

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Christ, King of the Universe – 22nd November 2020

Weekday Mass Times for w/c 23rd November 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 28th & 29th November 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

Advent Devotions will begin next Sunday 29th of November at 6.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure.

Face Coverings: We ask all adults and children aged 14 and over to please wear a face covering at Masses and other liturgical celebrations i.e. Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings (unless they are exempt from wearing mandatory face coverings). Medical advice is that wearing face coverings is first and foremost about protecting others. Please continue to observe social distancing and to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving Churches.

Rest in Peace We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of Liam Crawford, late of Munreary, who was buried during the week.

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.

A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Betty Cartin RIP will be celebrated on Saturday 28th of November 2020 at 5.30pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Mary McLaughlin RIP on Saturday 28th of November 2020 at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Baptism We welcome into the family of God Shania Rose Donaghey.

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

Housebound Visitation: Given the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, it is still not permitted for priests to make routine home visits to the sick and housebound. If someone is gravely ill and needs a priest, please call the parochial house.

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.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in Church Sacristies & in Feeny shop. Priced £1 each.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Banagher annual collection will be taken up throughout the remainder of November and December. The support you give at this time of year helps families and individuals over Christmas and the winter months ahead. This year, due to COVID restrictions and to ensure the safety of our members and clients we will not be collecting gifts and hampers ourselves but we will be working in partnership with Benbradagh Christmas Giving Tree and with LCDI community hub for Fare Share to provide gifts and hampers to those in need. We will also give help in the form of vouchers where appropriate. We are accepting financial donations via: Collections boxes at Churches; Blue or White Envelopes in Chapel Porch which can be returned to either the SVP or Parish collection boxes at Mass time or to the Parochial House in Fincairn and Online donations to Danske bank - Account Name: Society of St. Vincent de Paul St Joseph & St Mary's Banagher. Sort Code: 950306 Account no: 31036947. Finally, and of most importance, if you or someone you know is struggling or in need of assistance please call our Confidential Helpline **07593954973**

Retired Priests Collections that were taken up on the weekend of 7th & 8th November amounted to £1,520. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £625.00 **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £605.00
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £325.00 **Online:** £320.00

Thank you for your continued 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.

Praying for the Dead in November

A short booklet for families has been created to highlight the month of November as a time to remember and pray for our dearly departed. It marks out the feast days, provides a family prayer service, instructions to prepare a sacred space in the home and some prayers for November. May it bring comfort, solace and the light of Christ to many people during the coming days and weeks. The booklet can be downloaded at www.derrydiocese.org

Plenary Indulgence during month of November Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

Plenary Indulgence for Feast of All Souls' Day

Regarding the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls' Day, 2 November, this year, it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by "devoutly visiting a church or an oratory", along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed, and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence.

The Homebound

For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful". In this case, the condition of being "completely detached from sin" and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

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.

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.

Saints this week:

Monday 23rd November: St Columbanus was born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. Columbanus taught an Irish monastic rule and penitential practices for those repenting of sins, which emphasised private confession to a priest, followed by penances levied by the priest in reparation for the sins. In 591, desiring to 'go on pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve

companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxieul and Fontaine according to severe Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. Columbanus is one of the earliest identifiable Hiberno-Latin writers. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

Tuesday 24th November: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions In the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Vietnam, many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19th June 1988, Pope John Paul II canonised one hundred and seventeen of these - ninety-six native Vietnamese men and women, eleven Dominican missionaries from Spain and ten French missionaries.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for 17/11/20 were 7,8,9 &18. Winning £20 each was Grace Mulhern (Bingo), Lesley Craig (Bingo), Sharon Cartin. Brendan Murphy, Siobhan Campbell & Leah, Dara & Se Lynch. Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Winners to collect their money in Spar Feeny shop please. Next week's jackpot is £1900. Monster Bingo is today, Sunday 22nd November at 4pm. Last house a massive £1000.

Dún Uladh are set to host their first online concert on Saturday 28th November, 8:30pm with the amazing Bríd Harper, Darren Breslin & PJ McDonald. Tickets are available now at www.dunuladh.ie and the concert will be streamed via online link. For further information please contact the centre on 028 8224 2777 or e-mail info@dunuladh.ie.

Glenshane House, Dungiven. Names now being taken for the following courses: First Aid & Defib Training; C&G Food Safety in Catering; L2 Autism. To register Tel. 028 777 42494.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973