

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Weekday Mass Times for w/c 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<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: 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 family and friends of the late Bernard McElhinney, Altinure, who was buried during this past week.

**Sick, Elderly, Homebound & Shielding** Do you have a relative who would normally attend Mass or receive a monthly visit from Fr Micheál and is presently shielding due to COVID-19? If you or another family member who cares for them would like to bring them Holy Communion once per week, please let Fr Micheál know. Information and procedures will be made available in the coming weeks.

**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.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](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 three rows of seats are visible online.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of God Ollie Gerard Carton.

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

**Novena to St John Paul II** will take place in St Mary's Church, Altinure, commencing on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm and continuing every evening until the celebration of the Feast Day on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A blessing with the relic of Saint John Paul II will be available.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:** £440.00    **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £745.00  
**St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen:** £315.00    **Online:** £869.00

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.

**Mission Sunday** will take place next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. There is a second envelope/collection for the Foreign Missions.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> October: St Teresa of Avila** was born in Avila in Spain in 1515, twenty years after Columbus first set foot in the Bahamas and two years before Luther started the Protestant Reformation, when the world was to change for ever. Her father was a strict nobleman who sent her to a Carmelite convent, for the sisters to put an end to his daughter's rebellious behaviour. When the time came for Teresa to choose between married and religious life, she chose to become a nun - partly because of her growing love for God, and because the convent sisters were less strict than her father. In her early forties, following contracting malaria and nearly dying, St Teresa's deep contemplations and practical nature persuaded her to found a new convent that went back to the basics of a contemplative order: a simple life of poverty devoted to prayer. Her efforts were denounced from the pulpit and threatened with the Inquisition. She went ahead, establishing Carmelite convents under a reformed rule. Although St Teresa proclaimed poverty, she believed in work, not in begging. She believed in obedience to God more than penance. If you do something wrong, don't punish yourself -- change. When someone felt depressed, her advice was to take a walk and look up at the sky. St Teresa wrote much on prayer and spiritual life and, in 1970, became one of two women to be declared a Doctor of the Church for her writings and teaching.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October: St Ignatius of Antioch** was an early Christian writer and bishop of Antioch. Tradition identifies Ignatius as a disciple of John the Apostle, known as the youngest of Jesus' apostles, son of Zebedee and Salome. There were claims that St Peter himself left directions that Ignatius be appointed the bishop of Antioch. While en route to Rome, to be tortured and die an early martyr, St Ignatius wrote a series of letters. These letters serve as an example of early Christian theology addressing topics such as ecclesiology, the sacraments, and the role of bishops. St Ignatius' letters also served to record the rapid development of church hierarchy. He instructed "Follow, all of you, the bishop, as Jesus Christ followed the Father,"... "Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be, even as wheresoever Christ Jesus is, there is the catholic church." The instruction is also remarkable because it is the first recorded use of the phrase "catholic (universal) church." He urged Christians to unity, in and through the Eucharist and to unite around their local bishop. He died circa 107 AD.

**THE NET:** The October edition of The Net is now available online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). It features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

**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.

**Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry,** intends to host the following events in November. Offering a safe welcome back, numbers will be restricted, with social distancing and all Northern Health and Executive directives being adhered to: '**Broken Open**': How difficult times can help us grow - a Workshop that will explore the potential for discovering courage, compassion and wisdom even in the most painful of life circumstances. Presented by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA: Monday 2 Nov 9.30am – Tuesday 3 Nov 5.00pm. Full cost £115 or €125 '**Loss and Recovery**': This seminar will explore loss in its many facets and how it is also an invitation to wholeness. "While the heart grieves for what it has lost, the Spirit dances for that which it has found." Presented by Fr Jim Cogley: Saturday 14 Nov 9.30am – 5.00pm. Full cost £35. To book, or for further enquiries, Tel 028 3082 1964 or email [sma.dromantine@sma.ie](mailto:sma.dromantine@sma.ie)

**Learmount Community Centre:** Although classes are temporarily suspended due to the revised Covid regulations, some services are still available.

**Food Support:** if you are unable to afford food and don't have support in place to help, contact the Community Centre in confidence and we will get you the help you need.

**Advice NI** (formerly known as Citizen's Advice) is unable to be onsite at the moment but do offer telephone consultations. Leave your contact details at the office and we will arrange for our advisor, Sean, to contact you - advice available on employment rights, financial concerns, benefit applications, housing queries etc. **Telephone Support** - a daily/weekly call from one of our volunteers can be something to look forward to particularly if you're not getting out and about these days - contact the office to find out more. **Office Services** - printing, photocopying, scanning and computer/internet access all available by arrangement.

To contact the Community Centre: Telephone 02877781881, DM on Facebook or email [learmountgroup@gmail.com](mailto:learmountgroup@gmail.com)

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto Numbers for 6/10/20 were 3,10,25 & 26. There were no winners this week. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto it very much appreciated. Next week's jackpot is £1300.

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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)

Bulletin notices should be emailed to [banagherparish@derrydiocese.org](mailto:banagherparish@derrydiocese.org)

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

**SVP Confidential Helpline:** 07593954973