

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## Palm Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Easter Triduum

#### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper: St Mary's Church, Altinure: **7.30pm**

#### Good Friday

Passion of our Lord: St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **3.00pm**

Stations of the Cross: St Mary's Church, Altinure: **6.00pm**

#### Holy Saturday

Solemn Easter Vigil: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **8.00pm**

#### Easter Sunday Mass

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: 12 Noon

**Rest in Peace** We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Kevin McHenry RIP, Upper Feeny, who was buried recently.

**Rest in Peace** We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Michael Francis O'Kane, formerly Dernaflaw and Edenvale Care Centre, who was buried recently.

**Acknowledgement** Fr Micheál would like to acknowledge with thanks the donation of £100 from the McDermott family, for the use of the hall after the funeral of Clare McDermott RIP.

April	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Brenda Duddy	Liam Campbell	Aoife Kerlin & Emma Redmond
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Bernie Lynch	Breige O'Neill	Majella McCloskey
<b>Flowers</b>	Breige O'Neill		Miriam Lockhart & Sinead Wilson
<b>Cleaning</b>	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Regina Forrester, Margaret Rose Devine, Roisin McLaughlin
<b>Counters</b>	Liam & Siobhan Campbell, Briege O'Neil Peter McCullagh		Anna Smyth & Anna Gormley
<b>Collectors</b>	Paul Campbell Pat McCullagh	Paul McDermott Jackie Hasson	Gerald, Conor, Sean & Shane Kerlin

**Mass of Chrism:** Bishop McKeown will celebrate the annual Mass of Chrism with the priests of the diocese in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Holy Thursday morning (28 March) at 10 o'clock. During Mass the holy Oils for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination are blessed. Also, the priests renew their Ordination promises. It is the only Mass celebrated in the diocese on Holy Thursday morning. Everyone is welcome to attend the Chrism Mass, or you are welcome join in it via the St Eugene's parish webcam: [www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html](http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html)

**Prayer for Vocations** For our seminarians and those who are considering priesthood, that in their ministry they will do all they can to ensure that, in the words of St Paul, "...every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

#### 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £720 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £685

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £465

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.*

**Healing our Wounds Weekend Workshop** at Ards Friary, 12-14 April. This workshop offers a way to transform our wounds. It will include input, time for personal reflection, opportunities for sharing and some social time. Cost €220, includes retreat, accommodation and all meals. Limited to 12 people. To make a booking contact Ards on 00353 74 9138909 or by email [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie)

**Divine Mercy Conference:** Saturday 6 April, Knock Shrine, 11am – 4pm, with Fr Pat Collins CM and Fr Isaac John MSFS: St John's Centre, Knock Shrine.

**National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sunday, 14 April (weekend after Divine Mercy Sunday). To enquire or book a seat, call: 07738873492 (from Donegal, dial 004477...). Details of buses, nationwide, on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

**ACCORD Derry Marriage Preparation Courses** will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2024; May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2024; June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. Venue: Everglades Hotel, Prehen Road Derry. (Please note that all courses are now in person and NOT virtual). To book, visit our website [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie).

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership** The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If you are interested in registering for the Masters in September 2024 or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)

### Feast Days this Week:

**St Basil the Great** (330 - 379) or Basil of Caesarea, was one of the three men known as the Cappadocian Fathers. The others are his younger brother, St Gregory of Nyssa, and St Gregory Nazianzen. They worked together to formulate Trinitarian doctrine more precisely and to pin down the meaning and role of the least humanly comprehensible member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Basil was the leader and organiser; Gregory of Nazianzus was the thinker, the orator, the poet, pushed into administrative and episcopal roles by circumstances and by Basil; and Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's brother, was the most gifted of the three as a philosopher and theologian. Basil is also the father of Eastern monasticism. He moderated the heroic ascetic practices that were characteristic of earlier monastic life, to the point where they could be part of a life in which work, prayer and ascetic practices could be in harmonious balance. Knowledge of Basil's work and Rule spread to the West and was an influence on the founding work of St Benedict.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>: St John of Egypt** (304 – 394) At the age of 25, John left his home and became a monk, withdrawing to a remote cave on Mount Lycos. There he lived a very strict life, devoting himself to prayer and manual work. People started to visit him, seeking miracles. He healed the sick and could read people's hearts. He died at the age of 90.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>: St Melito of Sardis** was the bishop of Sardis near Smyrna in western Anatolia, and a great authority in early Christianity. Jerome, speaking of the Old Testament canon established by Melito, quotes Tertullian to the effect that he was esteemed as a prophet by many of the faithful. Most of his works have not survived. His *Apology to Marcus Aurelius*, explains the origins of the Christian faith and tries to dissuade the emperor from persecuting Christians. His *On the Passover*, sets the Last Supper and the Passion in the context of the Jewish Passover relating Christianity to its roots in Judaism.

**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.

**Learmount Community Development Group:** This Week at Learmount: **Mon 25<sup>th</sup>:** Time for me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm (Community Centre); Dementia Social Morning: 11am - 1pm (Resource Centre); Ladies' Yoga: 7-7.45pm (Park Hall); Men's Yoga: 8 - 8.45pm (Park Hall); Art Class with Sheila: 7.30pm - 9.30pm (Community Centre); **Tues 26<sup>th</sup>** Craft and Crochet Club: 10am - 12pm (Community Centre); Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10am - 12pm (Recycling Centre); Advice NI: 2pm - 4pm (Community Centre); Guitar, Banjo and Music Group: 7.30pm (Resource Centre); **Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** Couch to 5K (Session 4): 6pm (Meet at Community Centre); Ladie's 50+ Social Evening: 7.30pm (Community Centre); **Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>:** Post Office Services: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting for Pleasure: 10.30am - 12.30pm (Community Centre); Park 60+ Luncheon Club: 12pm - 2pm (Resource Centre); Children's Easter Arts and Crafts Workshop: 2.30pm - 4pm (Community Centre); **Fri 29<sup>th</sup>:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am (Community Centre); **Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** Couch to 5K (Session 5): 10am (Meet at Community Centre); Children's PAC Club: 12.30pm - 2pm (Community Centre). For any information on any of our classes or groups, please contact Karen or Barry on 02877781881 or 07592 995229. **Easter Trail:** There will also be a children's mini Easter Treasure Trail available from Thursday 28th March in Learmount Forest: Pick up your map from the Community Centre and follow the trail and spot the treasures. Return your completed map to the Community Centre when you are done. Correct entries will be entered into a prize draw with winners announced the week of the 8th April. **Please Note:** There will be **no classes** on the week of Mon 1st April to Fri 5th April and both the Community Centre and Resource Centre will be closed. We wish everyone a happy, safe and Holy Easter.

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto numbers for 19.3.24 were 5, 21, 23 & 24. Winning £100 was Clare McLaughlin. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £4,200.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.banagherparish.com)**  
**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**