

PARISH OF BANAGHER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th November 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: Wed 7.00pm. Fri 10.00am.

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Saturday 5.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet:

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am.

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

Rest in Peace We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of Margaret (Rita) O'Hara RIP, Foreglen, who was buried during the week.

Rest in Peace We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of John Lynch RIP, Altinure Cottages, who was buried during the week.

Baptisms We welcome into the family of God Jack Joseph McShane.

Blessing of the Graves 2021

The final Blessing of the Graves this year will take place next Sunday in:

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Sunday 21st November 10.30am.

Mass will be celebrated outdoors in the Cemetery, followed by the Rosary and Blessing of the Graves.

The New Lourdes Grotto marking 150 years of St Mary's Church, Altinure has been completed and will be blessed and dedicated this weekend at the 10.30am Mass. Sincere thanks to Eddie Joe Lynn & James McLaughlin for their dedicated and expert work on the grotto. Thank you too to all who donated to the cost of the grotto. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St Bernadette, pray for us.

Remembering our Beloved Dead in November at the Blessing of the Graves in Altinure this weekend, we remember in a special way those who have died and have been buried there over the past year:

Annie-Josephine O'Kane RIP

Rose McGurk RIP

Annie Lynch RIP

Eamon Lynch RIP

Ralph Hazlett RIP

Conor Devine RIP

Patrick Gormley RIP

Noel Reilly RIP

John Lynch RIP

During the Mass, as the deceased names are called out, a member of the family will be invited to come forward to the Altar and receive a Candle in memory of their loved one.

Mass of Light Wednesday evening Mass this week in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 7.30pm will be a Mass of Light for the P7 Pupils of St Canice's PS, Fincairn, their sponsors and families who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in March 2022. All welcome.

Workshop for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Sunday 28th November 2021 at 3pm in Fincairn Hall. The workshop will be led by Sr Perpetua McNulty and Thornhill Ministries. New and existing Readers and Ministers in the Parish are asked to attend.

Support the Foyle Food Bank in preparation for Christmas we will co-ordinate the collection of items for the Foyle Food Bank on Sunday 21st November at the following locations and times:

Fincairn Hall: Immediately after 9.15am Mass & 3pm - 5pm.

Altinure Hall: Immediately after 10.30am Mass & 3pm - 5pm.

Foreglen Community Centre: immediately after the Blessing of the Graves Mass at 10.30am.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1510 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £221

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £170 Online: £609

Special Collection for Sick & Retired Priests

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £555 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £329

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £248

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.

Derry Diocesan Youth will be holding a Youth Event in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry on 21st November, from 12:00noon -3:30pm. This event is for young people in the diocese ages 14 and up to come and get involved with their faith and celebrate world youth day in preparation for World Youth Day in Lisbon 2023. If any young person would like to book, please email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or message any @derryouth social media pages. Cost £5 to secure a place at this event; all deposits to be paid before the 16th November.

Trocaire Christmas Gifts will be on sale at the Church Porches after Masses on the weekends of 27th & 28th November and 4th & 5th December. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Appointment of Faith Formation Co-ordinator for the Parishes of Banagher & Claudy. We are delighted to announce that Charlene Gormley has been appointed to this role and will take up her post this week. A native of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Charlene now lives in Claudy and has worked in Youth Ministry in Derry City for six years. She will bring a wealth of experience and talent to our Parishes and assist in the formation and growth of the faith of all parishioners. We look forward to welcoming her and wish her every success.

Family prayer at home – ‘November A Month To Remember’ – This booklet contains prayers for November, a family prayer service for use at home and information about a remembrance event at Knock Shrine. This booklet may be of particular interest to families and those who are housebound. All these resources can be found at Diocese of Derry website: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/november-family-prayer-at-home>.

Consider Your Call - Priesthood is the first in an exciting line-up of events aimed at encouraging and supporting young people as they discover more about the definite service God may be calling them to. The project, entitled ‘It’s Your Call’, will be complemented by a suite of online resources to help us learn more about vocation. Over the coming months, the ‘It’s Your Call’ platform will look at five key pathways in life: Single, Married, Ordained, Religious and Consecrated – not just priesthood. If you would like to learn more about priesthood, or simply support those who are considering this vocation, contact the Catholic Chaplaincy, Queen’s University Belfast. *This project is supported by the Northern Area Committee of the Knights of St Columbanus and is open to people from any diocese.*

Alcohol Awareness Week: 16 – 22 November 2021: Theme: ‘Alcohol and Relationships’. Al-Anon provides a free, confidential, non-judgmental support service to individuals and families whose life is or has been affected by someone else drinking. All meetings are listed on the website www.al-anonuk.org.uk, or you can call the Confidential Helpline on 028 90682368, 10am – 1pm or 6pm – 10pm.

Mary’s Meals Christmas Gifts Our thoughtful gifts make a real difference to the lives of children living in the world’s poorest countries – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict, and the ongoing Covid pandemic. And this year, donations made through our gift cards and life-changing gifts will be doubled. This is thanks to a group of generous supporters who have vowed to match donations made to Mary’s Meals before 31 January 2022, up to £1.6 million. To send one of your loved ones a truly meaningful gift this Christmas, order online or call us on 0800 698 1212. Together, we can reach even more hungry children with a life-changing school meal.

Saints in the Forthcoming Week:

Monday 15th November: St Albert the Great, c. 1206 - 80, Dominican theologian. Sometime around the year 1223 or so, Albert experienced an encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. This encounter moved him so much that he chose to become a member of the Dominican Order. He excelled in his studies and later became a lecturer for the Dominicans at Cologne. He also travelled around the region to lecture gaining regional, then international acclaim, and known as the ‘Universal Doctor’ for the vast range of his interests. In 1260, impressed with his acumen, Pope Alexander IV appointed Albert as bishop of Regensburg. Although he was a bishop, Albert refused to ride a horse and went everywhere on foot. This seemingly unusual practice was consistent with the rules of his order. The life of a bishop did not agree with Albert and he resigned from his post in 1263. Pope Urban IV accepted his resignation and reassigned him to preach about the Eighth Crusade to German-speaking people. The crusade, which intended to recapture the city of Tunis in North Africa for Christendom, was a failure. Albert was beatified in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV, canonized and recognized as a doctor of the Church in 1931, by Pope Pius IX. He is the patron saint of scientists.

Tuesday 16th November: St Margaret, wife of Malcolm III, King of Scotland, helped the reform in the Church, by her example and influence.

Wednesday 17th November: St Elizabeth of Hungary, 1207 - 31, queen at 14, widowed and exiled at twenty, Franciscan tertiary until her death at 24. A woman of prayer and service to the poor.

Partial Reopening of Church Seating Following updated guidance which recommends 1 meter distancing indoors, it has been decided that from this weekend most of the seats currently blocked off in our Churches will become useable again. At Sunday Mass, you are asked to avoid kneeling so that you do not move close to the person in the seat in front of you. The front 3 seats in each Church will retain the 2-metre distancing for those who are vulnerable. You are kindly asked to continue wearing a face covering inside the Church, maintain 1 metre distance from those outside your family/household and use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the Church. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

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.

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 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: Duty Social Worker, Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary’s GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 9/11/21 were 8,9,25 & 27. There were no winners. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week’s jackpot is £2200. Sunday Evening Drive-in Bingo starts at 4pm. Gates open at 3pm.

Glenshane House, 114 Main St., Dungiven. BTEC L2 in Dementia Awareness 16 weeks x 2 hrs. Reg Fee £40 (evenings). To Register tel 028 777 42494.

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre Brenda McCann and Annette Owens will be playing in Dún Uladh’s traditional bar Saturday 20th November at 9:30pm. Free of charge, everyone welcome. Dún Uladh presents ‘Brendan Quinn - Country Meets Trad with Dermot Byrne and Ciaran Tourish’, Sunday 28th November, 7:30pm live at Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre, Omagh. For tickets contact 028 8224 2777; online at www.dunuladh.ie/whats-on/dun-uladh-events. For info e-mail info@dunuladh.ie

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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 on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com