

PARISH OF BANAGHER

4th Sunday of Advent – 20th December 2020

Mass Times over Christmas and New Year

Monday 21st December 2020:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Tuesday 22nd December 2020:

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Wednesday 23rd December 2020:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.30pm

Thursday 24th December 2020: Christmas Eve

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 5.30pm & 7.00pm

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 5.30pm & 8.30pm

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 5.30pm & 7.00pm

Friday 25th December 2020: Christmas Day

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 8.00am & 9.30am

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 9.30am & 11.00am

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 10.30am

From Saturday 26th December Masses will be online from St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:

Saturday 26th December 2020: St Stephen's Day

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 5.30pm

Sunday 27th December 2020: Feast of the Holy Family

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.15am

Monday 28th December, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th:

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Thursday 31st December 2020: New Year's Eve

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 4.30pm

Mass as the last light sets on 2020, entrusting ourselves to the Lord for 2021.

Friday 1st January 2021: New Year's Day

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Churches will remain open for private prayer over this period of lockdown.

The Priests of the Parish would like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

May the Christmas Season bring many Blessings to you, your families and our Parish.

Collecting Tickets for Christmas Masses 2020

If possible, please call within office hours:

Monday 9.30am - 5.00pm; Wednesday: 9.30am-12.30pm

Please collect all tickets before lunchtime on Wednesday. If collecting tickets outside of these hours, please phone the Parochial House on 028 777 81223, to check that Fr Micheál is in. Mass tickets for Masses in Foreglen can be picked up from Fr O'Reilly's house in Foreglen.

Advent devotions this evening at 6.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's, Church, Altinure.

Holy Hour praying for Vocations to the Priesthood will take place as part of the Advent Devotions in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, on Sunday, today, at 6pm. For the 4 Sundays of Advent a different Parish in the Diocese has been host these Holy Hours.

Rest in Peace We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of Cassie Carton, late of Main Street, Feeny, who was buried recently.

Rest in Peace We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of, Barney McCloskey, late of Altinure Road, who was buried during the week.

A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Jacqueline Moran RIP will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Wednesday 23rd December at 7.30pm.

Housebound Visitation: Routine home visits to the sick and housebound are still not permitted. If someone is gravely ill and needs a priest, please call the parochial house.

Hospital Visitation: 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.

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.

Baptisms We welcome into the family of God: Adriana Mary Taylor and Theo Paul Cooper.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1233 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £1027

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £495 Online: £70

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.

The Net: The December edition of The Net is now available online, on www.derrydiocese.org. As always, 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.

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

Trócaire Gifts of Love Parish Sale If you would like to support Trócaire's work this Christmas, their 'Gifts of Love' will be available to buy after Masses in the run up to Christmas. Trócaire's 'Gifts of Love' are life-changing, practical and ethical gifts that families in overseas communities benefit directly from. There are 17 gifts to choose from starting at £5 for Soap for families in South Sudan. Other gifts include a gift of a Goat for a family in Kenya (£40) or School Lunches, a life line for children in Somalia (£15). You can use the order form in the Trócaire leaflet (available in church porch) and pop this in the box marked Trócaire, at the back of the chapel, Fincairn and Altinure, and collect your gift cards the following week (please provide the correct change so we can keep cash-handling to a minimum). Any additional donations made will go towards their Gift Appeal. Alternatively, please visit Trócaire's website, <https://www.trocaire.org/ways-to-help/gifts/how-it-works/>, to order directly or call them on 0800 912 1200. Electronic cards are also available. Trócaire will email these directly to friends and family near and far. Thank you for your support.

St. Vincent de Paul Banagher The support you give at this time of year helps families and individuals over Christmas and the winter months ahead. 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**

St Mary's Primary School, Altinure Are you thinking of sending your child to St. Mary's PS Altinure in September 2021? It will soon be time to make your online application at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>. Why not visit our school's website at www.altinure.co.uk to see what life is like at St. Mary's P.S.? Or you could call into school to get a prospectus or speak to the Principal, Mrs Redmond. The online portal opens on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 12 noon and will close at 12 noon on Friday 29th January 2021. Contact school on 02877781384 for more information. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

St Canice's P.S Feeny - Is your child due to start Primary 1 in September 2021? Online registration for P1 will open on 7 January 2021 and will close 29 January 2021 @ noon www.eani.org.uk. Please ring the school for a phone appointment with the Principal, Fiona McCann on 028 777 81346 or e mail info@stcanicesps.derry.ni.sch.uk We look forward to hearing from you! Our virtual tour will be posted soon! Check out our website www.stcanicespsfeeny.com

Employment Opportunities:

Safeguarding Coordinator (2-year fixed term contract) Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. 14 hours per week – Monday and Tuesday £27, 905 - £29,636 pro rata per annum.

Designated Liaison Person, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, 14 hours per week - Monday and Tuesday. £27, 905 - £29,636 pro rata per annum
For an application pack for either position please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 02871262302 or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email topayroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 5.00pm on 06.01.2021. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Centre Boys and girls this weekend follow us on Facebook and join in the fun helping Santa to find his lost toys around the Community Centre. There's a £25 Smyths Toy voucher to be won - Enter the draw by midday on Wednesday 23rd December. Good luck everyone!
Contact 02877781881 for more details.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto Numbers for otto Numbers for 15/12/2 were 5,6,26 & 27 Winning £35 each was Evelyn McCullagh, Callum Devine & Marie McCarthy (collect your winnings in Spar Feeny). Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £2300.

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.

Simon Community Please remember the homeless this Christmas - a safe place to call home has never been more important. Each day, around 50 people become homeless here in Northern Ireland. If you can, please consider making a donation to help those without a home in Northern Ireland - £10 could give the gift of a Christmas dinner to one of our residents; £15 could provide additional hygiene products, such as soap and disinfectant, to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus and £20 could pay for emergency food, heat or clothes to those who need it most. You may contact us at any time for further information. Please call us via 028 9023 2882, mobile 07590 594241, email us via amandascott@simoncommunity.org or write to us using the following address; 25 - 27 Franklin Street, Belfast, BT2 8DS. Thank you.

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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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