

PARISH OF BANAGHER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31st July 2022

Mass Times

Weekday Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon 9.30am. **NB change of time and venue of Friday's Mass*

No Wednesday Evening Mass in Fincairn for July & August

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues & Thurs 10am.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri 7.00pm

***St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Friday at 11.30am. Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown.**

Weekend Mass:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm.

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 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.

Rest in Peace: We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Harry McCloskey RIP, formerly of Columbia Park, Foreglen, who was buried during the week.

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A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Vincent Devine RIP on Saturday 6th August at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

HOPE Camp Banagher The Parish HOPE Camp, begins at 9.30am on Monday 1st August. There are 100+ participants and 50+ volunteers. A week of fun, faith and friendship is planned. Parents who have registered children will receive an email this week with details of drop off and pick up times and consent forms.

Blessing of the Graves 2022

Blessing of the Graves this year will take place on the following dates:

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: Sunday **14th August** at 10.30am.

St Mary's, Altinure: Sunday **4th September** at 10.30am.

August	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure	
	7.00pm	9.15am	5.30pm	10.30am
Readers	Brenda Duddy	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Bernie McDaniels	Miriam & Senan Lockhart
Eucharistic Ministers	Mickey Hasson	Anne Hassan	Margaret O'Kane	Alfie Dallas
Flowers	Mary O'Neill & Roisin Lynch		Volunteers	
Cleaning	Colette Hasson		Mary McCormick, Dolores Murray & Bridie Kerlin	
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Michelle Cartin & Hugh Francis O'Neill		Anna Smyth & Anna Gormley	

Prayer for Vocations: We pray for those discerning a vocation to be priests, deacons, or men and women in consecrated life, that they will listen to the Lord in the silence of prayer. Anyone interested in studying for the diocesan priesthood is invited to attend a weekend "Come & See" retreat from 26-28 August. Please contact the diocesan Vocations director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP, Moville at pgoh2111@gmail.com for more details and information.

The monthly Matt Talbot, 'Freedom from addiction' Mass takes place on Monday 1 August at 7:30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction in any way. We also remember specifically those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society at this Mass, if you would like to enrol yourself or somebody else please visit www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

23rd/24th July 2022

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £ 675 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £900

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £395

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Benburb Priory will host a day conference on *The Meaning Crisis*, Modernity, and the Christian Way: A Benburb Priory Conference, (rise in suicides, depression, and more) and the Christian way, today, on Friday 2 September. The conference will feature leading Christian thinkers, including Paul Kingsnorth, Paul Vander Klay, and Fr Calvin Robinson. Tickets are available now at Benburbpriory.com. Cost: £34.99. All are welcome."

A short thought from Henri Nouwen: All Christian action—whether it is visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, or working for a more just and peaceful society—is a manifestation of the human solidarity revealed to us in the house of God. It is not an anxious human effort to create a better world. It is a confident expression of the truth that in Christ, death, evil, and destruction have been overcome. It is not a fearful attempt to restore a broken order. It is a joyful assertion that in Christ all order has already been restored. It is not a nervous effort to bring divided people together, but a celebration of an already established unity. This action is not activism. An activist wants to heal, restore, redeem, and re-create, but those acting within the house of God point through their action to the healing, restoring, redeeming, and re-creating presence of God.

The NET July edition is available for download at www.derrydiocese.org

World Youth Day Pilgrimage – Lisbon 2023 The Diocese of Derry is inviting any young person who is over 18 or will be 18 by July 2023 to join us on Pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. This pilgrimage will take place in August 2023. For now, we are taking expression of interest until we have more information on dates, times and prices. We have limited space so signing up is essential. You can register your interest on the derrydiocese.org website or on the @derryyouth Facebook page. If you have any questions regarding this pilgrimage, please email Lizzie Rea, Youth Coordinator at: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org

Feasts this week:

Monday 1st August: St Alphonsus Liguori was an Italian Catholic bishop, (Sant'Agata de' Goti, Benevento), spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in November 1732. He had numerous tutors as a child and young person and, at sixteen, he graduated from the University of Naples with doctorates in civil and canon law. He became a successful lawyer but thought of leaving the profession and wrote to a friend, "Our profession is too full of difficulties and dangers; we lead an unhappy life and run risk of dying an unhappy death". At 27, after having lost the first case in eight years of practising law, he decided to leave the law profession. Alphonsus offered himself as a novice to the Oratory of St. Philip Neri and was ordained on 21 December 1726, at the age of 30. He lived his first years as a priest with the homeless and the marginalised youth of Naples. He became very popular because of his plain and simple preaching. He said: "I have never preached a sermon which the poorest old woman in the congregation could not understand". He founded the Evening Chapels, which were managed by the young people themselves. The chapels were centres of prayer and piety, preaching, community, social activities and education. At the time of his death, there were 72, with over 10,000 active participants. His sermons were very effective at converting those who had been alienated from their faith. St Alphonsus Liguori wrote 111 works on spirituality and theology, including 'The Glories of Mary', 'Sermons for all the Sundays in the Year' and 'Preparation for Death' and is still to this day one of the most widely-read Catholic writers.

Thursday 4th August: St John Vianney 1786 - 1859. In order to become a priest, Vianney had to contend with poverty and his own intellectual shortcomings. It was his marvellous gift for seeing into the depths of the soul that brought about the radical spiritual transformation of rural France, around the village of Ars, and its surroundings.

Saturday 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord is an event described in the New Testament, where Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in divine glory upon a mountain. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke give an account of Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James, and John, going to a mountain (later referred to as the Mount of Transfiguration) to pray. On the mountaintop, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. This 'miracle of Jesus', unique in that it happened to Jesus himself, prompted the disciples to realise that Jesus must depart, just as they are preparing for his going up to Jerusalem to die. Many Christian traditions, including the Eastern Orthodox, Catholic Church, Lutheran and Anglican churches, commemorate the event. In Greek Orthodoxy, the transfiguration is called the metamorphosis.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Centre to book tel. 02877781881, email learmontgroup@gmail.com or send a PM on facebook.

Walking Group Friday 5 Aug at 10.30am as part of the CARE (Collective Approach to Rural Exclusion) 55+ project. Walks in Learmount Forest to suit all abilities. Short walks on flat ground suitable for people not accustomed to walking or those using walking aids (incl.wheelchairs). Longer more energetic walks e.g. one on the upper paths, another down by the river). We'll finish up with a cuppa back at the centre for anyone not rushing on, it should all take about an hour or so. A good sociable way to get some exercise and improve your physical and mental health. All are welcome. Booking preferable.

Community Picnic & Walk in Gortin Glens Forest Park. Thursday 11 August from 12noon. Walks arranged to suit all abilities with a picnic provided. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. Bus pick up times will be advised on booking. £3pp. This is part of the CARE 55+ Project (funded by National Lottery Community Fund) open to everyone aged 55 and over in the Sperrin area.

Fun in the Forest: Tue 9 August at Learmount Community Centre. Music sessions with Debutots, Hip Hop & Parkour sessions with Urban Motion, Woodland Arts & Crafts, Mini Forest Trail etc. Picnic provided for toddlers and upwards. Event is suitable for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and kids who were in Years 1-4 at the end of June 2022. Booking essential as spaces are limited.£1pp.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Winning lotto numbers for 26/7/22 were: 11, 15, 27 & 28. Winning £50 each Bernie McGinnis & Margaret Carton. Money can be collected in the Shop. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto- much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £5,900. Our drive-in Bingo continues on Sunday at 6pm. Last house worth a massive £1000.

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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 & Thursday 10am - 1pm

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