

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Conor Devine RIP, Tireighter, who was buried in the past week.

**Congratulations** to Leona O'Kane & Adrian McNickle and to Alanah Thaneja & Shane Og Mullan who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this week in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of God baby Erin Ann Aratovic.

**Face Coverings:** Following recent changes to guidance, face coverings must be worn when entering, exiting 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**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.

#### Feasts celebrated during the week:

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15<sup>th</sup> August:** 'The Assumption of Mary honours the fullness of blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and of her virginal body - her perfect configuration to the Risen Christ; a feast that sets before the eyes of the Church and of all mankind the image and the consoling proof of the fulfilment of their final hope, namely, that this full glorification is the destiny of all those whom Christ has made His brothers, having "flesh and blood in common with them" (Heb. 2:14; cf. Gal. 4:4)'. An excerpt from the Marialis Cultus (Marian Devotion), a Mariological apostolic exhortation by Pope Paul VI, focussing Marian devotions, clarifying the way in which the Roman Catholic Church celebrates and commemorates Mary, the mother of Jesus.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August: Our Lady of Knock** The story of Knock began on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1879 when Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist appeared at the south gate of Knock Parish Church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. Those who witnessed the apparition stood in the rain for up to two hours reciting the Rosary. The witnesses reported that the ground around the figures remained completely dry during the apparition. St John Paul II visited Knock as part of his papal pilgrimage to Ireland. Pope Francis went to Knock and prayed at the Shrine before the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families at the Phoenix Park, Dublin on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August: St Bernard of Clairvaux** was born in Burgundy, became a Cistercian monk at Cîteaux in 1113 and was sent to found an abbey in Clairvaux in 1115. Bernard had an interest in literature and rhetoric. He had a special devotion to the Virgin Mary, and he later wrote several works about the Queen of Heaven. Despite its austere conditions, candidates for the monastic life flocked to Clairvaux Abbey and Bernard had to occupy himself with sending bands of monks from his overcrowded monastery to Ireland, Germany, Sweden, England, Portugal, Switzerland, and Italy - Bernard helped found 163 monasteries in different parts of Europe Bernard died at age sixty-three on 20 August 1153, after forty years of monastic life.

#### PARISH CLERGY

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#### CONTACT US

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

**Mass is Live and Recorded on the Webcam at [www.banagherparish.com](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline:** 07593954973

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
I believe that I have received your Flesh to eat and your Blood to drink,  
because you have said it and your word is true.  
I thank you for this gift of yourself to me here this morning,  
and now Lord, here present within me, I pledge myself to you for today.

I promise you all my thoughts Lord and ask that they be  
thoughts that put the will of God the Father and the needs  
of my neighbour before my own selfish interests.  
I promise you all my words Lord and ask that they be words that help  
and heal, rather than words that tear down and destroy.  
I promise you all my actions Lord and ask that they be worthy  
of the name Christian that you gave given me to share.  
So that, when night comes I may truly say that it was not I, but you Lord  
who thought, spoke and acted through me.

Bless and protect my family; keep them always safe, holy and always yours.  
Bless those here present and those whom we know who have anxieties,  
illnesses, worries or griefs to bear; sometimes of which the rest of us know  
nothing.  
Give them your gifts of peace and hope and keep us always sensitive to their  
trials.

Finally, Lord, I pray for myself:  
I ask for the grace never to be a source of sin to any  
other human being - I wish and want always to be a force for good.  
Oh Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine. All praise  
and all thanksgiving be every moment thine..

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Glenshane House** - full list of courses now available. Contact Mary on 028 777 42494 to discuss options or to register.

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto Numbers for 10/8/21 were 3,20,26,28. Winning £50 each is Joan Cunningham and Joseph Dunton. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto - much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £4200. Drive-in Bingo this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm. Last House £1000.