

PARISH OF BANAGHER

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th 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; Friday 7.30pm
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: 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.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Altinure, on Friday July 2nd at 7.30pm.

Rest in Peace We offer our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Annette McCormick RIP, Foreglen, who was buried during this past week.

A First Anniversary Mass will be held for Mary McDermott RIP on Wednesday 30th June at 7.30pm in St Joseph's, Fincairn.

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: Carnanbane. 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.

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.

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.

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. 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 close this Sunday, 27th June 2021. The link for registration is available at banagherparish.com. We appeal to all who are interested in helping out at the camp to register online. Those who have completing year 12 at the end of June and older are eligible. Mandatory vetting for volunteers will take place in the forthcoming week.

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.

Monthly Rota for July

	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure	
	7.00pm	9.15am	5.30pm	10.30am
Readers	Elaine Loughery	Liam Campbell	Patrick Conway	Alfie Dallas and Hannah Dallas
Eucharistic Ministers	Patsy McDermott	Anne Hassan	Majella McCloskey	Tony Gormley
Flowers	Joey McDermott		Teresa Devine	
Cleaning	Breige O'Neill, Katheen Lynch & Carol Anne McGinty		Donna O'Kane, Catherine Loughery Rosie Dallas	
Counters	Brieger O'Neill, Liam Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Peter McCullagh		Anna Smyth, Angela Gormley	

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £730 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £465
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £325. Online: £265
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

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 10.00 am until 4.30 pm. 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.

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 to 5th July. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Please contact Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org for further information.

Irish Volunteer Agency Creates Online Global Network: Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a new Online Discussion Forum that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website www.vcvolunteers.ie

ACCORD Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation: (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at www.accordni.com. Course Dates: June 22nd/23rd; July 6th/7th; July 20th/21st; August 10th/11th; Sept 14th/15th; Oct 12th/13th; Nov 9th/10th. The Course can be taken any time before the wedding.

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 11th-12th 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

Feasts celebrated during the week:

Monday 28th June: St Irenaeus lived just after the time of the apostles and knew those who had seen and talked with them. He became Bishop of Lyons, the largest trading centre in Gaul. The note of moderation, the desire to win people to Christianity with love rather than by fear, was apparent in all of Irenaeus' work.

Tuesday 29th June: St Peter & St Paul, were the twin founders of the Church in Rome. This feast day honours the martyrdom of the two saints, sometime between AD 64 and 68. While the church recognises that they may not have died on the same day, tradition says that this is the day that they were both martyred in Rome by Emperor Nero. Patron saints of the Eternal City.

Thursday 1st July: Oliver Plunkett was born in Loughcrew, Co. Meath, and closely related to the Earls of Roscommon, Lords Louth and Earls of Fingall. Having been admitted to the Irish College in Rome and ordained a priest in 1654, he could not return to Ireland for many years after the Cromwellian Conquest of Ireland had defeated the Catholic cause, with public practice of Catholicism being banned and the execution of Catholic priests. He was appointed the Catholic Archbishop of Armagh in 1669 and forced to work covertly during the suppression of priests. Ten years later, Plunkett was arrested and tried in Dundalk for conspiring against the state. Understanding he would never be convicted in Ireland; he was moved to Newgate prison where he was found guilty of high treason 'for promoting the Catholic faith' and hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn. Plunkett was the last victim of the Popish Plot. He was beatified in 1920 and canonised in 1975, thus becoming the first new Irish saint for almost seven hundred years.

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

Learmount Community Centre: Crochet for Beginners with Aine Clarke. 7th & 14th July from 2pm-4pm in the Community Centre. All materials provided. £2 pp per class. Walk & Talk in Learmount - join storyteller Maura Johnston for a walk on the newly restored paths in Learmount Forest and have a bit of chat along the way. If you're not up for the walk you can still join us for a cuppa back at the centre. Meeting at the Community Centre on 9 July at 10am. Booking is essential for both activities as numbers have to be restricted in line with covid regulations. Call 02877781881, email learmountgroup@gmail.com or send a private message to our facebook page.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 22/6/21 were 2, 15, 16, 20. Winning £35 each was Kevin Diamond, Margaret Coll & Lyla O'Neill. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week the jackpot is £3500 Drive-in Bingo this Sunday 29th June at 6pm. Last House £1000.

GAA Cul Camps: Registration is open for the camps taking place 26th – 30th July 2021. See St Mary's GAC for info.

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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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973