

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## Mass Times

### Weekday Mass Times:

\*No Weekday Mass next week.

### Weekday Mass time for Dungiven and Claudy:

*Claudy - Mon, Tues, Thursday at 10am, and Friday at 7.30pm*

*Craigbane - Wed and Fri at 10am*

*Gortnahey- Imm. Concept: Mon. – Sat. 10.00 am.*

### Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February

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, Craigbane: Sunday 10.00am*

*St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am*

### Confessions

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Saturday: 6.30pm

**Fr Micheál** will be away from the Parish for a few days next week. In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr David O'Kane in Claudy or Fr Seamus Kelly in Dungiven.

**RIP:** We offer our sincere sympathies to the family of Mathew Varghese RIP, father of Fr Joseph Vargese CC, Dungiven, who died in India this past week.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of God Odhrán Martin Harkin.

**The Lourdes Hospitalité collection:** This helps those who wish to go to Lourdes and require care and assistance, is due to take place at weekend Masses on the 10th/11th of February 2024. As in previous years, we appeal to your generosity for this worthwhile cause as we take the pilgrimage forward once again in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Vocations:** St Paul tells us in our second reading this weekend that he made himself "all things to all" so that he could "save some at any cost...for the sake of the gospel." We pray for those being called today to preach the gospel to the people of our diocese in the years ahead, that they will know the joy that comes from spreading the Good News. Anyone interested in serving the Church as a priest of the diocese of Derry and/or attending a Vocations retreat weekend in Larne from 8-10 March 2024 is asked to contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or at (028) 7938 6259.

**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.

## February Ministry Rota:

February	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Briege O'Neill	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Leo Devine
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Darragh McCloskey	Anne Hasson	Catherine Devine
<b>Flowers</b>	Pauline McGrellis		Dympna McElhinney
<b>Cleaning</b>	Collette Hasson		Mary Rose O'Kane, Anna Smyth Bridge O'Kane
<b>Counters</b>	Bridie McErlean, Hugh Francis O'Neill		Olive O'Neill, Mary Conway, Betty McAteer
<b>Collectors</b>	Dermot O'Hara Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson Liam Campbell	Hugh Grieve, Jimmy Barry Murphy JT McCloskey

**Banagher Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024, 17-24 May**, Is fully subscribed. Full payment (£760) is due by 11th March 2024.

**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.

**Rosary on the Coast.** The next Rosary on the Coast will be at 3pm on Sunday 04 February at Lisfannon Strand, Buncrana. We will pray for Ireland, world peace, marriage, families and the lives of our unborn children. Bring the family and friends and make this something special for Our Lady. For details, ring 00 44 77 303 30028.

**Lent: Season of Well-Being Weekend Retreat at Ards Friary**, 23-25 February. Led by Philip McParland This weekend will present Lent as a suitable time to practice the things that are good for our physical, mental and spiritual health. To book, contact Ards. Tel: 074 91 38909. Email: info@ardsfriary.ie

#### **Feast Days this Coming Week:**

**Monday 5th: St Agatha** was martyred at Catania in Sicily, probably during the persecution of Decius (250-253). Devotion to her was widespread in the Church in the earliest times and she is mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

**Tuesday 6th: St Paul Miki (1564/6 - 1597)** was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and spared.

**Thursday 8th: St Jerome Emiliani (1486 - 1537)** was born near Venice in 1486. He started his career as a soldier but after he was taken prisoner and then miraculously liberated, he devoted himself to helping the poor, distributing his own possessions among them also. Two priests joined him in this task and in 1532 he founded a religious order, the Clerks Regular of Somaschi, for the relief of poor and orphaned children. He died at Somaschi (near Bergamò) in 1537.

**Sunday 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes** - In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called "de Massabielle." Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick.

**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**

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto numbers for 30/1/2024 were 5,9,14,16. Winning £50 each was Linda O'Hara and Gerry McErlean. Next week's Jackpot is £3,500.

**BINGO** in Park Hall on Sunday evening at 7.30pm. All Welcome!

### **PARISH CLERGY**

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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.

**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](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**