

PARISH OF BANAGHER

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th June 2021

MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri 9.30am *(NB. No Wednesday Evening Mass)*

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

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri 7pm

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: 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.

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.

A First Anniversary Mass will be held for the late Conor McColgan RIP on Saturday 17th June at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Congratulations to Naoimi O'Kane & John Logan on the happy occasion of their marriage this weekend.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God Aoife Rouslton.

Face Coverings: We ask all adults and children aged 14 and over to please wear a face covering at Masses and other liturgical celebrations ie Funerals, Baptisms, First Communion, Weddings (unless they are exempt from wearing mandatory face coverings). Medical advice is that wearing face coverings is first and foremost about protecting others. Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the Churches.

Appeal for Help - we are appealing to parishioners to consider becoming involved in the life of the Church as we reopen. Would you consider becoming a Minister of the Word and/or a Minister of the Eucharist in any of our three churches? Parishioners are also required to assist in the cleaning of the churches and in the upkeep of the altar flowers. Please speak with Fr Micheál or phone the office on 028 7778 1223. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021

Congratulations to the P4 children at St Canice's PS, Fincairn and St Peter's & St Paul's PS, Foreglen on making their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

Confirmation:

St Canice's PS: Saturday 19th June, 11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn

St Peter's & St Paul's PS: Saturday 19th June, 11am in St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen

St Mary's PS: Saturday 19th June, 2pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure

Please note: Families in St Joseph's and St Mary's are allocated one pew per family.

Parish Summer Camp: The committee of HOPE Camp Banagher are delighted to confirm a two-day summer camp will take place in Banagher on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th August 2021. Following the cancellation of HOPE Limavady and Claudy - Craighane we are disappointed that we too are unable to run HOPE camp for one week in August as we had planned. We hope this two-day camp will bring some of the spirit of HOPE to the young people of our parish, spreading Faith, Fun and Friendship. The camp is for children who reside in the Parish of Banagher, and who have finished the following school year in June 2021; P6, P7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y11. The online booking system will open on Sunday 20th June 2021 at 12noon and will be open for 1 week. In the event of over subscription, the link will be closed earlier. The link for registration will be at banagherparish.com

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £820

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £670

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £420 Online: £345

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 Restoration to St Mary's Church, Altinure. Thank you to those who submitted opinions and views on the proposed restoration. The Parish Pastoral Committee and the Parish Finance Committee met over the past 2 weeks in order to discuss these views and plan a way forward. A working group will be set up further the project with representatives from the Parish Pastoral Committee, Parish Finance Council and locals with expertise in the field. Once this committee meets, further communication as to how we proceed will be communicated. Thank you sincerely to the many parishioners who have pledged donations and sent donations to the Parish Bank Account.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Publication of Parish Accounts: Please see the separate sheet available this weekend in the Church Porches giving you an update on Parish Finances for the past financial year and some of our plans for the year ahead.

Diploma in Pastoral Theology: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will run on the basis of 6 in-house days and 18 evening sessions per year for two years. The main aim of this course is to equip people for skilled and supervised active lay ministry within a parish or church community. The course is knowledge and skill-based and grounded in experiential learning. During the course, participants will: study and reflect on Christian life and ministry; combine pastoral theology and the acquisition of skills with supervised experience in pastoral placements; develop the skills of theological reflection, so as to enable them to relate theology and ministry to everyday life; engage in ongoing formation of social, organisational, communication and leadership skills. Closing date for submission of applications is Wednesday, 30th June 2021. Full details are available at: derrydiocese.org/news/diploma-in-pastoral-theology.

Lough Derg 2021: Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on 3rd – 5th July. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org.

Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 11-12 September 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

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.

Feasts celebrated during the week:

Saturday 19th June: Venerable Matt Talbot was born on 2 May 1856 in Dublin, the second eldest of twelve children. The Talbots were a poor family living in the North Strand area. His father and all but the oldest of his brothers were heavy drinkers. Even when his drinking was at its worst, Talbot was a hard worker - a hod-carrier and labourer. He spent all his wages on drink and ran up such debts that he resorted to theft. He was so disgusted with himself he decided to give up drink, took the pledge for three months, then six more months, then for the next forty years until his death at the age of 69. Although poor, Talbot gave away all his wages. After his death, his story quickly spread through the community and became a source of strength for alcoholics and addicts. In 1975 Pope Paul VI declared him to be Venerable Matt Talbot and he is considered the patron of those people struggling with alcoholism and addictions. "Never be too hard on the man who can't give up drink. It's as hard to give up the drink as it is to raise the dead to life again. But both are possible and even easy for Our Lord. We have only to depend on him." Matt Talbot

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 8/6/21 were 8, 11, 20 & 25. Winning £35 each were Mark Lynch, Kathleen Cartin & Anthony O'Neill. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support club lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £3300. Drive-in Bingo this Sunday 13th June at the new later time of 6pm. Last House £1000.

Northern Ireland Adoption and Foster Care is hosting four virtual Fostering Information Events for those interested in finding out about becoming a foster carer for an unaccompanied / separated child or young person. These events are open to anyone across NI. Social workers who work alongside these children and young people will be available to answer any questions you may have. Dates and times: Tuesday 15th June, 1.00pm; Wednesday 16 Juneth, 1.00pm; Thursday 17th June, 6.00pm; Friday 18th June, 10.00am. The sessions last 45 minutes – 1 hour. To sign up, tel 0800 0720 137 or email your name, contact details and postcode to info@fostering.hscni.net

Volunteers Needed for the Foyle Hospice Charity Shop, Waterloo Place, Derry: Do you have a few hours to spare a week? Would you like to join a fantastic team of volunteers? Meet new friends? Learn new skills? And most importantly have fun while helping and supporting your local hospice. If this is something that would interest you, please get in touch with Rachael Osbourne, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, 028 71351010 or email rachael@foylehospice.com.

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.

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To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Anniversary Mass, please call Fr Micheál or the secretaries on 028 7778 1223 or email banagherparish@derrydiocese.org.

Parish Office hours this week: Monday & Thursday, 9.30am - 12.30pm.
Bulletin notices should be emailed to banagherparish@derrydiocese.org
Mass is Live and Recorded on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

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