

PARISH OF BANAGHER

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th June 2021

MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass:

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

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.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God Noah James Anderson & Farragh McGaughey.

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.

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

CONFIRMATION 2021

Congratulations to the P7 children at St Canice's PS, St Mary's PS and St Peter's & St Paul's PS on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

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 - Craigbane 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

Fan the Flame Mass: Bishop McKeown will celebrate the annual Fan the Flame Mass for Year 7/6th Class pupils on Monday 21st June at 11am via the webcam at Saint Eugene's Cathedral <http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html> We hope families, friends and parish communities will join in praying with and for the young people, as they finish their time in primary school and prepare for the next stage of their education. Further resources are available at <https://catecheticalcentre.org/fan-the-flame/fan-the-flame-2021/>

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.

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.

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.

Certificate in Christian Thought: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10:00am until 4:30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on: Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more. Full details are available at: derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought

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.

The Net: The June edition of The Net is now available online, on <https://www.derrydiocese.org/images/the-net/the-net-june-2021.pdf> As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese.

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:

Tuesday 22nd June: St John Fisher 1469 - 1535 was an English Catholic bishop, cardinal, and theologian. Fisher was also an academic, and eventually served as Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. He was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1935. Fisher was executed by order of Henry VIII during the English Reformation for refusing to accept him as the supreme head of the Church of England and for upholding the Catholic Church's doctrine of papal supremacy. He was named a cardinal shortly before his death. He is honoured as a martyr and saint by the Catholic Church. He shares his feast day with **St Thomas More** on 22nd June, the date of Fisher's execution. In 1980, Fisher and St Thomas More were added to the Church of England's calendar of Saints and Heroes of the Christian Church, despite More being a fierce opponent of the English Reformation that created the Church of England.

Thursday 24th June: Saint John the Baptist has two feasts to himself. One, in August, celebrates his death, and one, in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men. The greatest, but also the most tragic. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfillment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And *he did it*: with unequalled courage he spread the news that he, the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven. His disciples, and the devil, would have preferred him to fight, to build his sect, to defeat this upstart whom he himself had baptized, to seize his place in history. But he did not – and so, rightly, he *has* his place, and he has glory in heaven.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Senior Hurling League Result Banagher 4-17 Carrickmore 1-07. Brilliant performance by our players. Well done to the team & their Management. Our Under 10 Camogie Girls give a brilliant performance against Drum. Well Done to all our players & their coaches. Lotto Numbers for 15/6/21 were 11, 13, 20 & 24. There were no winners. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £3400. Drive-in Bingo this Sunday 20th June at the new later time of 6pm. Last House £1000.

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 - Friday, 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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