

PARISH OF BANAGHER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th October 2020

Weekday Mass Times for w/c 19th October 2020:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: *No Mass Monday morning* Wed 7.30pm; Fri: 9.30am.
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 24th & 25th 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

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.**

RIP: We offer our sympathies to the family of the late Michael Hasson RIP, Feeny, who was buried this weekend.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Willie Hasson RIP on Saturday 24th October at 7pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Funerals: The NI Executive has issued restrictions on the number of people allowed at a Funeral Mass and Graveside Committal. This is strictly 25 people. For the duration of these increased restrictions, parishioners are asked to respect these regulations should the matter arise over the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £945.00 **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £515.00
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £435.00 **Online:** £85.00

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:

Thursday 22nd October: St John Paul II was born Karol Józef Wojtyła, on May 18th, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland was bishop of Rome and head of the Roman Catholic Church from 22nd of October 1978 until his death on the 2nd of April 2005. He was the youngest of three children born to Karol Wojtyła and Emilia Kaczorowska who was of distant Lithuanian heritage. Emilia, who was a schoolteacher, died of a heart attack at the age of forty-five, when Karol was eight years old. His elder sister Olga had died before his birth, but he was close to his brother Edmund, who was thirteen years his senior. Edmund's work as a physician eventually led to his death from scarlet fever, a loss that affected Karol deeply. As a boy, Karol was athletic, often playing football at school where "at least a third of my classmates at elementary school in Wadowice were Jews. With some I was on very friendly terms. And what struck me about some of them was their Polish patriotism." Matches were organised between teams of Jews and Catholics. Karol nearly always played on the Jewish side.

In 1938, Wojtyła and his father left Wadowice and moved to Kraków, where he enrolled at the Jagiellonian University and was required to participate in compulsory military training in the Academic Legion. He refused to fire a weapon. He performed with various theatrical groups and worked as a playwright. During this time, his talent for language blossomed, and he learned as many as twelve languages — Polish, Latin, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French, English, German, Ukrainian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovak and Esperanto, nine of which he used extensively as pope. The German occupying forces closed the university in 1939, his father died of a heart attack in 1940 and in 1941, at twenty, when he had "already lost all the people I [he] loved", he knocked on the door of the Bishop's Palace in Kraków and asked to study for the priesthood.

By 1958, St John Paul II was ordained bishop of Krakow and played a significant part in the Second Vatican Council. He was elected pope by the second papal conclave of 1978. As bishop of Rome, he was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first from a Slavic country. As part of his effort to promote greater understanding between nations and between religions, he undertook numerous trips, visiting 129 countries, including, Ireland, from 29th September to 2nd October 1979. St John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Eastern Orthodox Church, issuing several unprecedented apologies to groups that historically had been wronged by Catholics, most notably Jews and Muslims. He campaigned against political oppression and criticised the materialism of the West. His Polish patriotism and his emphasis on nonviolent political activism aided the Solidarity movement in communist Poland in the 1980s and ultimately contributed to the peaceful dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated many of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests. St John Paul II used his influence among Catholics and throughout the world to advance the recognition of human dignity and to deter the use of violence.

Saturday 23rd October: St John Capistrano, 1386 - 1456, studies civil and canon law and joined the Franciscan Order. A faithful servant of four popes, he attended the Council of Florence, went to Jerusalem as apostolic emissary, and, in 1451, set out on a preaching tour through the German provinces and Poland. In a battle at Belgrade he contracted fever and died there. Patron saint of jurists and military chaplains.

THE NET: The October edition of The Net is now available online, on 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 13/10/20 were 10,14,16 & 27. Winning £100 was John Joe Marlow. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto - very much appreciated. Next Week's Jackpot is £1400.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973