

PARISH OF BANAGHER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd August 2020

Weekday Mass Times for w/c 3rd August 2020:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri: 9.30am, Wed: 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Mon & Fri: 7.30pm, Tues & Thurs: 10.00am
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **Wed & Fri: 7.00pm***

Weekend Mass Times for 8th & 9th August 2020:

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***

**Please note change to regular Mass times in Foreglen.*

Confessions:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Wednesday 7.00pm; Friday 10.00am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Friday 7.00pm; Saturday 5.00pm
Please wear a face covering in the confession box

Divine Mercy Chapel & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am

**DUE TO THE LOCAL INCREASE IN NEW CASES OF CORONAVIRUS, AS A
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE FOR THE TIME BEING, A FACE-COVERING IS
REQUIRED WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.**

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Celine Hasson RIP on Monday 3rd August at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Mary McDermott RIP on Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Michael McHenry RIP on Saturday 8th August at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Congratulations to Katerina Lynch and Paul Devlin who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this weekend in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God baby Rona May McElhinney.

Children for Baptism: If you have a child for Baptism, please contact Fr Micheál.

Visitation of the Parish Sick & Housebound: Fr Micheál will visit the sick and housebound of the parish in the forthcoming week as follows:

Monday 3rd August: Feeny (morning); Caranbane (late afternoon)

Tuesday 4th August: Park & Altinure (morning/afternoon)

Thursday 6th August: Foreglen (late morning/afternoon)

If you are shielding and not receiving visitors at present, please telephone Fr Micheál and let him know not to call.

Parish Envelopes: can be returned to the Church in the boxes available at the Church Porches. Please only deposit the envelopes at Mass time. Thank you for your 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £930 **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £715
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £272 **Online:** £265
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Guidance for attending Public Mass There is no obligation to attend Mass, even on a Sunday. If you are able to attend on a weekday, please do. Churches have been 'fogged' to kill any infection. Doors will be left open for ventilation. Time inside the Church will be kept to a minimum. Observe the 1-way system in St Mary's Church, Altinure. If you do attend Mass, please observe the following:

- Use Hand Sanitiser on entry.
- Wear a face covering while inside.
- Do not sit on blocked-off pews.
- Families/ Households can sit together on a pew.
- No more than 2 people from different households on other pews, at least 2m apart.
- Do not stand in the porchway or the back of the Church.
- Stay 2m apart when queueing for Holy Communion & leaving the Church,

- leaving your pew row by row.
- Receive Communion only on the hand.
- Take missalettes home, they cannot be reused.

Saints this week:

Tuesday 4th August: St John Mary Vianney, Priest, was the son of a peasant farmer, and a slow and unpromising candidate for the priesthood: he was eventually ordained on account of his devoutness rather than any achievement or promise. In 1818 he was sent to be the parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, an isolated village some distance from Lyon, and remained there for the rest of his life because his parishioners would not let him leave. He was a noted preacher, and a celebrated confessor: such was his fame, and his reputation for insight into his penitents' souls and their futures, that he had to spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional, so great was the demand. The tens of thousands of people who came to visit this obscure parish priest turned Ars into a place of pilgrimage.

Thursday 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus goes up onto a mountain and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Prophets appear and talk to him. And then it is all over and Jesus tells his disciples to say nothing.

Saturday 8th August: St Dominic, Priest, was born in Castile (part of modern Spain) and became a canon of the cathedral of Osma. in a mission of preaching against the Albigensian heresy, which was then strong in southern France. In 1216 he founded the Order of Preachers, dedicated to saving souls by preaching and persuasion. Like the Franciscans, founded a few years before, the Dominicans put great importance on poverty, both of the individual and of the community, and of the need to be involved directly in the world while still living some form of monastic life. At a time when the settled Benedictine monasteries had grown into great and rich institutions, this was a revolutionary and to some a subversive concept. The Friars made a lasting impact on the life of mediaeval Europe, and the Dominicans in particular altered the course of intellectual history by making a well-thought-out and rational response to the new learning that was appearing as long-forgotten thinkers such as Aristotle became known once more in the Christian West. Dominic died at Bologna on 6th August 1221.

Access to Church Services: All our Church Services can be viewed online via www.churchmedia.tv or by logging on to our parish website www.banagherparish.com and following the link to webcam. A new camera and software has been installed in the hope that this will overcome the recent reliability issues and improve the picture. Thank you for your patience.

Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 31st August 2020. £499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer to Knock, 3 nights' in 4 star Park Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £90.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Accord's free and confidential 'Relationships Support Phone Line' for marriages, families and relationships offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The three numbers are:

- Accord CLG – 01 531 3331
- Accord Dublin – 01 905 9555
- Accord NI – 028 9568 0151 or 00353 1 531 3331

Derry Youth Community is a faith-based Gap Year opportunity for young adults aged between 18 – 25, is now open for applications for the year starting September 2020. DYC offers the opportunity to live in community, to develop and be formed in faith and be involved in youth ministry in parishes. The three main aspects of DYC are: Accompaniment, Community and Encounter. If you are interested in this Gap Year or would like some more information, please email: dyc@derrydiocese.org

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 28th July 2020: 15, 17, 26 & 27. Winning £4000 was Sinead McCloskey. Thanks to everyone who continue to support our club lotto every week. Next week's jackpot is £1000.

Drive in Bingo this Sunday 2nd August at 6pm.

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 are available online. Parishioners should note that the first 3 rows of seats are visible online.

If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please see contacts on church noticeboards.

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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

Bulletin notices should be emailed to banagherparish@derrydiocese.org

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973