

PARISH OF BANAGHER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time –23rd August 2020

Weekday Mass Times for w/c 24th August 2020:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Fri 9.30am. (Note no Monday or Wednesday Mass)
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Tues, Thurs: 10.00am
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Wed & Fri: 7.00pm

Weekend Mass Times for 29th & 30th 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

Confessions:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 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

**AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE FOR THE TIME BEING, FACE-COVERINGS
ARE REQUIRED WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.**

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God Enya Rose Murphy, Peadar McCloskey and Fionn McCloskey.

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

A First Anniversary Mass will be offered for the happy repose of the soul of Patsy Lynch RIP on Saturday 29th August at 5.30pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

A Months Mind Mass will be offered for the happy repose of the soul of Dan McGrellis RIP on Sunday 30th August at 9.15am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

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 have been installed in the hope that this will overcome the recent reliability issues and improve the picture. Thank you for your patience.

CONFIRMATION 2020

The rescheduled Sacrament of Confirmation for the children who have finished P7 will take place on **Saturday 5th September 2020**. Children from St Canice's Primary School, Fincairn and St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School, Foreglen will take place at **11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn**. Children from St Mary's Primary School, Altinure will take place at **2pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure**. *1 pew will be allocated to each family for the child to be confirmed, their sponsor and any other family members who wish to attend.*

Parish Envelopes: can be returned to the Church in the boxes available at the Church Porches. Please only deposit the envelopes at Mass time. If you have envelopes from the previous year still at home and are subscribed to Gift Aid, it would be appreciated if you could return your envelopes so a claim can be finalised for last year, Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

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: £819.00 **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £497.00
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £403.50 **Online:** £265.00
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:

Thursday 27th Aug: St Monica c. 330 - 387 AD was born in Tagesta, Roman North Africa. The circumstances of her life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Her arranged marriage to a pagan, Patricius, was a difficult one - her husband had a violent temper and a cantankerous mother who lived in their home. Patricius criticised his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. The eldest of her children, Augustine (later St Augustine) lived an immoral life. As a result of her influence and prayers and the instruction of St Ambrose, Augustine was baptised in Milan at Easter 387. Shortly after, with all her "hopes in this world now being fulfilled" Monica became ill and died. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son. St Monica is the patron saint of alcoholics, Conversion, married women and mothers.

Friday 28th August: St Augustine of Hippo November 13 354 - August 28 430 AD

A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. He lived in truly decadent times: politically; socially and morally. According to his contemporary, Jerome, Augustine "established anew the ancient Faith". Believing the grace of Christ was indispensable to human freedom, he helped formulate the doctrine of original sin and made significant contributions to the development of 'just war' theory. His writings influenced philosophical thought; the development of Western Christianity and the medieval world view. Augustine is recognised as a saint in the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He is also a preeminent Catholic Doctor of the Church and the patron of the Augustinians. Augustine is the patron saint of brewers, printers and theologians.

Saturday 29th August: The Martyrdom of St John the Baptist The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honour, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty and speak the truth. This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honour of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. John's life and death were selfless. He lived a life of complete detachment from earthly possessions. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others see that we live in

the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

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.

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.

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 18th August 2020: 5,16,18 & 27 Winning £100 was Ann McCullagh. Thanks to everyone who continue to support our club lotto every week. Next week's jackpot is £1300

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.

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