

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th February 2024**

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Tuesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Lent Begins:

Ash Wednesday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am & St Peter & St Paul's, Foreglen: 7.00pm

Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Friday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 17th & 18th 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, Craigbane: 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

Ash Wednesday: Ashes will be distributed at 8am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn (No Mass); and during Mass in St Mary's Church, Altinure at 10.00am & St Peter & St Paul's, Foreglen at 7.00pm.

Lent 2024: Stations of the Cross will take place in St Mary's Church, Altinure for the Sundays of Lent at 6pm.

RIP: A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Fr Seamus O'Connell RIP will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Glen on Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm.

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.

Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony: Congratulations to all of the Pope John Paul II Award students from Banagher parish who received their awards this week at the annual award ceremony, which took place in St Eugene's Cathedral! Well done for all the hard work and dedication you showed over the past year: Niall Brolly, Niamh Campbell, Rachel Loughery, Maggie McCartney, Ella McDermott, Orla McIvor, Peter McLaughlin, Aimee McTaggart, Eimhear O'Hara, Leah Stevenson.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

3rd & 4th February 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £830

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £475

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: £430

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.

Meeting in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbaca, Derry, every Sunday at 3.00pm, for adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families. This is an anonymous programme for those 18 years and over who grew up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes.

Thanks: Children in Crossfire wish to extend their gratitude for all donations received last weekend during their visit. The total amount raised was an amazing £821.18 & €19. Your support will help many children access vital healthcare & education in both Tanzania and Ethiopia. Thanks for all the support!

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 14th: St Methodius (826? - 885) was born in Thessalonica. With his brother Cyril he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. After his brother's death he went to Pannonia, where he was assiduous in the work of evangelization. In the complicated international politics of the time he suffered much from attacks by his enemies, but he was always supported by the Popes. He died on 6 April 885.

St Cyril (827? - 869) was born in Thessalonica and was educated in Constantinople. With his brother Methodius he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. They were called back to Rome, where Cyril died on 14 February 869.

Saturday 17th Feb: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order - In the early thirteenth century seven young Florentines formed a confraternity of laymen devoted to the praise of Mary. In 1233, after a vision on the feast of the Assumption, they took up the life of hermits on Monte Senario outside Florence. They went preaching through the whole of Tuscany and founded the order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Servites, whose foundation was approved by the Pope in 1304. Their feast is celebrated today because one of the seven founders, Saint Alexius Falconieri, died on 17 February 1310.

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 6/2/2024 were 8,9,19,22. Winning £35 each was Willie McLaughlin, Peter Duggan and Roger McWilliams. Next week's Jackpot is £3,600.

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

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973