PARISH OF BANAGHER

Sunday of Advent – 8th December 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 December 2024
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil
St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12.00pm Noon

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

Christmas Confessions
Thursday 19th December: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm
Friday 20th December: St Patrick's Church, Claudy: 7.00pm
Sunday 22nd December: St Patrick's Church, Dungiven: 5.00pm

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

Banagher Parish December Cash Prize Draw takes place on Friday 20th December. Thank you to all for your support. Money raised will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and repair of our Churches.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

7th & 8th December 2024
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £460 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £745
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £573.80

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.

Christmas Carols by Candlelight The Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother at Crossroads, Killygordon, invite you to Christmas Carols by Candlelight followed by Live Crib at 5pm, at St Patrick's Church, Crossroads, Killygordon, on Sunday 15 December. Hot Chocolate will be served! Everyone is welcome.

Derry City GOAL Mile Walk The annual Derry City GOAL Mile Walk will take place on Thursday December 26, leaving from Sainsbury's car park at 12 noon. The GOAL Mile is an opportunity for local people to walk in solidarity and show support for those struggling to survive in countries ravaged by war, famine, disease and the effects of climate change. There are no administrative costs associated with the GOAL Mile so every penny raised will go directly to supporting the charity's work with the poorest of the poor. Irish humanitarian charity GOAL is currently working in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Niger, Uganda, Sudan, Colombia, Haiti and Honduras.

Prayer for Vocations With St Paul we pray for our diocesan seminarians and those discerning their vocation, that "...the peace of God will guard [their] hearts and thoughts..."

Invitation to 33 Days of Family Prayer: Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary, as part of a diocesan programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pilgrims of Hope. It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at 7.00pm, starting on Thursday 9 January 2025 and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday 11 February 2025. Bishop McKeown explains, "It is a journey I set out to make to entrust myself and my priesthood to Christ through the Mother of God. I extend an invitation to you and your families from the parishes of the diocese to join me". Details & times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at derrydiocese.org/consecration

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops January – June 2025 January 24th/25th 2025; February 21st/22nd 2025; March 28th/29th 2025; April 11th/12th 2025; May 30th/31st 2025 & June 20th/21st 2025. All courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com. Please note that ALL of these courses are in person and NOT virtual.

Children in Crossfire provide access to education, nutrition, healthcare and safe, clean water for highly vulnerable children in Tanzania and Ethiopia. They are currently seeking support for their 2024 Advent Appeal, which focuses on children growing up in deep poverty in inner-city Dar es Salaam. Packs are available at the doors of the chapel.

Aid to the Church in Need CN is making an urgent appeal for prayer and support for the Christian community and all residents of Aleppo, Syria, who are facing a worsening humanitarian crisis. How you can help: Pray: Ask your parish, community and family to pray for Aleppo, and for peace in Syria. Donate: Your contributions will provide vital resources for food, shelter & medical care. Please visit https://www.acnireland.org/syria-emergency-appeal.

Mary's Meals Double the Love Appeal Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, your little acts of love can bring hope to desperately hungry children with a daily school meal with Mary's Meals. At this time, all donations made to Mary's Meals are being doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £900,000. Please keep us in your prayers during this Advent season that we can reach even more children around the world with our life-changing school meals this Christmas. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk or freephone 0800 698 1212.

Derry Diocesan Trust Job Opportunities

Parish of Buncrana
Administrative Assistant
16 Hours Per Week
1 Year Fixed Term Contract with Possibility of Extension
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 December 2024.

Parish of Fahan
Administrative Assistant
16 Hours Per Week
1 Year Fixed Term Contract with Possibility of Extension
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 December 2024.

For job descriptions and application packs for all of the job opportunities above, please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org.

Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer**.**
We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 led by Bishop Donal McKeown, Monday 30 June - Friday 4 July, leaving from City of Derry Airport. Price £849 plus insurance (single supp. if required. The Pilgrimage Office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry will be open for booking on Saturday 1 February 2025, 11.00am - 1.00pm (and Saturdays & Thursdays after 1st Feb). Gift Vouchers are now available from the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Also, enquiries can be made by email to derrypilgrim@outlook.com

DECEMBER DRAW WINNERS

£2,000 – Bernie & Laura Millar, Feeny
£1,000 – John & Mary O'Donnell 17 Altinure Cottages, Park
£500 – Ruairi McSorley 198 Altinure Road Park
£200 – Rosaleen Pickering
£200 – Barry Hasson 68 Main Street Feeny
£200 – Mary Cartin 58 Gortscreghan Road Claudy
£200 – Colleen Moore Dreen Park
£200 – Sally O'Kane 96 Umrycam Road Park
£200 – John Sheerin 341 Foreglen Road
£200 – Mary B Mullan 19 Main Street Feeny

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 10.12.2024 were 3, 11, 12, & 25. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £1200.

Learmount Community Development Group: This incoming week in Park: **Mon 16th**: Park Deed's Dementia Social Morning: Visit to St. Mary's Primary School Altinure & Christmas party: from 11am; Art Class with Sheila: 7.30pm - 9.30pm: **Tues 17th**: Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; **Wed 18th:** Graveyard Arrangement Class with Olena: 7pm; **Thurs 19th**: Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; **Friday 20th**: Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am. For further info on any of our classes, groups or events, contact Karen or Min at the Community Centre on 028 77781881 or 07592 995229 or email: admin@learmountgroup.org or / and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.
~The Community Centre and Resource Centre will be closed for the holidays from Monday 23rd December until Monday 6th January 2025.
Karen and Min and everyone at the Learmount Community Development Group would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year and wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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.

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.

PARISH CLERGY

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CONTACT US
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