

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st January 2024**

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: Grotto Chapel, Fincairn: 9.30am
Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Wednesday: St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7:00pm
Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Friday: Grotto Chapel, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 27th & 28th January

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm & 9.15am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

Weekend Mass times in Neighbouring Parishes:

St Patrick's Church, Dungiven: Vigil 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am & 11.30am
St Matthew's Church, Drumsurn: Sunday 10.15am
Immaculate Conception, Gortnahey: Vigil 4.30pm
St Joseph's Church, Craighane: Sunday 10.00am
St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

Confessions

Grotto Chapel Friday: 10:00am
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Saturday: 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10:30am – 11:30am

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound: Will take place on Monday & Tuesday of this week. Monday morning: Feeny, Monday afternoon: Foreglen, Monday evening: Carnabane. Tuesday morning: Park. If you have a relative or neighbour that would like a visit, please let Fr. Micheal know.

Rest in Peace: We pray for Fr Seamus O'Connell RIP whose funeral took place during this past week in Maghera. We keep in our thoughts and prayers his family and friends during this time.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God Cadhla Marie Lynch and Connie Bradley.

January Do This in Memory Mass - Foreglen: Sunday the 21st January will be the first Do This in Memory Mass of 2024 for the Primary 4 children in Foreglen, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is New Beginnings, as it is the start of a new year and the year in which the P4 children will be making their First Holy Communion. Each month the children will receive a gift at the end of Mass which aims to help them grow in their prayer life. This month's gift is a candle, to remind the children that Jesus is the light of the world, and is a light to them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. We as a parish pray that Jesus will guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday during the 10:30am Mass in St Mary's Church, Altinure. Children's liturgy is open to all children in P1, P2 and P3, and is a great opportunity for them to experience the Word of God in a way that is more accessible to young children. These sessions will be led by the Parish's Pope John Paul II Award students, along with a group of dedicated parent volunteers. At the beginning of Mass, the children will be invited to go to the sacristy along with the JP2 students and parent volunteers, where the children will listen to the children's version of Gospel and do short activity. They will then re-join everyone in the main Church just before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Banagher Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024: 17-24 May is now fully subscribed. Full payment is due by 11th March 2024.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

6th & 7th January 2014

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £665 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £970
Online donations for December: £2219

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:

Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950306 A/c 51052659

Please note that the above figures do not include donations made online directly to the parish bank account. This total figure will be published at the beginning of each month.

Catholic Schools Week 2024: Begins on Sunday 21st January and continues until Saturday 27th January. The theme for this year is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Service'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese, the Eucharist will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday 16th January at 10.00am and everyone is welcome to attend. The national resource pack with ideas to help schools and parishes celebrate this week is available online at [Catholic Schools Week 2024 | Catholic Education Partnership](#)

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024: Monday 1 to Friday 5 July, ex City of Derry Airport. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Full board £799, single room supplement £150. The pilgrimage office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry, will open to the public 11am to 1pm on Thursdays and Saturdays, starting Saturday 10 February. Telephone number 028 71260293, email derypilgrim@outlook.com

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 9 nights from 30 July to 8 August. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with peers from around the world, in a faith context. Up to 50,000 young people attend the Medjugorje Youth Festival each year. Cost is £800 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org 00 44 2871264087.

Vocations: We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our own diocese, for all those who, like Simon and Andrew, hear Jesus say, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men and women."

ACCORD Derry Marriage Preparation Courses January 2024 to March 2024 - January 19th/20th 2024; February 23rd/24th 2024 & March 22nd/23rd 2024. Venue: Everglades Hotel, Prehen Road Derry. Please note that these courses are NOT Virtual and are in person.

Primary One places for September 2024. There are three excellent Catholic Schools in the Parish, which take both boys and girls. The three schools are St Canice's PS, Feeny, St Mary's PS, Altinure and St Peter & St Paul's PS, Foreglen. If your child is starting primary school in September 2024, you can apply online for their place at www.eani.org.uk/parents/ad

Job Opportunities:

Derry Diocesan Trust - Parishes of Banagher & Claudy - School Liaison Coordinator
1-year Fixed Term contract, 35 Hours Per Week - The Parishes of Banagher & Claudy are seeking to recruit an individual to fulfil the role of School Liaison Coordinator. Under the guidance of the Parish Priest/Administrator the successful candidate will work in the two parishes that presently have four primary schools and one post primary school. This is a full-time role for one year.

Parish of Coleraine - Parish Financial and Administrative Secretary - 12 hours per week with possibility of extension up to 15 hours per week, 1-year Fixed Term contract with possibility of extension. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails provision of full secretarial support. This will be inclusive of all administrative duties, payment of accounts due and maintenance of accurate and timely records of all the income and expenditure of the parish using computerised systems.

Parish of Drumquin - Sacristan - 8 hours per week, 1-year Fixed Term contract with possibility of extension. Ensure effective security of the church and associated maintenance and cleaning whilst organising all associated liturgical requirements in line with diocesan guidelines.

Housekeeper for Retired Priest in Derry City - 15 hours per week. The Housekeeper will be responsible for the smooth and efficient operation of all domestic matters in the home of a retired priest in Derry City.

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on 02.02.2024.

Feast Days this Coming Week:

Wednesday 24th: St Francis de Sales was born near Annecy, in Savoy, studied the law, and was ordained to the priesthood despite the opposition of his father. His first mission was to re-evangelize the people of his home district (the Chablais), who had gone over to Calvinism. Always in danger of his life from hostile Calvinists, he preached with such effectiveness that after four years most of the people had returned to the Church. He was then appointed bishop of Geneva, and spent the rest of his life reforming and reorganising the diocese, and in caring for the souls of his people by preaching and spiritual guidance.

Thursday 25th: The Conversion of Saint Paul Saul, the young man who looked after the cloaks of the men who were stoning St Stephen, grew into a dedicated and efficient persecutor of Christians. Today's feast celebrates the day that Christ appeared to him in a vision as he was on the way to Damascus, reproached him for his persecutions and converted him to the true faith.

Friday 26th: Saints Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called "pastoral" epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.

Sunday 28th: St Thomas Aquinas was born of a noble family in southern Italy, and was educated by the Benedictines. In the normal course of events he would have joined that order and taken up a position suitable to his rank; but he decided to become a Dominican instead.

Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793 or at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Duty Social Worker, Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090

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 and St Mary's Church, Altinure are available online. Parishioners should note that the first three rows of seats are visible online in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and the first six rows of seats in St Mary's Church, Altinure. Please also note that the outside areas and the interiors of St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure and covered by CCTV.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Glenshane House, Dungiven: 6-week Recreational Art course will be starting soon on Monday afternoons. All materials supplied. To book Tel 028 777 42494

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 16/1/2024 were 2,18,24,25. Winning £50 each were Jean O'Neil and Pauric McCloskey. Next week's Jackpot is £3,300. BINGO begins in Park Hall every Sunday, beginning Sunday 28th January at 7.30pm

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To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Anniversary Mass, please call Fr Micheál or the secretaries on 028 7778 1223 or email banagherparish@derrydiocese.org.

Parish Office opening hours next week:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973