

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Weekday Mass Times for w/c 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020:

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

### Weekend Mass Times for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October 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: 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

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

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of God Cathán Leo O'Hara.

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

**Routine Visitation of the Sick and Housebound:** Due to the increasing prevalence of COVID-19 and the transmission in home settings and taking into account the heightened restrictions imposed by the government, Fr Micheál will not visit the sick and housebound of the Parish in the coming week as planned. When restrictions ease and conditions improve, Fr Micheál will resume the routine visitation. As ever, if you need a priest due to illness or in an emergency, please call the parochial house. Apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Hospital Visitation:** Under the current restrictions, priests who are not assigned to work in the hospital are unable to visit patients routinely as we did in the past. If you have a relative or friend in hospital and they wish to see a priest, please ask a member of the hospital staff to page the Catholic Chaplain. There is always a priest on call to visit. Thank you for your understanding.

**Congratulations** to Michelle Murphy and Micheál Burke who were married in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn this weekend.

### First Holy Communion 2020

First Holy Communion for the children from **St Canice's Primary School, Fincairn** will take place at **11am on Saturday 3rd October 2020** in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn. Please note that for the First Holy Communion Ceremonies, 1 pew will be allocated to each child/family. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Congratulations** to the Children from St Mary's Primary School, Altinure who made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**Access to Church Services:** All our Church Services can be viewed online via [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv) or by logging on to our parish website [www.banagherparish.com](http://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.

**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.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:** £1135.00    **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £535.00  
**St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen:** £245.00    **Online:** £165

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**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.

### Saints this week:

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels.** **Michael** appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular (patron of radiologists, the sick). **Gabriel** brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation and also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan (patron of telecommunications, radio and TV workers). We learn of **Raphael** in the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son, Tobias through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobias's marriage to Sarah; the healing of Tobit's blindness and the restoration of the family fortune (patron of nurses, physicians, the blind).

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September: St Jerome** died on September 30, 420 and was laid to rest under the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where he had founded a monastery decades before. His remains were later transferred to Rome where he had begun his life's work, translating the Bible from Hebrew into Latin, under Pope Damasus, who had made Jerome his secretary. He also wrote many commentaries on scripture. Patron of librarians.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October: St Therese of the Child Jesus** Marie Françoise Therese Martin died at the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1897. All four of Therese's sisters were nuns; three sisters were Carmelite nuns at Lisieux and Leonie had joined the Poor Clares. When her sister Pauline was elected prioress of the convent, she asked Therese to remain a novice indefinitely, in order to allay the fears of the others, that the three sisters would not exert power or dominate them. Pauline encouraged Therese to keep a journal. After Therese's death in 1897, Pauline put together Therese's writings calling the little book, 'Story of a Soul' and sent 2000 copies to other convents. It is these writings, portraying Therese's "little way" of trusting in Jesus to make her holy, and relying on small daily sacrifices instead of great deeds, that inspired thousands of Catholics, trying to find holiness in their ordinary lives. Such was public demand, by 1925 Therese had been canonized. Therese of Lisieux is one of the patron saints of the missions, not because she ever went anywhere, but because of her special love of the missions, and the prayers and letters she gave in support of missionaries. This is reminder to all of us, who feel there is little we can do, that it is the little things that keep God's kingdom growing.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Holy Guardian Angels.** The mission of the Guardian Angels is, as Saint Paul tells us, to serve the future heirs of salvation. Every kingdom, country, diocese, church and religious order has its protecting Guardian Angel. So has every person. Each bishop of the Catholic Church has two Guardian Angels. Our Guardian Angel is given to us at the moment of our birth, stays with us all through life, comforts us in Purgatory, and escorts us, if we are saved, into Heaven. Many of the saints saw their Guardian Angels including Saint Rose of Lima; Saint Gemma Galgani; Saint Frances of Rome; Saint Margaret of Cortona; St Catherine of Siena and Saint Bridget of Sweden. Pope, Saint Gregory the Great, was tenderly devoted to his Guardian Angel.

**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.

**Feeny Medical Practice Drive Through Flu Jag Clinic:** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we will run a Drive Through Flu Vaccination Clinic at Banagher Club Car Park, from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October daily from 10am - 6pm. No appointment is needed. Flu vaccination is more important than ever this year so if you are eligible please attend. This week will be the **only** opportunity to have your Flu vaccination this year.

You are eligible for Flu Vaccination if you are: Over 65; Pregnant; A Carer; Preschool Child; At Risk due to: Diabetes; Chronic Lung Disease including COPD & Asthma; Chronic Heart, Kidney or Liver Disease; Low Immune System; Neurological Conditions; BMI >40; Health & Social Care Worker; Nursing Home Residents; Household Contact of Shielding Patient. Please note Primary School & Year 8 Children will be vaccinated at School.

**Learmount Community Centre Classes:** Still some places left at Circuit Blast on Wednesday mornings from 10-11am and at Men's Yoga Wednesday nights from 8.30-9.30pm in Park Hall. Waiting lists only for all other fitness classes.

Bookings now being taken for: online courses with Janice Tracey Nutrition. Healthy Weight Loss starting Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8-9pm for 4wks (£20) An intensive coaching programme based on nutritional science. Gut MOT starting Mon 9 Nov for 2 wks (£10) - understand and optimise your gut health to help alleviate stomach and gut problems. Booking essential.

Horticultural Training - with Ciaran McHugh and Barry McCabe in Park Hall starting Tue 6 Oct. from 10.30am-12.30pm in Park Hall. Free 3 wk course covering sowing, planting, maintaining & watering borders effectively, propagating stem cuttings and seedlings etc. Booking is essential for all our classes - ring 02877781881 or PM on Facebook. Please follow us on Facebook for any last-minute changes to classes/activities due to Covid-19.

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto Numbers for 22/9/20 were 3,5, 16 & 23. Winning £25 each was Nicole Farren, Samantha Mc Closkey, Evelyn McCullagh & Leo Coll. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £1100.

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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](mailto:banagherparish@derrydiocese.org)  
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**Mass is Live and Recorded on the Webcam at [www.banagherparish.com](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

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