

PARISH OF BANAGHER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th October 2020

Weekday Mass Times for w/c 5th October 2020:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Mon & Fri: 9.30am; Wed 7.30pm
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 10th & 11th 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: 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.**

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the families and friends of the late Vera McCullagh RIP, Terrydreen and the late Thomas O'Kane RIP, Magherabrack Road, who were buried during this past week.

A First Anniversary Mass will be held for the late Reggie McGuigan RIP on Saturday 10th October at 5.30pm in St Mary's church, Altinure.

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.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God Aisling Niamh Boyle and Cabhán Gerard Lynch.

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

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

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

The children from St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School, Foreglen and St Canice's Primary School, Fincairn will be confirmed on **Saturday 27th February 2021 at 11.00am** in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

The children from St Mary's Primary School will be confirmed later on the same day, **Saturday 27th February at 2.00pm** in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

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.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £680.00 **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £655.00
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £656.00 **Online:** £440.00

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.

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:

Monday 5th October: St Faustina Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament was born as Helena Kowalska, in Glogowiec, Leczyca County, north-west of Łódź in Poland on August 25, 1905. She was the third of ten children to a poor and religious family. St Faustina's impoverished appearance prompted the mother superior for the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw to take in Faustina on the condition that she could pay for her own religious habit. Working as a housekeeper, Faustina began to save her money and make deposits to the Convent. On April 30, 1926, she finally received her habit and took the religious name of Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament and in 1928, she took her vows as a nun. In 1931, Faustina was visited by Jesus, who presented himself as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from his heart. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasising God's plan of mercy for the world. In July 1937, the first holy cards with the Divine Mercy image were created and Faustina provided instructions for the Novena of Divine Mercy, which she reported was a message from Jesus. Throughout the rest of 1937, the Divine Mercy image continued to be promoted and grow in popularity. Faustina's health significantly deteriorated by the end of 1937. Her visions intensified and she was said to be looking forward to the end of her life. On October 5, 1938, Faustina passed away.

Tuesday 6th October: St Bruno, born in Cologne in 1033, he was a celebrated teacher as Professor of Theology in Rheims University and later its head. He was a close advisor of his former pupil, Pope Urban II. However, his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship would be the basics. St Bruno founded the Carthusians at La Grande Chartreuse, where he died on the 6th of October 1101.

Wednesday 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary 'Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, Passion and glorious Resurrection of the Son of God' (from the Divine Office - the official set of prayers "marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer").

Friday 8th October: St John Henry Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in September 2010. Blessed John Henry Newman became a saint when he was canonised by Pope Francis at Mass in St Peter's Square on the 13th October 2019. Pope Francis reflected on the saint as an educationalist and his vital contribution to Christian education, a person of faith and on his huge commitment to the people of Birmingham, rich and poor who came to him for advice and instruction. Educated at Trinity College, Oxford at a time when both Oxford and Cambridge Universities were part of the Anglican 'Establishment', St John Henry was ordained an Anglican priest by the Bishop Oxford in 1925. A year earlier, the day after being ordained a deacon, he would write "I have the responsibility of souls on me to the day of my death". Newman preached at St. Mary the Virgin Church, at Oxford University, in a way that captivated congregations - 'He laid his finger gently, yet how powerfully, on some inner place in the hearer's heart, and told him things about himself he had never known til then.' By the end of his extensive historical study of the Christian faith in 1845, St John Henry would publish one of his greatest contributions to Christian thought, the 'Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine'. St John Henry became convinced that the Catholic Church was the church nearest to the spirit of early Christianity and on October 9th, 1945 he was received into communion with the Catholic Church. As a result, he was disowned by his family, rejected by his friends and was no longer a fellow of Oxford. The Church in Ireland is deeply aware of St John Henry's gentle scholarship, deep wisdom and profound love for the Lord. It also recalls his connections with Ireland - invited in 1850, he became Rector of the Catholic University of Ireland in 1854 until his resignation in 1858.

Presentations on Mission Today: Throughout October, Month of Mission, the Derry Diocesan Mission Team is offering a series of presentations on what mission means in today's society. Each presentation is free and will be available online through Zoom. They will consist of a short film, discussion on the topic and a chance to ask questions. Guest speakers: Martina Purdy, Elaine Kelly, Noel Bradley, Oliver Barrett and Marriage Encounter Ireland. For further information, visit derrydiocese.org

Learmount Community Centre Classes: AGM - Thursday 8 October at 8.30pm in Park Hall. We are looking for new people to come on board and bring their ideas to future strategic projects such as Park Clubhouse and pitch - why not give a little of your time and expertise to improve facilities for everyone in the area - young and old.

Dementia Support Group - an opportunity for the family, friends and carers of people with dementia to meet others living in similar situations. It's good to share experiences and give each other support. New members are always welcome to come along and see what it's all about. Thursday 15 Oct from 7pm in Learmount Community Centre.

Booking is essential for all our events to ensure social distancing can be observed - ring 02877781881 or DM 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 29/9/20 were 6,13,20 & 23. Winning £35 each Ronnie Miller, Fergal O'Neill & Donal McCloskey. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto - it is very much appreciated. Next Week Jackpot is £1200.

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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