

PARISH OF BANAGHER

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th August 2021

MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri 9.30am.

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.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family of Vincent Devine RIP, Feeny, who was buried in the past week.

Please Note: There will be no Wednesday evening Mass in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn for the month of August. Mass will continue to be celebrated in St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen on Wednesday at 7pm.

Face Coverings: Following recent changes to guidance, face coverings must be worn when entering, existing or moving about the Church, for example, when coming forward for Holy Communion. They can, however, be removed when sitting at your place. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser on entry and exit and adhere to social distancing.

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.

Hope Camp 2021 proved to be a fun-filled few days of faith and friendship with Art, Zumba, Football, Camogie & Hurling, Cooking, Basketball and Bike Skills/Maintenance activities being amongst the favourites. Thank you to the volunteers for their hard work, effort and energy and for giving up their time for the children of the parish to have fun and make friends in a safe and caring environment. The Hope Committee offers our special thanks to the people of Banagher parish for keeping the children, volunteers and sponsors in your prayers and supporting fundraising events and to our generous sponsors who have allowed us to run the camp free of charge for the children of the parish.

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.

Mary's Meals – Step by Step Walk Our Annual 'Step by Step to Feed the Next Child' Sponsored walks are taking place between the 24th July and the 15th August. The Derry section of the walk starts from St Eugene's Cathedral travelling to Fahan on the 7th Aug (12-4pm) and we would love for people to join us even for a mile or two. Watch out for our walkers with their blue collection buckets and support our campaign to feed the next hungry child. Contact Helen Quinn on 07814441701 for details or visit Step by Step to Feed the Next Child on Facebook.

Trócaire Guapinol 8: Water Defenders Join Trócaire at the Gasyard Féile to find out about the case of the 'Guapinol 8', who were detained in Honduras for peacefully resisting the exploitation of their community's river by a mining company. Almost two years later, they remain in pretrial detention. Thursday 12th August at 1pm online at youtube.com/feilemediaderry

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th - 15th of August will take place both ONLINE and IN PERSON. All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety. This year, in line with government and church regulations, we are able to add in-person elements once again to our Summer Festival. These will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland. For all information and to register please visit www.youth2000.ie

Dromantine Retreat Centre: The following Retreat and Workshops will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA: 'Called by a New Name' Retreat - Refocus, recharge and reconnect in a post-pandemic world. Sunday 3 October 5pm – Friday 8 October, 9.30am. Cost £420/€490. 'Broken Open' Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow. Friday 19 November, 5pm – Sunday 21 November, 2pm. Cost £200 / €230. Enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964. Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Feasts celebrated during the week:

Monday 9th August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), was born in 1891 at Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at twenty-five. Edith Stein became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in its gas chamber on 9th August 1942.

Wednesday 11th August: St Clare (6 July 1194 – 11 August 1253) was an Italian saint and one of the first followers of Francis of Assisi. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition, and wrote their Rule of Life, the first set of monastic guidelines known to have been written by a woman. Following her death, the order she founded was renamed in her honour as the Order of Saint Clare, commonly referred to today as the Poor Clares. Her feast day is on 11 August.

Saturday 14th August: St Maximilian Kolbe (8 January 1894 – 14 August 1941) Rajmund Kolbe, wanted to be soldier but complications meant he had to abandon these plans and entered the Franciscan novitiate late in 1910, took his final vows in 1914 and was ordained a priest in 1918 after studying in Rome. He founded a religious house near Warsaw, from which to expand his evangelization efforts. Starting with a handful of friars, within a decade it grew to house of nearly one thousand. He and a handful of his brothers travelled to Japan, where they opened another house in Nagasaki, one of the few buildings that survived the atomic bomb dropped on the city. By the outbreak of World War II, Kolbe was back in Niepokalanów friary in Poland and was one of the few friars who remained in the monastery, where he organised a temporary hospital. After the town was captured by the Germans, he refused to sign the Deutsche Volksliste, which would have given him rights similar to those of German citizens, in exchange for recognising his ethnic German ancestry. At his friary, he and other friars provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from German persecution. In February 1941, the friary was shut down and Fr Kolbe and four others were arrested by the Gestapo and held in prison in Warsaw. In May 1941 he was transferred to Auschwitz. When a prisoner escaped, the deputy camp commander ordered ten men to be starved to death as a deterrent to others. Fr Kolbe volunteered to die in place of a husband and father. By the late 1940s the cause for Fr. Kolbe's beatification had begun and by 1971, Pope Paul VI beatified Fr Kolbe. His fellow Pole, Pope John Paul II canonised Maximilian Kolbe in 1982. His canonisation was attended by Franciszek Gajowniczek, the prisoner he had saved from execution in Auschwitz, who dedicated his life to spreading the story of Kolbe's sacrifice. St. Maximilian is the patron saint of families, prisoners, journalists, political prisoners, drug addicts and the pro-life movement.

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.

SVDP Banagher SVDP understands that summer holiday time can be an added expense time for many households. SVDP can offer non-financial support by signposting to the appropriate Government services. St Mary's And St Joseph's SVDP can be contacted on the confidential Tel No 07593954973.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 3/8/21 were 2,10,14,22. Winning £35 each was James McBrearty, Ann Mc Allister, James the Postman. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week's jackpot is £4100. Drive-in Bingo this Sunday 8th August at 6pm. Last House £1000.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

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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 10am - 1pm & Thursday; Tuesday, Wednesday & 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