

PARISH OF BANAGHER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th 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: 7pm

Thursday: St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

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

Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 6th October 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

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound will take place at the following times this forthcoming week: Thursday – Park, Friday – Feeny Area. Please let Fr Dermot know if you would not like a visit this month by contacting the Parochial House on 028777 81223.

Acknowledgement Fr Dermot would like to acknowledge the very generous donation of £200 for the use of the hall after the funeral of Benny McCullagh RIP.

SVP Parish conference realise that the ongoing cuts to various funding and the range of cost-of living pressures will significantly impact on many in our Parish. The withdrawal of the winter fuel payment is just one of the government's recent decisions that will undoubtedly have a detrimental impact on many people. The rising living costs have also created additional financial burden. Help is available to assist should you encounter need. SVP Tel No 07593954973. We take this opportunity to again thank you sincerely for your continued support, your donations and contributions to the box collections in the churches.

Banagher Parish Novena in Honour of

St Pio of Pietrelcina

Saturday 21st September – Sunday 29th September

Sunday 29th September – Closing of the Novena

3.00pm Fincairn – Closing Ceremony and Blessing of Roses & Candles

Prayer for Vocations As the Liturgy of the Word for this Sunday's Mass challenges us all to be "prophets" and to work for the Lord, no matter what we do, we pray for those called to serve the Lord and the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry - our five current seminarians, those who hope to begin seminary studies in January, and all those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Catholic Mothers Ireland Retreat Day Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, Inspiring Talks, Holy Mass, Prayer and Confession on Lough Derg Island, Pettigo, Co. Donegal on Saturday 5th October 2024. This all-day Retreat will run from 10am – 5pm. Email catholicmothers@outlook.ie for more information or to book your place.

Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast - Sunday Masses The Catholic Chaplaincy reopened earlier this month in its temporary premises at No. 42 University Road, offering facilities including a Chapel with daily Mass, study space and Cafe. More on our programme and services can be found at our website qubcatholic.org. The first Sunday Mass of the semester takes place this Sunday, 29 September at 8pm (with Choir) in the Canada Room of the University's historic Lanyon Building. Our Annual Dedication of Studies Mass takes place in the University's Great Hall next Sunday, 6 October at 8pm and will be presided over by recent alumnus, Fr Chris Gault OP. Students, staff, alumni and friends are most welcome to join us as we pray God's blessing on the academic community at Queen's for the year ahead.

Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese of Derry The Holy Relics of St Bernadette are currently on pilgrimage from Lourdes to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in Ireland during September and October. The relics will visit St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, from 2:00pm on Sunday 13 October to Monday 14 October. This very special, once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their own diocese. Full programme of times of viewing can be found at derrydiocese.org

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

21st & 22nd September 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1075

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £540

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.

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 our Church Sacristies, Feeny Spar, Park Vivo, Mace Derrychrier & Sperrin View Bar. Thank you for your support!

Feast Days this Week

Monday 30th September: St Jerome (340 - 420) was born in Strido, in Dalmatia. He studied in Rome and was baptised there. He was attracted by the ascetic life and travelled to the East, where he was (unwillingly) ordained a priest. He was recalled to Rome to act as secretary to Pope Damasus, but on the Pope's death he returned to the East, to Bethlehem, where (with the aid of St Paula and others) he founded a monastery, a hospice, and a school, and settled down to the most important work of his life, the translation of the Bible into Latin, a translation which, with some revisions, is still in use today. He wrote many works of his own, including letters and commentaries on Holy Scripture. When troubled times came upon the world, through barbarian invasions; and to the Church, through internal dissension, he helped the refugees and those in need. He died at Bethlehem.

Tuesday 1st October: Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1873 - 1897) was born Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin in Alençon, in NW France, on 2 January 1873. After the death of her mother, the family moved to Lisieux where, at 15 years old, Thérèse became a nun at the Carmelite convent there. The superior insisted that she was too young, but Thérèse convinced her otherwise. Thérèse died of tuberculosis at the age of 24; another forgotten nun, you could easily say: "born, was good, died". In 1898, Thérèse's memoirs were published in a small edition of 2,000. This was the first spark that ignited a "storm of glory" that swept the world. Miracles started to happen, conversions, cures, even apparitions. 100 years after Thérèse's death, Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church, joining St Catherine of Siena and St Teresa of Ávila. Thérèse's 'The Story of a Soul' is still in print in most languages.

Derry Diocesan Trust

Parish Operations and Administration Manager in Parishes of Desertegney & Lower Fahan (Buncrana) and Burt, Inch & Fahan 34.5 Hours Per Week 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Thursday, 9.00am – 4.30pm Friday. 3 Year Fixed Term Contract with possible extension. 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 email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on 16th October 2024. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. *We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

October	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Pauline McGrellis	Sheena McGrellis	Leo Devine
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Breige O'Neill	Catherine Devine
Flowers	Bridie McErlean		Corrine Coyle
Cleaning	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Catherine Ball, Emma O'Donnell
Counters	Liam & Siobhan Campbell, Briege O'Neill Peter McCullagh		Olive O'Neill, Mary Conway Betty McAteer
Collectors	Dermot O'Hara Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson Liam Campbell	Hugh Grieve, Jimmy Barry Murphy JT McCloskey

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 24.9.24 were 1, 4, 8 & 2. Winning £20 each was Siobhan Guy, Edith McGroarty, Lesley Craig, Jim O'Hara and Ann McCullagh. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £6,900.

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

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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**