

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## Baptism of the Lord – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Mass Times for the forthcoming week:

Online Weekday Masses:

**St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:** Monday – Friday 9.30am

Online Weekend Masses:

**St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:** 5.30pm Vigil; 9.15am.

**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.

**Children for Baptism:** If you have a child for Baptism, please contact Fr Micheál. Baptism ceremonies can continue during this current lockdown, but restricted to immediate family.

**Funerals:** During this current lockdown the number of mourners permitted in the Church and at the graveside is restricted to 25 people.

**Confirmation 2021:** Due to the recent lockdown, Confirmation will be postponed for 2 weeks, until **Saturday 13th March 2021**. This will give families a chance to make preparations for their children and the teachers more face to face time with the children to prepare them for the Sacrament.

The children from St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School, Foreglen and St Canice's Primary School, Fincairn will be confirmed at **11.00am** in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn. The children from St Mary's Primary School, Altinure will be confirmed later on the same day at **2.00pm** in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**St Joseph's Church, Fincairn:** £530    **St Mary's Church, Altinure:** £405

**St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen:** £285    **Online:** £445

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ACCORD – COVID-19 Counselling & Support:** If you can't talk to each other, talk to Accord. Accord's free and confidential 'Relationships Support Phone Line' for marriages, families and relationships, offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Accord NI – 028 9568 0151.

**Vocations Holy Hour:** The Derry Diocesan Vocations team has organised a series of monthly 'Holy Hours' to mark the Columban Celebrations of 2021. The 'Holy Hours' will focus on the example of men and women who have lived their lives by faithfully answering God's call. Like St Columba, these courageous disciples were not afraid to set out into the deep. They dared to say "Yes" to God.

Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts. Will we be brave enough to embrace the adventure in life which God wills for each one of us?

On the second Thursday of each month, at 8:00pm, from churches throughout the diocese, we will have an opportunity to learn from the lives of a variety of holy men and women who embraced their vocation to serve God in the circumstances of their daily lives.

On **Thursday, 14 January, at 8:00pm in St Pius X Church, Merville, Co Donegal**, Fr Pat O'Hagan will lead a time of prayer, celebrating the life and vocation of Blessed **Carlo Acutis**. The 'Holy Hour' will be broadcast on the parish webcam for the people of the parish and the diocese.

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.stcanicespsfeeny.com)

**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.

### Prayer to St Joseph

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

**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.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** The winning lotto Numbers were 9, 12, 188 & 22. No winners. Receiving £50 each were Brendan Murphy & Laurence O'Kane. Next week Jackpot is £1,100.  
Thanks very much to everyone who continue to support our club lotto.

### Feeny Medical Practice

#### Covid Vaccine

We have received the first batch of Covid Vaccine in Practice and will begin our Clinics on Monday 11th January 2021 with the first cohort of over 80's receiving their jab. The clinic is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY as we have not received enough vaccine to cover all patients in this age group so we are working from the oldest down. Patients will be called in their turn as more vaccine becomes available. We ask patients to please refrain from ringing the practice to make general enquiries about when they will get their vaccine as this puts additional pressure on the phone lines. All eligible patients will be called as and when supply is available. We are using Banagher Sports Pavilion as the venue for our Covid Clinics.

Patients who have tested Positive for Covid within the last 4 weeks or who are feeling unwell should not attend for vaccination, instead please contact the practice to reschedule.

#### Flu Vaccine

The Flu vaccine is now being offered to all patients in the 50-64 age group. The Practice has already texted all patients with mobile numbers asking them to book a vaccine if they wish to have it. We will contact the remainder of patients by letter in the incoming week and hope to run a flu clinic either the week beginning 18th or 25th January 2021 providing supply is available.

**Openreach Broadband** The scheme is a community fibre partnership which allows residents, businesses and community providers to pledge a free government Gigabit voucher worth £1500 for homes and £3000 for businesses towards the cost of the works associated with upgrading the broadband structure in the area. The vouchers will allow Openreach to undertake works on roads/addresses that would not usually be commercially viable and will therefore deliver superfast broadband to most addressees in Feeny & Park.

However, they need in the region of 80% of the exchange area to pledge their voucher in order for the scheme to proceed. So far only 102 vouchers out of a possible 820 have been pledged and therefore the target is falling considerably short on the current uptake.

If the target was to be met, the scheme would be expected to be delivered this year which would be a major boost to the local area in a very short period of time.

Please visit [www.openreach.cm/connectmycommunity](http://www.openreach.cm/connectmycommunity) to register.

**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.

#### PARISH CLERGY

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#### Retired Priests Residing in the Parish

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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**