

PARISH OF BANAGHER

The Ascension of Our Lord – 29th May 2022

Mass Times

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri 9.30am; Wed 7.30pm.
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & Thurs 10am; **Fri 7.30pm**
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri 7.00pm

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: Wednesday 7.00pm; Friday 10.00am.
St Mary's Church, Altinure: **Friday 7.00pm** & 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.

First Holy Communion Congratulations to all the children from P4 in St Mary's PS, Altinure and St Peter's & St Paul's PS, Foreglen who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of James Kerlin RIP will be celebrated on Friday 3rd June at 7.00pm in St Peter's and St Paul's Church, Foreglen. The soul of James' late wife, Mary Kerlin RIP, will also be prayed for on the occasion of the first anniversary of her death.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's, Altinure on Friday 3rd June at 7.30pm.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound Fr Micheál will visit the sick and housebound of the parish in the forthcoming week at the following times: Monday afternoon and evening: Feeny & Carnanbane; Tuesday morning Park; Tuesday afternoon Foreglen. If you would prefer not to have a visit at this time or you know someone who should be added to the visitation list, please contact the parish office. *Please note the change in days/times.*

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Cahan McCullagh and Thomas McCullagh.

HOPE Banagher Summer Camp Monday 1st August - Friday 5th August 2022.

We are delighted to confirm that HOPE Banagher Summer Camp is now full. HOPE Camp Volunteers needed, for 1 or more days. All those 16+ register following the link <https://forms.gle/wdP8WVCG8L5xYXCb7> Please Note this link closes next week.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place on Friday 24th June - Sunday 26th June 2022. Bishop McKeown will lead the pilgrimage and invites you to join him. Booking is essential so please contact Diocesan Catechetical Centre Tel: + 44 28 71264087 Or Email: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org Cost is £80 which includes return transport from Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry.

Lough Derg Three-Day Pilgrimage runs from Wednesday 1 June until 15 August (Saturday 13 Aug is the final day to begin the Pilgrimage). Cost €80. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. All booking information, including information on organised parish groups, available at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

Lectio Divina Prayer Sessions

Lectio Divina prayer sessions will be starting on Monday 6th June in the Grotto Chapel in Feeny after the 9.30am Mass, and will continue each Monday. Lectio Divina is a spiritual practice that is an effective and popular form of prayer among many Catholics today. Lectio Divina is not meant as an intellectual study of the Bible, but as a means of communion with God through reading and listening to Sacred Scripture. This form of prayer consists of four parts: listening to a passage of Scripture, reflecting on the passage, prayer, and a time of contemplation. The aim is meeting God, not just completing the steps, therefore it is a good form of prayer for people who like structure and also for those who struggle with it. Each week the sessions will be reflecting on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday, which aims to help people focus on the piece of Scripture that they will be hearing at the following weekends Masses. All are welcome!

St Columb's College Formal Gala Dinner St Columb's College welcome you to attend our formal gala dinner on Friday 10th June in the City Hotel in Derry. For information and details of how tickets can be purchased please email columba1500@stcolumbscollege.org

Dromantine Sunday, SMA Open Day & Family Fun Day Sunday 12 June, 1.00pm – 5.30pm. £5.00 admission for each car (regardless of the number of occupants in the car). Tel: 028 30821964 for more information. Everyone welcome.

Prayer by Telephone: The Sisters of Mercy, Bethany House of Prayer, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer. All requests are confidential. Tel 0035342 9331602, between 9am – 9pm every day. One of the Sisters will listen and pray with you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

21st/22nd May 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £675 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £400
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £235
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Online Bank Donations can be made to Parish of Banagher: Sort: 95-03-06 A/C: 51052659

Derry Diocesan Trust Employment Opportunities:

Financial & Administrative Secretary Parish of Coleraine Co. Derry
12 hours per week (1 year fixed term contract with possibility of extension)
For a job description and application form please: telephone 028 7126 2302, write to:
Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or
Email: payroll@derrydiocese.org
Closing date for post is 4.30pm on 15.06.2022 More info on derrydiocese.org

Knock Shrine Scripture Summer School - Walking the Synodal Pathway together Facilitated by Mr. Sean Goan and Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA. In order to facilitate people from all over the country and further afield, we are delighted to offer participants the option of taking part online or in-person. Beginning: Thursday, 16 June at 9.30 am Finishing: Saturday, 18 June at 1pm. Location (if attending in-person): St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine. Booking fee €40 Bookings must be completed online at www.knockshrine.ie/scripture_summer_school *Please note you will need to select the option to either attend online or in-person at the time of booking

St Vincent de Paul The continued generosity and support of parishioners enables the conference volunteers to provide assistance to people in our community who find themselves in difficulty for various reasons. The increase in living expenses has put huge pressure on many people. St Joseph's and St Marys conference group will try to ensure that the needs of those in the community are met and people are supported when circumstances become a struggle for whatever reason. We again take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all who contribute on a regular basis to the collections, to those who make donations and to everyone who supports our fundraising. Thank You. The SVP Confidential Helpline number is 07593954973.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Venerable Matt Talbot on Sunday 12 June: A bus will leave St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Sunday 12 June at 8.30am, travelling via Strabane / Omagh, to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin, for a Day of Prayer for those suffering from addiction. The bus is expected to be back at St Eugene's about 9.30pm. The cost is £40, including bus and a meal on the way home. If you would like to book a seat on the bus, email Anne Marie on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or tel 028 71 264087. To secure place on the bus your booking form and payment need to be in by Friday 3 June (details regarding payment are on the booking form).

The Ascension of Christ

'The Ascension of Christ means our own salvations as well; where the glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult, beloved, as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this day not only have we been confirmed in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through his grace we have regained far more than we lost through the devil's hatred.'
St Leo the Great, Sermon 73:4

St Patrick's Pontifical University and The National Centre for Liturgy are offering a blended learning Diploma or Higher Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy. For more information visit: maynoothcollege.ie/courses

Feasts this week:

Tuesday 31st May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary This day commemorates and celebrates the visit of the expectant Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, who was herself was expecting St John the Baptist after a long period of infertility. Mary left to visit Elizabeth immediately after the Annunciation. It is believed Mary stayed for three months, until St John the Baptist's birth, offering help and support to her cousin.

Wednesday 1st June: St Justin (c. AD 100 – c. AD 165) was an early Christian apologist (defended Christianity against objections) and philosopher. He was Greek but self-identified as Samaritan and defined himself as a Gentile since he was uncircumcised. The First Apology, his most well-known text, passionately defends the morality of the Christian life, and provides various ethical and philosophical arguments to convince the Roman emperor, Antoninus, to abandon the persecution of the Church. Like St. Augustine, after him, he claimed that the "seeds of Christianity" actually predated Christ's incarnation, and that many historical Greek philosophers (like Socrates and Plato), were 'unknowing Christians'. Justin believed that the Greek philosophers had derived the most essential elements of truth found in their teaching from the Old Testament. He was beheaded after defending Christianity as the 'true philosophy'; making no 'sacrifice to the gods' and for 'disobeying the emperor'. He is venerated as a saint by the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church and in Anglicanism.

Friday 3rd June: St Kevin was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh where he received his early religious formation. Wishing to be hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled at the foot of the upper lake. Despite his wishes, disciples gathered round him. A great monastic settlement grew throughout the glen after his death in 618.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning Lotto Numbers for 24/05/22 were: 2, 6, 8 & 28. Winning £20 each Lily Snodgrass, Ann McCullagh, Thomas Forrest, Jean O'Connor & Cecelia O'Neill. All money can be collected in Feeny Spar. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto- much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £5,000. Our drive-in Bingo is CANCELLED THIS SUNDAY!

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

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 six rows of seats in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

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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.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973