

PARISH OF BANAGHER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st September 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: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 8th September 2024

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

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

Confessions

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 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

Note of Thanks The Banagher Parish Community is beyond grateful to Fr Micheál for his constancy, counsel and care these past years. We count amongst our blessings Fr Micheál's unfailing spiritual guidance, wisdom, hard work and commitment to every aspect of Parish life. We wish Fr Micheál God's blessings and the very best of health in his new role as Parish Priest of the Three Patrons.

Welcome to Fr Dermot McGirr We extend our warmest welcome to Fr McGirr as our parish priest and offer the support of the entire parish community. May God bless you with good health, strength, joy and peace as we grow together in faith and work together for the good of our parish.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Isla Kate McMacken and Jude Og McLaughlin.

Blessing of the Graves

The Blessing of the Graves at St Mary's Church, Altinure will take place next Sunday 8th September. Mass at 10.30am is followed by a service of intercession in the graveyard. Please bring your own water.

Acknowledgement Fr Dermot would like to acknowledge the donation of £120 for the use of the hall after the funeral of Francie McCormick RIP.

Prayer for Vocations For those hoping to serve the diocese as priests, that they will do what the word of God tells them (St James, 2nd reading), and that they will honour the Lord and serve His people with hearts that are pure.

125 Years Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Mass This year we are celebrating 125 years of the foundation of Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart. Ulster Provincial Pioneer Council will hold their Mass on Sunday 8 September 2024 at 12.00noon in St Micheal's Church, Darling Street, Enniskillen. All Pioneers, Friends & Families are very welcome.

Blessing of Motorcycles All are very welcome to the blessing of motorcycles on Sunday 15th September in St Aengus' Church, Burt, Co. Donegal. 1:30 pm and then bike ride to RNLI Station, Ned's Point Buncrana for refreshments. Donations on the day in aid of RNLI. Fr Gerry Sweeney will be celebrating Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel, Dungiven, at 11:30 that Sunday morning: any and all bikers are welcome to come along to that Mass and then head to Burt straight after the brief blessing service.

Pilgrimage to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025, Flying with TAP airlines, also 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun. Contact James Treacy 00353 61921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com. Payments by instalments acceptable. LAST REMAINING SEATS!

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.

| September | St Joseph's Church, Fincairn | | St Mary's Church, Altinure |
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| | 7.00pm | 9.15am | 10.30am |
| Readers | Briege O'Neill | Mary Kathleen McDermott | Noeleen McGlinchey |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Joanne Donaghy | Geraldine McCloskey | Andrena O'Kane |
| Flowers | Bridget Kealey, Mary Forrester | | Briege McLaughlin |
| Cleaning | Margaret Carton, Angela Hasson | | Audrey McElhinney, Martina Moore |
| Counters | Ann Hasson, Marian & Anthony O'Neill Patricia McCloskey | | Philomena Conway, Sean Conway Karen Feeney |
| Collectors | Dermot Lynch Vincent McCloskey | Anthony O'Neill Patrick McGrellis | Martin Smyth, Eamon Feeney Patrick Conway |

Drumalis Courses Courses offered at Drumalis include Pathways Adult Faith Development Programme 2024/25 begins on Saturday, 12 October at Drumalis. The programme takes place one Saturday a month from 10 am – 4 pm between October and June. All are welcome. Past participants may also be interested in the new programme on offer for this coming year; 'Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living' (hosted by Drumalis via Zoom). This 20 session course via Zoom, commencing Monday 16th September until March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality and 'Rooted in Love' Zoom course, delivered over ten Thursday evening sessions from Sept 2024 to May 2025 – this course is ideal for anyone who has already completed Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living. If you would like to book a place or have any other queries, please contact Drumalis by email – drumalis@btconnect.com or by phone (028) 28272196/28276455 (Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm).

Feast Days this Week

Tuesday 3rd September: St Gregory the Great was born in Rome and followed the career of public service that was usual for the son of an aristocratic family, finally becoming Prefect of the City of Rome, a post he held for some years. He founded a monastery in Rome and some others in Sicily, then became a monk himself. He was ordained deacon and sent as an envoy to Constantinople, on a mission that lasted five years. He was elected Pope on 3 September 590, the first monk to be elected to this office. He reformed the administration of the Church's estates and devoted the resulting surplus to the assistance of the poor and the ransoming of prisoners. He negotiated treaties with the Lombard tribes who were ravaging northern Italy, and by cultivating good relations with these and other barbarians he was able to keep the Church's position secure in areas where Roman rule had broken down. His works for the propagation of the faith include the sending of Augustine and his monks as missionaries to England in 596, providing them with continuing advice and support and (in 601) sending reinforcements. He wrote extensively on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and designated himself "servant of the servants of God." He died on 12 March 604, but as this date always falls within Lent, his feast is celebrated on the date of his election as Pope.

Thursday 5th September: Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997) Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born into an Albanian family on 26 August 1910 at Skopje in Macedonia. She left home at the age of 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, where she received the name Sister Mary Teresa, after St Thérèse of Lisieux. In 1931 she was assigned to the order's Calcutta house and taught at their school there, where she eventually became headmistress. She received a new vocation to help the poor and destitute, and in 1948, obeying this call, she left the convent and took up a new life caring for them wherever they might be: lying sick in the street or even dying in dustbins. Some of her former pupils joined her, one by one, and the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was established in the Diocese of Calcutta in 1950, spreading across India and eventually onto every continent, even behind the Iron Curtain. Many related orders followed, involving men and women, clergy and laity, and both the active and the contemplative life. Mother Teresa died on 5 September 1997 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 19 October 2003 and canonized by Pope Francis on 4 September 2016. Mother Teresa's widespread appeal comes from the directness of her inspiration, and her direct response to it. Private letters, published posthumously in 2007, reveal that she had felt consumed by darkness and had been unable to feel the presence of God for the last half-century of her life. Despite that personal sense of darkness, she continued to radiate light for those in need.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

24th & 25th August 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1065 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £590

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Paralympic Games 2024 Best of luck to Dearbhaile Brady, Feeny's very own swimming legend as she continues her Paralympic journey in Paris. Dearbhaile's next event, her best and favourite, 50m Butterfly is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 3rd September at approximately 9.12am. For viewers in the North (RTE blocked on Sky), YouTube is showing events on their Paralympic Games Channels.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 27.8.24 were 11,12, 20 & 26. Winning £35 each was Kerry McNicholl, Michael McWilliams and Ryan McColgan. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £6,500.

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To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Anniversary Mass, please call Fr Dermot 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