

PARISH OF BANAGHER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th October 2020

Weekday Mass Times for w/c 26th 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 31st October & 1st November 2020: Solemnity of All Saints

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.**

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Bernard McElhinney RIP on Saturday 31 October 2020 at 5.30pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Vera McCullagh RIP on Saturday 31 October 2020 at 7.00pm 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 in the Church and Church grounds. 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.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God baby Eabha Jane Kerlin.

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.

Diocesan Mass for Deceased Children and Young People: The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 8 November, at 7.00pm. You can join this Mass live on the St Eugene's Cathedral webcam. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please telephone 028 7126 4087.

Annual November Mass for the Dead

Mass will be celebrated for all those who have died over the past year in our Parish. Three separate Masses will be celebrated to allow families to attend. Immediate family only will be invited to attend; please sit together in a pew. During the Mass, the deceased loved one's name will be called out and a relation will be invited to place a candle in the Sanctuary for the Mass. You may then take this candle home with you. Candles will be made available on the evening of the Mass. Mass will be celebrated at the following times:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Monday 2nd November 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 5th November 7.30pm

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Friday 6th November 7.00pm

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.

Readers at Mass: beginning next weekend, readers at Mass will be scheduled for a full month. A new schedule will be published mid-November. If you are not able to do your particular Sunday, you are asked to swap with another reader. Readers for November are:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil: Kane Biggs. Morning: Jack McColgan

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Vigil: Maeve McLaughlin. Morning: Mary Redmond

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Vigil: Martin Doherty. Morning: Lorraine Moore-McGilligan

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: £460.00 **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £450.00

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £tbc **Online:** £215.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Retired Priests Collection: A second envelope is being collected next weekend for the support of retired priests. Thank you for your 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:

Wednesday 28th October: Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles: Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of "Simon Cananaeus" simply adapts another Hebrew word for "zeal" and has nothing to do with the town of Cana. Jude, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

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: In these stressful times it's more important than ever to look after your physical and mental health so do something about it this November: **Sign up for the Learmount Marathon Challenge 2020:** Run, jog or walk 26.2 miles over the month of November. Do it in stages over the month, a few miles here and a few there. If it's too dark to go to Learmount why not walk/run the lights in the village? Free t-shirt for everyone who registers through the Community Centre.

Mindfulness & Meditation with Majella O'Kane - take an hour out of your day to relax your body and mind and help reduce stress and tension, in the comfort of your home. 4 online zoom sessions starting Tuesday 3 Nov from 7.30-8.30pm. £5 for the entire course. Gut Health - there are countless ways that poor gut health can affect your overall well being, from bloating and IBS to fatigue, mood swings and weight fluctuations. Join nutritionist Janice Tracey in these online zoom sessions to find out ways to ease symptoms and tackle the root causes. Starting Monday 9 Nov from 8-9pm. £10 for 2 sessions. To book ring 02877781881, email learmountgroup@gmail.com or DM on Facebook.

Park Household Recycling Centre Winter opening hours come into effect from 26th October. Monday to Saturday 8am to 5pm.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 20/10/20 were 10,16,20 & 27. Winning £50 each was Bernie Millar and Caroline Canning. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto - very much appreciated. Next Week's Jackpot is £1500.

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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
Bulletin notices should be emailed to banagherparish@derrydiocese.org

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973