

PARISH OF BANAGHER

The Baptism of the Lord – 12th January 2025

Mass Times this Week

Monday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.15am

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 19th January 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12pm 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

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.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Tony McCaul, Ard na Smoll, Dungiven; Patsy Colgan, Altmover Road, Foreglen; Bridie Lindsay, Altinure Cottages, Park and Bridgette Gallagher, Glenedra Road, Feeny who were buried recently.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for happy repose of the soul of Fr Seamus O'Connell in St Patrick's Church, Glen on Monday 13th of January at 7.30pm.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Reuben Thomas Patrick Murphy and Odhran Joseph Duffy.

Prayer for Vocations As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which marked the beginning of His public life and ministry, we pray that each of us will respond positively to the universal call to holiness, thinking especially of those the Lord is inviting to serve His people as priests of the diocese of Derry.

Children in Crossfire Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Crossfire's Advent Appeal and who are helping to provide vital education, nutrition and healthcare to young children living in poverty in inner city Dar es Salaam. Contributions/boxes can still be returned to the sacristy, before or after masses.

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 from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at derrydiocese.org/consecration

Catholic Schools Week 2025 begins on Sunday 19 January and continues until Saturday 25 January. The theme for this year is 'Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese, the Eucharist will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Thursday 16 January at 10.00am and everyone is welcome to attend. The national resource pack with ideas to help schools and parishes celebrate this week is available online at Catholic Schools Week 2025 – Alive in Christ! | Catholic Education Partnership

Book Launch celebrating the Life of Dr Tom McGinley – Founder of the Foyle Hospice. Wednesday 29th January at 7.15pm - Doors open from 6.45pm. FREE ENTRY. St Columb's Hall, Orchard Street, Derry BT48 6EG. Booking essential at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stcolumbshall. The new book is written by Dr Keith Munro £15 per book (cash only, please), Proceeds to Foyle Hospice

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.

Aid to the Church in Need Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome May 7-12, 2025 CAN invite you to join them in the Eternal City to walk in the footsteps of the first martyrs of the Church as we join with Pope Francis and ACN friends from all over the world to commemorate the 'Martyrs of Our Times.' The Pope will grant a special audience to ACN friends and benefactors and lead us in a special prayer vigil at the Colosseum on May 7-12, 2025. For info visit <https://www.acnireland.org/marian-pilgrimage>

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.

Derry Diocesan Trust Job Opportunities

Cook

Parish of Templemore - St Columba's, Long Tower

12 hours per week – Permanent Part Time
(Monday – Thursday 11.00 a.m. to 2.00pm)

For job description and application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone (028) 7126 2302 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 **Monday 20th January 2025**.

Priest Living in Buncrana Part Time Housekeeper

This is a part time position with the hours stipulated below:
9 hours per week – Friday to Sunday - 2.00pm to 5.00pm

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

Feast Days in the Coming Week

Wednesday 15th January: St Ita was born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life and founded a monastery in Kileedy, Co. Limerick, attracting a great variety of young people. She was given the title of 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland'. She died in 570.

Thursday 16th January: St Fursa was one of the great Irish missionaries. He went first to East Anglia with his brothers Foillan and Ultan. As great numbers continued to visit him there he left Foillan as abbot and went to Lagny in France around 644. He died about 650 at Merzerolles and was buried in Peronne which became a great centre of devotion for him.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

4th & 5th January 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £530 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £950
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £474.90

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

Learmount Community Development Group: This incoming week in Park: **Monday 13th:** Park Deed's Dementia Social Morning: 11am - 1pm; Time for me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Art Class with Sheila: 7.30pm - 9.30pm; Ladies Yoga: 7 - 7.45pm; Men's Yoga: 8 - 8.45pm; **Tuesday 14th :** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; **Wednesday 15th:** Learmount Gardening Club: 11am; **Thursday 16th:** Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+Luncheon Club: 12pm - 2pm; **Friday 17th:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am. For further information on any of our classes, groups or events, contact Karen or Min at the Community Centre on 028 77781881 or email: admin@learmountgroup.org or / and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 7.1.2025 were 8,12, 20 & 2. Winning £50 each was Gavin McLaughlin & Dee McGrellis. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £1600.

Lumen Christi College Open Evening Prospective pupils and their parents/carers are invited to visit Lumen Christi College for the annual Open Evening on Tuesday 14th January 2025 between 4.00pm and 6.30pm. Principal's Address: 4.00pm in College Assembly Hall. Guided tours of departments will be provided by pupils. Parents of current pupils will be available to share their experience with visitors. Details accessible on the College website-www.lumenchristiccollege.co.uk

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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.

The 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: 075 9395 4973