

PARISH OF BANAGHER

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
15th September 2024**

Mass Times this Week

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 22nd September 2024

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

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

Confessions

St Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am

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

Baptism We welcome into God's family Niamh Patricia McCullagh.

Derry Diocesan Trust Job Opportunity

Parish Operations and Administration Manager in Three Patrons Parish 3 Year Fixed Term Contract with possible extension 30 – 35 Hours Per Week – Monday – Friday. For Job Description and Application Pack please contact the Diocesan Office on 71262302 or Email recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on Wednesday 18th September 2024. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

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.

BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW – TICKETS ON SALE!

Money raised will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and repair of our Churches.

A draw with 10 cash prizes will take place in October, November and December. 30 chances to win – ticket costs £30. Tickets on sale and available from the Sacristies of the Churches, Feeny Spar, Park Vivo, Mace Derrychrier & Sperrin View Bar. Thank you for your support!

Prayer for Vocations For those whom Jesus is calling to serve Him and His Church as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will have the courage to take up His invitation and follow Him, trusting that in losing their life for His sake they will discover a much richer life as His disciples, serving His people, embracing whatever challenges (crosses) priesthood may bring, but with faith and hope in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Blessing of Motorcycles All are very welcome to the blessing of motorcycles today 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 in aid of RNLI.

The Climate Crisis – what can we do? The Sisters of Mercy have invited Jane Mellett from Trócaire to facilitate a webinar on The Climate Crisis: Thursday 19 September, 7.30 pm. To register for this webinar, click the link <https://bit.ly/3XDKJct> and enter your name and address

SMA Novena 2024 In honour of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions: Monday 23 September to Tuesday 1 October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers at 10.00am & 7.30pm, SMA Chapel, Dromantine. All are welcome. You can also participate via webcam (www.sma.ie).

Irish Pilgrimage Trust Easter 2025 Pilgrimage: Applications are invited from young people with additional social, emotional, physical and learning needs aged 11-30 who are interested in travelling as guests to Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. Applications are also sought for carers aged 18+ who would be interested in accompanying guests on the trip. The trip is free for guests as volunteers complete fundraising and carers pay their own fare. Online applications are as follows: <https://form.jotform.com/212932685135054> - Guests and <https://form.jotform.com/211793062891056> for Carers. For more information, visit <https://www.irishpilgrimagetrust.com> or contact Siân at +44(0)7960211352.

Trócaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict in Sudan and Gaza. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

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.

**Banagher Parish Novena in Honour of
St Pio of Pietrelcina**

Saturday 21st September – Sunday 29th September

Opening of the Novena:

Saturday Vigil Mass 7pm, St Joseph's Church, Fincairn
Mass of the Anointing of the Sick.

Sunday 22nd September

7.30pm, St Joseph's Church, Fincairn
Devotions & Speaker – Bishop Donal McKeown

Monday – Friday

6.30am Early Morning Mass, St Joseph's Church, Fincairn

Monday 23rd September

9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Church, Fincairn
7.30pm, Devotions & Guest Speaker – Charlene McDaid

Tuesday 24th September

10.00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Altinure:
7.30pm, Devotions & Guest Speaker – Brendan McGinn

Wednesday 25th September

10.00am Mass, St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen
7.30pm Devotions & Guest Speaker – Nicola Mulryne

Thursday 26th September

10.00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Altinure
7.30pm, Devotions & Guest Speaker – Clare McGrath

Friday 27th September

9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Church, Fincairn
7.30pm, Devotions & Guest Speaker – Fr Bryan Shortall OFM

Saturday 28th September

10.00am Mass for the Dead, St Joseph's Church, Fincairn

Sunday 29th September

3.00pm, Closing Ceremony and Blessing of Roses & Candles, St Joseph's Church, Fincairn

Confessions Available Throughout

Feast Days this Week

Monday 9th September:

Saint Cyprian (210 – 258) was born in Carthage and spent most of his life in the practice of the law. He was converted to Christianity and was made bishop of Carthage in 249. He steered the church through troubled times, including the persecution of the emperor Decius, when he went into hiding so as to be able to continue looking after the church. In 258 the persecution of the emperor Valerian began. Cyprian was first exiled and then, on the 14th of September, executed. Cyprian's many letters and treatises shed much light on a formative period in the Church's history and are valuable both for their doctrine and for the picture they paint of a group of people in constant peril of their lives but still determined to keep the faith.

Pope St Cornelius (- 253) Cornelius was made bishop of the church in Rome in the year 251. He fought against the Novatian schismatics and established his authority with the aid of Cyprian. The emperor Gallus sent him into exile, and he died at Civitavecchia in June 253. He is buried in Rome.

Thursday 19th September: St Theodore of Tarsus (601 - 690) was born in Tarsus, in modern Turkey. A Greek by birth, he became a monk in Italy. He was not ordained priest until at the age of 65 he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Pope Vitalian. He arrived in England in 669 and spent the rest of his life reorganising and reforming the life of the Church throughout the country, holding visitations and synods, establishing new dioceses and a great school at Canterbury, and reconciling divisions between the Celtic and Roman ecclesiastical traditions. He died at Canterbury on 19 September 690. He is remembered for his scholarship and for bringing unity and organisation to a divided church.

Saturday 21st September: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist was born in Capernaum and was working as a tax-collector when Jesus called him. He is thought by some scholars to have written an early version of his gospel in Aramaic, a precursor to the Greek version we now have. He is also said to have preached in the East.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

7th & 8th September 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £940 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £1280

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

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 3.9.24 were 4, 14, 17 & 28. Winning £12 each was Micheal O'Neill, Micheal McGavigan, Bronagh O'Kane, Mary J McLaughlin, Naomi O'Hara, Mary Craig, Mary McGill, Caragh & Eabha Salvesen and Aisling McCloskey. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £6,600.

Learmount Community Development Group: Autumn Programme of classes and workshops continues. This incoming week in Park: **Monday 16th:** Time For Me 60+ Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Dementia Social Group: 11am - 1pm; Ladies Yoga: 7pm - 7.45pm; Men's Yoga: 8pm - 8.45pm; Art Class: 7.30pm - 8.30pm; **Tuesday 17th:** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; **Wednesday 18th:** Week 2 of Deed's Dementia training for Carers: 7pm - 9pm (Resource Centre); **Thursday 19th:** Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+ Club: 12pm - 2pm; **Friday 20th:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am; World Alzheimer's Day: Dementia information Event in Foyleside 11am - 1pm. Contact Karen or Barry on 028 77781881 for further information.

Feeny Community Centre New baby massage and reflexology classes starting Friday 4th October in Feeny Community Centre. Please contact Rosie for more details on 07749121208

Glenshane House, Dungiven Names now being taken for C&G L1 Computerised Accounts. Tel 028 777 42494.

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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