

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## Corpus Christi Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

### Mass Times

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

**\*No further Weekday Masses**

### Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

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

**Fr Micheál** will be on holiday and absent from the Parish from Tuesday 4th June to Tuesday 18th June. Please contact Fr Kelly Fr Joseph (Dungiven) or Fr O'Kane (Claudy) in the case of an emergency.

**Rest in Peace** We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Siobhan Farrell, RIP, Altmoover Road, who died this past week.

**Congratulations** to Adele Doherty & Shane McCarney who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony in St Petr & St Paul's Church, Foreglen this weekend.

**Congratulations** to Carrie Kerlin & Barry McDermott who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony in St Mary's Church, Altinure, this weekend.

**Baptisms** We welcome into the family of God baby twins Clodagh Teresa Devine and Paudie Daniel Devine.

June	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Briege O'Neill	Jack McColgan	Patrick Conway
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Darragh McCloskey	Geraldine McCloskey	Margaret O'Kane
<b>Flowers</b>	Lucy McLaughlin & Jean O'Neill		Karen Feeney
<b>Cleaning</b>	Lucy McLaughlin & Jean O'Neill		Una Devine, Karen Feeney
<b>Counters</b>	Ann Hasson, Marian & Anthony O'Neill Patricia McCloskey		Olive O'Neill, Mary Conway, Betty McAteer
<b>Collectors</b>	Dermot O'Hara Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson Liam Campbell	Hugh Grieve, Jimmy Barry Murphy JT McCloskey

### First Holy Communion Congratulations

Congratulations to the P4 children of St Canice's PS, Feeny who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday.

**Prayer for Vocations** As we rejoice on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we pray for those being called to serve our parishes and diocese as priests who, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will make Jesus present to His people in the celebration of the Eucharist.

### 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.

**Dromantine Sunday: Family Fun Day** Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, Sunday 9 June, 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm. Attractions: Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Flower Demonstration by renowned florist Susan Turley, Vintage Tractors, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more! Admission £5 Donation per car. Everyone Welcome.

### Offertory Collection

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £570 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £855  
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £630

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.**

**Catechism/YouCat Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** – 15 June 2024. Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Do you want to know and share the catechism of the Catholic Church with your children? YouCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) is a faith training programme of the Christian faith for anyone who wants to learn more about what Catholics believe. YouCat is not just for young people but for anyone who wants to explore the Christian faith. To help you learn more about YouCat and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, you are invited to the Catechism/YouCat Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday, 15 June. The Catechism/YouCat Pilgrimage Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Papal Nuncio to Ireland, Most Reverend Luis Mariano Montemayor with homilist, Bishop of Ossory, Niall Coll. Choir music by the Mullingar Cathedral Choristers. No need to book. Details of the pilgrimage can be found at: [derrydiocese.org/news/youcat-pilgrimage](http://derrydiocese.org/news/youcat-pilgrimage) or contact Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin, National Co-Ordinator for Adult Catechism Studies in Ireland on 00353 (0)87 795 0325.

**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.

**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.

**New Webcam** has been installed in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen. Accessible through the Parish Website, it will be active during Mass times.

### Blessing of the Graves

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

**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.

### Feast Days this Week

**Monday: St Kevin** was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh, where he received his early religious formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled in Disert Caoimhghin at the foot of the upper lake, but disciples began to gather round him. Gradually the great monastic settlement grew and spread through the glen after his death in 618. The city of Glendalough later became a great centre of pilgrimage.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: St Charles & Companions** Many Christians, Catholic and Protestant, were killed by the Ugandan king Mwanga. Some of them were servants in the king's palace or even his personal attendants. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions (the youngest, Kizito, was only 13) were executed for being Christians, for, amongst other things, rebuking the king for his debauchery and his murder of an Anglican missionary, for "praying from a book". They died between 1885 and 1887. Within a year of their deaths, the number of catechumens in the country quadrupled. St Charles Lwanga is the patron of Catholic Action and of black African youth, and the Ugandan martyrs' feast day is a public holiday in Uganda.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June: St Boniface** For the first forty years of his life Boniface was known as Wynfrith. He was born in Devon and educated at the monastery at Exeter, and then joined the Benedictine abbey at Nursling, near Southampton. He was a teacher and preacher, but he desired to preach the gospel in a foreign land. In 718, Pope Gregory II commissioned him to do so, at the same time changing his name from Wynfrith to Boniface. Boniface left England and took the gospel to the heathen tribes of Germany, where he had great success. He was created Bishop of Mainz, and he founded or restored dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia. In his later years he worked with King Pepin the Short to reform the Frankish church, and at over seventy years old, set out to evangelize Friesland (part of modern Holland) where he was set upon and murdered, on 5 June 754. He is buried at Fulda, near Frankfurt, in the monastery he founded himself, and is honoured as the apostle of Germany.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** Devotion to the Sacred Heart, encouraged by mediaeval mystics and promoted by St Gertrude, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St John Eudes and others, represents a devotion to Jesus in his human nature, in particular referring to the heart as the seat of the emotions. 'Understood in the light of the scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ: Son of God, uncreated wisdom, infinite charity, principle of the salvation and sanctification of humankind' (Directory of Popular Piety and Liturgy, 166).

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: The Immaculate Heart of Mary** Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary began as early as the twelfth century. During the seventeenth century in France, St John Eudes popularised this devotion along with that to the Sacred Heart. St Luke's Gospel twice mentions that Mary 'kept all these things in her heart', pondering the word of God. Mary shows us how to listen to the words the Holy Spirit speaks to us in the depths of our hearts, and how to respond in faith.

**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, St Mary's Church, Altinure and St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen are available online. Please note that the first three rows of seats are visible online in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn, the first six rows of seats in St Mary's Church, Altinure and the front eight rows of seats in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen. Outside areas and the interiors of St Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St Mary's Church, Altinure are covered by CCTV.

**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.

### AN EXAM PRAYER

God stay close to me today  
Guide my study and light my way.  
Ease my nerves and comfort me  
with peace and love so tenderly.  
May I remember the things I need  
And understand all I study and read.  
May I strive to give my best  
And do myself justice in each test.  
May the topics I know and like appear  
On the exam paper to lessen my fear.  
And during the moments I feel stressed  
I'll try to remember the ways I'm blessed.  
And if there are times that I feel at sea,  
Help me to trust that you're here with me.  
Amen.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Mary's GAC, Banagher:** Lotto numbers for 28.5.24 were 3, 4, 9, 26. Winning £25 each were Micheal McWilliams, Patricia Devine, Nuala McLaughlin & Se Lynch. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £5,200.

**Foyle Hospice Female Walk/Run 2024:** This year's event will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am. Starting point: Catalyst Building finishing at St Columb's Park. If you are interested in taking part, you can register at: [www.register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Femalewalkrun2024](http://www.register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Femalewalkrun2024) or you can call into our Fundraising Department, located at Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, Derry. There is also the option to register on the day of the walk/run. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 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, Wednesday & Thursday:  
9.30am - 12.30pm.

**Mass is Live on the Webcam at [www.banagherparish.com](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 07593954973**