

PARISH OF BANAGHER

6th Sunday of Easter – 14th May 2023

Mass & Service Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Wednesday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.30pm
Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 19th & 20th May

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm; 9.15am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil 7.00pm.

Sunday Mass times in Neighbouring Parishes:

St Patrick's Church, Dungiven: Vigil 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am & 11.30am
St Matthew's Church, Drumsurn: Sunday 10.15am
Immaculate Conception, Gortnahey: Vigil 4.30pm
St Joseph's Church, Craighbane: Sunday 10.00am
St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

Confessions:

Wednesday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 7.00pm
Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 10.00pm
Saturday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, 6.30pm

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 Annie Teresa McArdle, late of Tirglassan Road, Phonsie Moore, Greysteel, and Teresa McGaughey late of Homelea Pk who died over the past week.

Congratulations to the children from St Mary's Church, Altinure who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Raymond McCloskey RIP, on the occasion of his first anniversary, will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm.

First Holy Communion for St Canice's PS and St Peter & St Paul's PS

On Saturday the 20th May, the primary 4 children from St Canice's PS and St Peter & St Paul's PS will be making their First Holy Communion. Throughout the year, the children have been preparing to receive this special sacrament. Their preparation and hard work have taken place at school, at home, and in the parish. As the P4 children are approaching their First Holy Communion Day, we as a parish pray for the children as they continue on their journey of faith. This day is not only an important day for the P4 children, it is a special day for the parish, their families, and all those who have been involved in leading the children closer to Jesus Christ.

HOPE Camp Banagher Volunteer Registration is now open If you would like to volunteer to help at the HOPE Camp in Banagher Parish click the link to volunteer on Banagher Parish Facebook or Hope Banagher Summer Camp FB page. You must be 16 or over to volunteer. HOPE Camp takes place from 31st July – 4th August 2023 and is open to children who have finished P6 in June 2023 up to children who have finished Year 11 in June 2023.

Banagher Parish Golf Day will take place on Friday 18th May at Moyola Golf Club. This Golf Day is a Fundraiser for the Hope Camp. Tee times can be booked by contacting Sean McGrellis on 07590188129. Anyone who would like to Sponsor the Golf Day can do so by contacting either Sean or Fr Micheál.

A Prayer for Vocations: The Book of Tobit asks us to "...beg God to guide our ways and bring our paths and purposes to their end." We pray God's blessing and guidance on those considering a priestly vocation as we celebrate this Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. We pray in particular for those whom the Lord may be calling to priesthood here in the parish of Banagher.

Holy Land Pilgrimage - QUB Alumni and Friends The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for alumni and friends Departing 9 February 2024 for 8 nights with half-board accommodation in 4 star hotels in Jerusalem and Nazareth, this promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime trip. The Pilgrimage's Spiritual Director will be Queen's Chaplain, Fr Dominic McGrattan, with music and song provided by the Chaplaincy's Director of Sacred Music, celebrated soprano, Marcella Walsh. If you would like to know more information including price, itinerary and how to book, please email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

Blessing of the Graves 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **Sunday 9th July 2023** – 10.30am
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **Sunday 16th July 2023** – 12noon
St Mary's Church, Altinure: **Sunday 3rd September 2023** – 10.30am

Laudato Si' Week 2023 will be celebrated globally from 21 – 28 May with the film "'The Letter' – A Message for Our Earth", marking the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, addressed to all of us, on Care for Creation. This year's theme, "Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity," focuses on the connectedness of all things and the need for a renewed commitment to environmental justice.

The film aims to highlight the power of humanity united in action to stop the ecological crisis and its devastating effects on all creation; it shows Laudato Si' in action. A showing of "The Letter" will take place on Tuesday 23 May, at 7.00pm, in St Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry. Please pre-book by calling the Parish Office on (+4428) 71262894, as spaces are limited.

Mary's Meals – Pray in May During May, the month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary's Meals invites you to pray for its life-changing work, carried out in her name. We currently provide nutritious daily school meals to 2.4 million children in 18 of the world's poorest countries. These meals bring children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and hope of a better future. Could you commit to praying each day of May for the children receiving Mary's Meals, the volunteers and all who support this work and those children still waiting? Further information and prayer resources for individuals, groups and schools can be found at www.marymeals.org.uk/prayinmay

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers which will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @ChooseLifeIRL on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Exam Mass at Knock Shrine: For all students preparing for exams and their families. Take some time out from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for God's strength and guidance as you move through your exam period. June 5th, 7.30pm, Knock Basilica.

Lisfannon Rosary on the Coast. The next Rosary on the Coast at Lisfannon will be on Sunday 07 May at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and pray for peace, Ireland and our unborn children. More details on (00 44) 0 7730330028

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

6th & 7th May 2023

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £720 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £495
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglan: £225

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:

Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950306 A/c 51052659

Trocaire Lenten Collection: £7762

Please note that the above figures do not include donations made online directly to the parish bank account. This total figure will be published at the beginning of each month.

Prayer Service: The Management & Chaplains of Letterkenny University Hospital invite you to an Ecumenical Prayer Service of Remembrance on Thursday 1 June at 5.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny. During this service we will remember all the staff and former staff of Letterkenny University Hospital who have passed away. We also remember the staff who suffered personal bereavements during the Covid-19 pandemic. All the patients who died in Letterkenny University Hospital during the pandemic will also be remembered in prayer and a warm invitation is extended to their families to attend this service.

Safeguarding Notice: 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. Please also note that the outside areas and the interiors of St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure and covered by CCTV.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 9/05/23 were: 5, 8, 17, 27. Winning £100 was, Gerard McGillion. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto, much appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £2,300. Drive-in Bingo Sunday 6pm.

Sponsored Walk: Members of the McAteer family, Park, are taking part in the "Stairway to Heaven Boardwalk" on Saturday, 3rd June. This sponsored walk is to raise much needed funds for the Bowel Cancer Unit, Altnagelvin Hospital. Donations can be made to any family member, to collection boxes in Vivo shop, Park or to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bronagh-mcelhill-2>

Glenshane House, Dungiven - Names now being taken for OCNL2 course in Mindfulness & Anxiety in Children: 4 weeks x 3 hours (evenings). Also Flower Arranging course starting on 20th June for 4 weeks (evenings). Tel. 028 777 42494.

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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 opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973