

PARISH OF BANAGHER

The Ascension of the Lord – 12th May 2024

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: ***No Mass this morning**

Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 19th May 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil; 9.15am
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

Confessions

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

Rest in Peace: We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Mary Gallagher RIP, Glasgow, who was buried in Fincairn this past week.

Acknowledgement Fr Micheál would like to acknowledge the generous donation of £100 for the use of the hall received from the family of Bridie McCloskey RIP.

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Acknowledgement Fr Micheál would like to acknowledge the generous donation of £100 towards the cost of the Easter flowers.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Monday 13th May is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. We wish every blessing to the 48 pilgrims who will travel to Fatima on Friday with the Parish Pilgrimage and ask them to carry our prayers and intentions with them.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the P4 children from
St. Mary's Primary School, Altinure and
St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School, Foreglen,
who made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Children's Liturgy Banagher Parish are currently seeking Parent Volunteers for the Children's Liturgy (Primary 1-3) which takes place each Sunday at 10:30am mass in St Mary's Church Altinure. Our Children's Liturgy is a fantastic group but it needs more enthusiastic parent volunteers to play a vital role in shaping the faith formation journey of the children in our parish. If you are free some Sundays and are interested in helping our local parish and joining the team, please contact the School Liaison Coordinator for Banagher & Claudy Parish, Aine Patton at: aine.patton@derrydiocese.org or at the Banagher Parish Office: 02877781223

BANAGHER HOPE CAMP 29th July – 2nd August

Volunteer and Participant Registration are now LIVE!

HOPE Summer Camp Banagher are on the lookout for young volunteers, aged 16+, to help during this year's camp.

HOPE camp will run from Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August.

Volunteers will be provided with a free HOPE O'Neill's jersey - volunteering looks good on your CV and references can also be given for jobs, etc. If you would be interested in volunteering, then please see link on FB Page.

HOPE Camp Car Wash Fundraiser

Last weekend's car wash raised £2000 for the HOPE camp. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer for Vocations We pray for those being called to become the future "apostles" of this diocese, sent to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of our parishes. We ask God's blessing on our seminarians and on the men who are discerning their vocation, particularly those who are hoping to begin their formation next January.

The Little Way Novena in St Eugene's Cathedral – 11th May to 19th May: The theme is 'I choose your will only'. The Novena will begin at the 7.30 pm Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick on Saturday, 11th May. Devotions and talk on Sunday, 12th May at 6.00 pm. Monday to Friday (13th to 17th May) Novena Masses at 6.30 am and 10.00 am each morning and an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30 pm. Saturday, 18th May 10.00 am Mass for those who have died. The Novena will close on Sunday, 19th May at 3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to St Eugene's Cathedral for this time of prayer and petition.

Pro Life Donegal Pro Life lunchtime gathering on Monday 13 May, 1.00 to 2.00pm, at Letterkenny Town side of the Hospital Roundabout.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage Glenshane pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni & Montecassino, Nov 6-10. 895 euro all-in. Afternoon flights with Aer Lingus. Excellent accommodation & dinners. All coaching and tours included. Phone Kieran and Laura, 00353 57 93 55050.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

4th & 5th May 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £800 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £870

Trócaire Collection: £6095

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:
Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950306 A/c 51052659

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Masters in Catholic School Leadership Information Session 20th May 2024 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. An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 20th May 2024 at 3.30pm. If you require any further information, or wish to register for the information session, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

An Evening of Conversation & Music - Celebrating 125 Years of The Sacred Heart Church, Omagh: Wednesday 22 May, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. St Mary's Hall. (Entrance at back of Sacred Heart Church at the graveyard). Admission Free - Limited Tickets Available. We invite you to join us for a special Evening of Conversation and Music celebrating 125 Years of The Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. Joining us on the evening will be local Musicians including Tom Sweeney and The McSorley Sisters and native Priests of Drumragh including Fr Eamon Graham, Fr Joe Gormley, Fr Gerard Mongan and Fr Damian Bresnahan. You can book a ticket for this event through this Link <https://bit.ly/sacredheartchurch125> or call the Parish Office on 028 82 242092.

ACCORD Marriage Preparations Courses There are still a few places available on the May 17th/18th Course being held in the Everglades Hotel, Derry. Any couples getting married this year are encouraged to book this course as there will be NO Courses in July and August. Visit: www.accordni.com

Sharing the Good News: The Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Bishops Conference produces a five-story weekly ezine *Sharing Good News* that reports on stories associated with the Bishops' Conference, activities in parishes and dioceses, and that celebrates Church life generally. If you do not currently subscribe to receiving it and you wish to subscribe to receive *Sharing Good News* please register your email address on <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

Pray for Life Novena: The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation by the Council for Life of the Irish Bishops Conference to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray, from Thursday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31st May, for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. Prayers will be posted on X @PrayforLife_ie ; facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena ; on Instagram @prayforlifenovena.

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy Summer Concert, with Canticle, the Choir of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University, Sunday 2 June at 7pm. The Canticle Sacred Music Society will provide a rich programme of sacred & traditional music, with contributions from student string quartet, Irish traditional ensemble, and celebrated soprano, Ellis Fox. Our friend, Rev Steve Stockman, will host us in Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, with light refreshments afterwards by Mosaic Cafe. All monies raised (tickets £10 each) will support our choir tour to Italy in June. Please follow the link <https://fixr.co/event/canticle-summer-concert-tickets-82467491> to secure your ticket early for what is sure to be a popular event.

Feast Days this Week

Monday 13th May: Our Lady of Fátima This feast commemorates the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October, and by October huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and reporting visions and miraculous occurrences themselves. Pope John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fátima and attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13 May 1981 to her intervention. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died in the great Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919-20, were beatified on 13 May 2000.

The Parish Webcams are now available to view on the Firestick. If you search for the iTech Media App and download it to your Firestick, you can then search for the Church.

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. Please 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. Outside areas & interiors of St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure are covered by CCTV.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dementia Friendly Tea Dances on Tour, Park Hall, Park Village, Tuesday 14th May from 2pm – 3.30pm. An afternoon of entertainment and music provided by The Ringabellas! Booking is essential as places are limited – Tel. 02871 264455 (Option 1). For further info on Dementia Friendly Tea Dances contact Lisa Heaney on 02871 272779.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 7.5.24 were 3,5, 22 & 25. There were no winners. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto, it is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £4,900.

Glenshane House First Aid & Defib Training course starts Wednesday, 15th May 7-9 pm (4 weeks). Reg £30, Certificate £10. Spaces available. Tel 028 777 42494

Could you foster? Foster Care Fortnight runs from Monday 13 - Sunday 26 May 2024, and highlights how fostering transforms lives. As the number of children coming into care each year increases, more foster homes are needed across Northern Ireland. At HSC NI Foster Care, there are lots of ways people can get involved including short-term support, emergency care placement, supported lodgings/STAY, or long-term care. There is no such thing as a 'typical' foster carer. We welcome enquiries and applications from all backgrounds. For more information, call HSC NI Foster Care on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net.

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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