

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**4th Sunday of Lent
10th March 2024**

Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times:

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

Weekend Mass Times for next weekend: 16th & 17th March

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

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am-11.30am
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am

RIP: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Sean Simpson, Tireighter Road, who was buried this past week.

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

Banagher Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima – May 2024: The remainder of the fare is now due. Please arrange payment with the Parish Office.

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.

Prayer for Vocations: We pray God's blessing on all those involved in a Vocations Retreat in Larne this weekend, for Fr Ryan Connors who is leading the retreat, for the Vocations Directors of the northern dioceses who helped organise it, and for the 28 men taking part in it, including 12 from our own diocese.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

2nd & 3rd March 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £555 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £540
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £915

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.

Derry Diocesan Youth Synod Gathering: Lizzie and Niamh of the Diocese of Derry Youth Team are inviting all young people or those who work with young people in parishes and schools in the diocese to an evening of sharing faith along with Tea, Chat and Prayer. This event will be held in the Cathedral hall, in the grounds of Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Tuesday, 12th March, 6:30pm- 8:00pm and in Maghera Pastoral Centre, Wednesday, 20th March 6:30pm-8:00pm. If you would like to register for any of these events, please email Lizzie on lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or phone 02871264087.

Retreat: Fr. Terence O' Connell will conduct a Day Retreat in Honour of Saint Charbel on Thursday 14th March from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca. Cost for the day, including light lunch £20. A First Class Relic and Blessed Oil of St. Charbel will also be available on the day. For bookings, telephone 71 262512.

A St Patrick's Way pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on March 16, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre, see IMAX film, & receive passport to walk with guides to Inch Abbey and Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Lunch and bus transfers inc £35 pp. 9am-3pm More info contact the Centre 02844 619000 (The walk is approx 6 miles)

ACCORD Derry Marriage Preparation Courses: Will take place on March 22nd/23rd 2024. Venue: Everglades Hotel, Prehen Road Derry. Please note that these courses are NOT Virtual and are in person.

Palm Sunday Retreat: Join with the Columba Community for a Day of Healing Prayer at St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, which will include Scripture meditations, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Teaching and Celebration of Eucharist as we enter Holy Week together. Sunday 24th March, 11am-4pm. Mass celebrated at 3pm. Light lunch included. Suggested donation £20. Email columbacomunity@hotmail.com to book or call 02871262407.

'Prepare' for the Sunday Gospels of Lent: Would you like to spend a little time each week of Lent preparing for the Sunday Gospel before you hear it at Sunday Mass? 'Prepare' will be delivered via Zoom and facilitated by Fr Patrick Lagan, Diocese of Derry and continues each Monday until 18th March. Using the prayer practice of Lectio Divina, Fr Patrick will lead the group to read, listen to, respond to and rest with the Word of God. As a group, it is a wonderful opportunity to place the Word of God at the centre of our prayer and spiritual life as we strive to deepen our relationship with Christ and each other. To book please click on the link: <https://forms.gle/5xdNdKWyzYjGKddA> or email tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org

Marriage Encounter Ireland invite married couples to their next Marriage Enrichment Weekend in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare, Friday 26 – Sunday 28 April. Register online. www.marriageencounter.ie.

Feast Days this Coming Week:

Monday 11th: St Aengus (- 824): was born near Clonenagh, lived as a hermit and then joined the monastery of Tallaght, near Dublin, under St Maelruain. He was a co-author of a martyrology (written in 790 and the oldest in Ireland) and wrote a long poem, the Féilire, or Festology of the Saints, which he finished in about 805. After St Maelruain's death he returned to his hermitage. He died on 11 March 824.

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 are covered by CCTV.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 5.3.24 were 14,16,23 & 27. Winning £25 each were Grainne McCullagh, Jimmy Barry Murphy, Cathy McGrellis and Madeline Brolly. Next week's Jackpot is £4,000.

Learmount Community Development Group What's Happening in Learmount - Week commencing 11th March: **Monday 11th** : Time For Me Ladies 10.30am - 12.30pm (Community Centre); Dementia Social Morning (Resource Centre): 11am - 1pm, Ladies Yoga: 7-7.45pm; Men's Yoga: 8-8.45pm; Art Class: 7.30pm. **Tuesday 12th**: Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30am - 12.30pm, Guitar and Music Group: 7.30pm. **Wednesday 13th** : Gardening Club: 11am-1pm: Go Succeed/ Council Roadshow: 6pm - 8pm. **Thursday 14th**: Post Office Services: 9am - 12pm; Painting for Pleasure: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+ Club: 12pm - 2pm; Book Club: 8pm: **Friday 15th** : Walking Group: 10.30am; History Holocaust Workshop: 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Dates for your diary: Tuesday 19th March: Bespoke crafts/ Easter decorations: 7pm; Saturday 23rd March: Fused Glass Workshop with Natasha Duddy; Friday 19th April: Spring Paint and Sip Class: Thursday 9th May: Joint CARE outing to Enniskillen. Tuesday 14th May: Millenium Forum Tea Dance Park Hall. Booking essential: Tel. 02877781881 / 07592995229.

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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 - Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com
SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973