

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## The Epiphany of the Lord – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Mass Times this Week

#### Monday: The Epiphany of the Lord

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.15am  
 St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am  
 St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7:00pm

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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025- The Baptism of Our Lord

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.

### THE EPIPHANY

'The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation' (CCC, 528).

### EVENING PRAYER OF THE EPIPHANY

Three wonders mark this day we celebrate:  
 today the star led the Magi to the manger;  
 today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast;  
 today Christ desired to be baptised by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation, alleluia.  
 (Magnificat antiphon of Evening Prayer)

January	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Pauline McGrellis	Liam Campbell	Noeleen McGlinchey
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Lynch	Briege O'Neill	Seamus McCaul
Flowers	Pauline McGrellis		Sinead Wilson & Miriam Lockhart
Cleaning	Bernie Lynch, Kathleen Lynch & Carol Anne McGinty		Marie Conway
Counters	Siobhan Campbell & Liam Campbell, Pat McCullagh, Bernie McCullagh, Vincent McCloskey Geraldine McCloskey, Pauline MCGrellis		Philomena Conway, Sean Conway, Karen Feeney
Collectors	Dermot Lynch, Sean Roe McCloskey	Anthony O'Neill, Patrick McGrellis	Eamon Feeney, Patrick Conway

**Wedding** Congratulations to Fionnuala Duffy and Darragh Mullan who were married recently.

**Prayer for Vocations** At the start of this new year and Jubilee of Hope we ask God's blessing on our seminarians and those discerning their vocation, remembering especially Gary Duddy, Gerry Friel, and Gary White as they begin their propaedeutic studies in Salamanca. With St Paul in our second reading this weekend, we pray: "May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit."

**Children in Crossfire** would like to thank everyone for supporting their Advent Appeal this year, which will help children in inner-city Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. If you wish to donate, please remember to bring your box/envelope back to the chapel sacristy from the weekend of 4th & 5th January onwards. Any support you can give is greatly appreciated.

**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](http://derrydiocese.org/consecration)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com).

**Aid to the Church in Need** ACN is making an urgent appeal for prayer and support for the Christian community and all residents of Burkina Faso, where Islamist terrorism has forced over 2,000 schools to close. Despite the violence, the Catholic Church continues to teach. Your prayers are asked for those in need in 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 [www.acnireland.org/syria-emergency-appeal](http://www.acnireland.org/syria-emergency-appeal).

### Feast Days in the Coming Week

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January:

**St Raymond of Penyafort**, 1175 – 1275, was born near Barcelona somewhere between 1175 and 1180. Educated at the University of Barcelona, he became a brilliant lawyer and taught canon law there for fifteen years. After a spell at the University of Bologna he returned to Barcelona in 1222 and, at the age of forty-seven, became a Dominican. At the command of Pope Gregory IX he organised, codified and edited canon law, which, when he started, was nothing better than a chaotic accumulation of isolated decrees. He was elected to be General of the Dominicans and gave the order an excellent set of regulations for its better governance. He became Archbishop of Tarragona. He died in 1275. Among his works, the Summa casuum is noteworthy. This gives guidance as to how the sacrament of Penance may be administered justly and with benefit to the penitent.

**St André Bessette**, 1845 – 1937, was born in Québec and joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1872: the parish priest sent this functionally illiterate, frail young man to the Congregation with the words "I am sending you a saint". He had great confidence in Saint Joseph and recommended prayer to him to all who were sick. So many were cured that Brother André himself was acclaimed as a miracle-worker, and when he died on 6 January 1937, a million people filed past his coffin. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January: St Nathalan**, or Nachlan or Nauchlan, was born in the village of Tullich (now in Aberdeenshire), for which he was eventually appointed bishop. As well as the church in Tullich, he also built churches at Bothelim and Colle. He possessed a large estate, which he cultivated and distributed his harvest generously to the poor. He was one of the apostles of the region. He died in 678.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January: St Adrian of Canterbury** Feeling called to the monastic life, Adrian left his native North Africa and joined the Benedictines in Italy. Renowned for his scholarship and holiness, he was elected abbot of his monastery and later nominated archbishop of Canterbury. Out of humility he declined the appointment to archbishop, but

volunteered to go to England as a missionary. He endured various trials and even imprisonment on his journey to Canterbury, since he was taken for a spy. Once in England, he was appointed abbot of the monastery of Sts Peter and Paul where he lived for 39 years, actively involved in preaching and education. He died in 710.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

#### 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1180      St Mary's Church, Altinure: £750

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**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 31.12.2024 were 8,15, 18 & 26. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £1500.

### PARISH CLERGY

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**The Parish Office** opening hours next week: Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

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