

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### MASS TIMES

#### Weekday Mass:

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

**Congratulations:** We wish many blessings on Gemma Hasson & Tom McKervy who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend.

**A Month's Mind Mass** for the happy repose of the soul of Sarah McCloskey RIP, will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 9.30am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

**A Month's Mind Mass** for the happy repose of the soul of Annie Moore RIP, will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

**Baptisms** We welcome into God's family Kathleen Woodward, Amelia Troke and Ava Troke.

**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.

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,035      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £815  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £425  
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.

**Tour de Fincairn** A sponsored 10mile fun cycle is being organised for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September to raise funds for the remedial and refurbishment works at Fincairn Hall. With an updated, fit-for-purpose and safe community hall, Parishioners can again enjoy all types of activities and events. If you or your family want to join in in the fun cycle to raise much-needed funds, please call the Parish Office or Margaret Carton on 777 81606. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in taking part from cycling to stewarding on Wednesday at 8pm in the Grotto Chapel.

**Parish 'Mini-Mission':** A 3-day Mission led by Fr Dominic McGrattan, Chaplain at Queens' University Belfast, will take place in the Parish on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. More details to follow.

**Blessing of the Graves** It is hoped to have these ceremonies in early November in our three Churches. We will provide more details when arrangements are made.

**Men's Positive Mental Health Group** is being set up in the Parish with monthly meetings and inputs from professionals on how to attain and maintain positive mental health. The group is open to all members of the community and all ages. If you are interested in getting involved in the organisation of this group or have some expertise to bring, please get in touch with Fr Micheál.

**Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path** will be offered on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

## Feasts celebrated during the week:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September: St John Chrysostom** who was born in Antioch in 347, was known as one of the four great Greek Doctors, the 'Golden-mouthed' preacher and was appointed Archbishop of Constantinople in 397. During his time as archbishop he adamantly refused to host lavish social gatherings, which made him popular with the common people, but unpopular with wealthy citizens and the clergy. His reforms of the clergy incurred much opposition. He told visiting regional preachers to return to the churches they were meant to be serving—without any pay-out. He founded a number of hospitals in Constantinople. Patron saint of preachers.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Exultation of the Holy Cross** According to Christian tradition, the True Cross was discovered in 320 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, during excavations made while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. The commemoration of the dedication of the churches on Calvary celebrates the cross itself, as the sign of salvation and the redemption won for us by Christ.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Our Lady of Sorrows** Mary, standing by the cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father (from Marialis Cultus - a book by Pope Paul VI)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian** Cornelius was elected Pope in 251 during the persecutions of the Emperor Decius. His first challenge, besides the ever-present threat of the Roman authorities, was to bring an end to the schism brought on by his rival, the first anti-pope Novatian. He convened a synod of bishops to confirm him as the rightful successor of Peter. Cyprian, the bishop of Carthage in North Africa, was a friend and supporter of Cornelius's at this time. Saint Cyprian of Carthage is second in importance only to Saint Augustine as a figure and Father of the African church. Cyprian was born in Carthage about 190, the son of pagan parents. He lived a virtuous life after being converted to Christianity as an adult. He was a teacher and preacher. Martyred in 258.

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**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

**Learmount Community Centre** Our September flyer is available with details of classes and clubs starting up again - pick it up locally or see it on our Facebook page. Classes that have started include: Slow Running in Learmount with Anne Daly starting Tuesday 7 Sep from 7-7.45pm £10 for 4wks. Booking essential by PM on Facebook or call 02877781881.

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto numbers for 7/9/21 were 5, 14, 19 & 27. There were no winners this week. Thanks very much to everyone who continues to support our club lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £1300. Drive-in Bingo this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. Last House £1000.

### PARISH CLERGY

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### Retired Priests Residing in the Parish

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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 - Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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