

PARISH OF BANAGHER

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th 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: 3rd & 4th February

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am
St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: 12 noon

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.

A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Geordie McCullagh RIP will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 3rd Feb at 7pm.

January Do This in Memory Mass - Feeny & Park: Sunday the 21st January will be the first Do This in Memory Mass of 2024 for the Primary 4 children in Feeny and Park, 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.

Children in Crossfire: Shauna from Children in Crossfire will visit our Parish and speak to us about their current work on the 3rd & 4th February. There will be a collection after each Mass. Currently, Children in Crossfire are focused on supporting children affected by ongoing ethnic conflict in Ethiopia, and proceeds raised will support that work. For more information, please visit www.childrenincrossfire.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

20th & 21st January 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £905 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £755
St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: £625

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.

Job Opportunity: 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. 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.

Fr Micheál acknowledges with thanks the donation of £100 from the McCullagh family for the use of Fincairn Hall following the funeral Mass of Geordie McCullagh RIP.

Fr Micheál acknowledges with thanks the donation of £100 from the McCormick family for the use of Fincairn Hall following the funeral Mass of Dolores McCormick RIP.

Banagher Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024: 17-24 May is now fully subscribed. Full payment is due by 11th March 2024. If not already submitted, please send a copy of your passport.

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.

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 derrypilgrim@outlook.com

ACCORD Derry Marriage Preparation Courses February 2024 to March 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.

Feast Days this Coming Week: Wednesday 31st: St John Bosco (1815 - 1888) was born in Piedmont of a peasant family, and he was brought up by his widowed mother. He became a priest, and his particular concern was for the young. He settled in Turin, where, as in so many cities in the 19th century, the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted himself to the care of the young, first of all by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties, caused both by the anti-clerical civil authorities and by the opposition of some senior people within the Church, his enterprise grew, and by 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration), and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

Thursday 1st Feb: St Brigid (451? - 525) was born in 451 or 452 at Faughart, near Dundalk, in Ireland. Her name is that of the pagan goddess of fire. She converted to Christianity, inspired by the preaching of St Patrick. She founded a double monastery, of monks and nuns, at Kildare, the first women's monastic community in Ireland, and she died there in 525.

Friday 2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord - This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

Sunday 3rd: St Blaise was bishop of Sebaste and was martyred, probably early in the fourth century. Devotion to him spread throughout the Church during the Middle Ages. He is particularly invoked for disorders of the throat.

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: Names now being taken for Adult Mindfulness, Sage Accounts, Short Make up course. May get courses for free if eligible. Also a few spaces available on Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children starting soon. To register Tel 028 777 42494.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 23/1/2024 were 5,16,21,23. Winning £100 was Leo Coll. Next week's Jackpot is £3,400.

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Parish Office opening hours next week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973