

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## Pentecost Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Mass Times

*\*No weekday Mass during the Parish Pilgrimage*

### Weekend Mass Times for next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil  
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12pm Noon

### Confessions

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

**Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima** We wish every blessing to the 48 pilgrims who travelled to Fatima last Friday with the Parish Pilgrimage. We express our gratitude to them for carrying our prayers and intentions with them.

**A First Anniversary Mass** for the happy repose of the soul of Sr Mary Conway RIP, will be celebrated on Sunday 26th May at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

### Blessing of the Graves

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **Sunday 23rd June at 2pm**  
St Peter & St Paul's Foreglen: **Sunday 18th August at 12noon**  
St Mary's Church, Altinure: **Sunday 8th September at 10.30am**

**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, Áine Patton at: aine.patton@derrydiocese.org or at the Banagher Parish Office: 02877781223

### BANAGHER HOPE CAMP 29th July – 2nd August

HOPE Summer Camp Banagher are on the lookout for 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.

**Prayer for Vocations** "Come, Holy Spirit," fill the hearts of God's people with the light of Your love. Inspire men from this parish (these parishes) of ..... to serve the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry. Be with those who are discerning their vocation in life and with those who are already in formation. Guide those applying to begin their studies this year. Reassure them all of your loving presence in their lives, and guide them always in the path God has chosen for them.

**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.

**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](http://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.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**11th & 12th May 2024**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £905      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £625  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £610

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.*

**Diocese of Derry three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg** led by Bishop McKeown – Friday 26th to Sunday 28th July. Cost: £80 including transport from/to Derry. Pre- booking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan on [tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org) or phone the Diocesan Office on 028 71262302 for a booking form.

**Fr. Liam Donnelly's 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood** To mark this special occasion, Fr. Liam will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 21st June at 7.00pm in Church of Our Lady Mercy, Lavey. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Lavey Club. Everyone is invited to attend.

**The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's** is planning a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in September 2025 to mark the Jubilee Year. We are inviting alumni and friends to register their interest by emailing [catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk) We will be in touch with you soon to share details once we have finalised dates, itinerary and costs. We hope that you can join us on what promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime journey of faith and friendship.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 1130am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com) for more details.

**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.

**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](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)

**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.

**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.

## Feast Days this Week

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Mary, Mother of the Church** The Blessed Virgin Mary has been given the title of Mother of the Church since she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and she became the Mother of the redeemed people before her Son had given up the spirit on the Cross. Pope Paul VI solemnly confirmed the title in an address to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council on 21 November 1964 and decreed that the whole Christian people should, by the use of this beautiful title, give still greater honour to the Mother of God. 'The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. In some ways this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of Saint Augustine and Saint Leo the Great.' (*Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship*).

**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 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 14.5.24 were 5, 9, 16, 26. Winning £20 each were Ruth McDermott, James O'Neill, Ellen O'Neill, Lauren Meenan and Louise Kealey. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £5,000.

**Adoption – Could you be part of a child's journey?** The Western Trust is holding a Virtual Information event about Adoption on: Tuesday 28 May, 3.00 – 5.00pm. This will be held online via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join the online event, please contact Colette Mc Cann Social Worker on 07879803297 or 028 82835114

## 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**