

PARISH OF BANAGHER

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th July 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.

A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Annette McCormick RIP will be celebrated on Wednesday 21st June at 7pm in St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen.

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.

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.

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre.

A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). It is a timely reminder during this difficult time to stay close to grandparents and our elderly. We can celebrate the grandparents and community elders, and indeed our older priests and religious, who have given lives of dedicated service to their families and communities.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still
ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness
to which You call me.
Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O
Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.
Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.
Amen.

SVDP Banagher Thank you for continuing to support St Vincent De Paul by contributing to the 'box'. Your generosity is very much appreciated and helps to alleviate the effect of Covid 19. There are many difficulties, anxieties and challenges facing communities at this time.

St Mary's and St Joseph's SVDP is here to help everyone who may be 'under pressure' or struggling because of the increase in living expenses and the impact of the pandemic. Visitations are restricted at present however support is available to help with costs involved in e.g. Housing / Rehousing; Education (expenses Re uniforms, moving to 3rd level); Energy & Fuel. SVDP understands that summer holiday time can also be an added expense time for many households. SVDP can offer non-financial support by signposting to the appropriate Government services. Thank you for your attention. Keep Safe and Keep Well. St Mary's and St Joseph's SVDP can be contacted on the confidential Tel No 07593954973.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £995

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £400

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £190

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.

Feasts celebrated during the week:

Thursday 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene stood by the cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb and she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day. In 2016 Pope Francis raised the level of liturgical memory on July 22nd from memorial to feast, and for her to be referred as the "Apostle of the apostles". St Mary Magdalene is mentioned twelve times throughout the gospels, more than most of the apostles and any other woman. Mary, along with Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and many other female followers of Jesus, supported Jesus's ministry financially, and must have been relatively wealthy. The fact that women played such an active and vital role in Jesus's ministry was not entirely radical or even unique; many of the major donors to the synagogues were women. Jesus's ministry did bring women greater liberation than they would have typically held in mainstream Jewish society. The teachings of Jesus that, in the imminent kingdom of God, there would be a reversal of roles and those who had been oppressed would be exalted, may have been particularly appealing and empowering to women. Patron of converts, penitent sinners and pharmacists amongst many others.

Friday 23rd July: St Bridget of Sweden was born Birgitta Birgersdotter, the daughter of a Swedish knight, Birger Persson, in Uppland, Sweden in 1303. She was married at fourteen and had eight children. Birgitta was very charitable, particularly towards unwed mothers and their children. Her husband died in 1341, shortly after returning from a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. This loss prompted Brigitta to join the Third Order of St Francis where she devoted her life to prayer and caring for the poor and the sick. Later she founded the Bridgettine order. One distinctive feature of the houses of the Order was that they were double monasteries, with both men and women forming a joint community, though with separate cloisters. They were to live in poor convents and to give all surplus income to the poor. However, they were allowed to have as many books as they pleased. In 1350, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome accompanied by her daughter, Catherine, and a small party of priests and disciples, mainly to obtain from the Pope the authorisation of the new Order. This was during the period of the Avignon Papacy (1309 -1376 when seven successive popes resided in Avignon, France and not Rome) within the Roman Catholic Church, however, and she had to wait twenty years for her Order to be confirmed, during a brief attempt by Pope Urban V to return of the papacy to Rome. She died in Rome in 1373, urging ecclesiastical reform.

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

Golf Day The McGrellis family are holding a charity fundraiser golf day in memory of Dan on 27th August at Moyola Park Golf Club. Funds raised will be donated to the Dementia Support Group at Learmount Community Development Group and Marie Curie; to help them continue their great work supporting local families when needed most. Great prizes to be won, so if you're interested in playing on the day you can book a Tee Time with: Marty 07840947243. If you're not a golfer and would like make a donation, they can be left with: any of the parish churches; any of the McGrellis Family; the Rainbow Tea Rooms; or through Bank Account: 16818334, Sort Code 040075. We thank you in advance for your support, every contribution will be greatly appreciated.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 13/7/21 were 3,18,19,20. Winning £20 each M Feeney, Ryan Lynch, Carl Smalls, Christy Walsh (left in spar Feeny) Grace Guy (left in spar Feeny). Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next Week's Jackpot £3800. Drive-in Bingo this Sunday 18th July at 6pm. Last House £1000.

Foyle Hospice is currently seeking new volunteers to join our team in our Day Hospice. With services re-opening we are in urgent need of volunteer hairdressers, complementary therapists, beauticians and nail technicians. The Day Hospice is operational on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. If you have these skills and you have a few hours to spare then please contact Rachael Osbourne on 02871351010.

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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