priest who was to enter the Temple sanctuary and burn incense there was not chosen by some rota but by lot. Random events, independent of any obvious natural or human cause, were seen as a direct expression of God's will. Drawing lots was not a substitute for human decision – human beings had chosen Matthias as a candidate, human beings decided which priests were eligible on which days – but a way of putting the final choice into the hands of God.

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 Tuesday 4th May were 1, 2, 7 & 19. Winning £15 each was Jim Bratton, Colleen Millar, Gavin O'Neill, Owen O'Neill, Bernie O'Neill, Joanne Donaghy & Gareth Mc Cullagh. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto- much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £2800.

Drive in Bingo at 4pm on Sunday.

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

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