

PARISH OF BANAGHER

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th January 2025

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 26th January 2025

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 & Housebound will take place at the following times this forthcoming week/early next week: Thursday – Park, Friday – Feeny Area and Monday – Foreglen 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 generous donation from the French family for the use of the hall after the funeral of Gerry French RIP.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Conal Canice Joseph Guy and Robin Kevin McNutt.

Prayer for Vocations As we pray for the grace to use our God-given gifts as God would wish us to use them, we pray in particular for those called to use them as priests in the service of the parishes and people of our diocese.

Children in Crossfire are thrilled with the kind support received so far for their Advent Appeal and extend their sincere thanks to everyone who donated or volunteered to help. They will now count up all contributions and let us know how much was raised soon. If you missed the collection and would still like to help, you can donate via this link. Please note our parish name in the comment section. www.childrenincrossfire.org/donate-advent

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 began online on Thursday 9 January 2025 on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, at 7.00pm, and will continue each evening until the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, on 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 today, 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

Exhibition of Icons To celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Christ Church, along with The Association of Iconographers Ireland, invite you to an Exhibition of Icons in St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry, BT48 7ER from Monday 20 January to Wednesday 22 January 2025 from 10.30am to 8.30pm. Entry to the exhibition is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you: are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14 July to 18th July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org 00 44 2871264087

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.

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
and

Part Time Housekeeper

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12 hours per week Monday to Thursday 2.00pm to 5.00pm

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 02871262302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org.

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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.

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 and 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>

Feast Days in the Coming Week

Monday 20th January: St Fabian had been pope for fourteen years when he was martyred under Decius in the year 250.

Wednesday 22nd January: St Vincent, deacon of the church in Saragossa, Spain, martyred in Valencia in 304 after prolonged torture.

Friday 24th January: St Frances de Sales, 1567 – 1622, Bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron saint of writers, editors and journalists.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

11th & 12th January 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1135 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £885
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £422

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: **Monday 20th:** 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 21st:** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; **Thursday 23rd:** Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+Luncheon Club: 12pm - 2pm; **Friday 24th:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am; **Saturday 25th:** Launch of the LARCH Project and official reopening of Park Community Hall; 2pm - 4pm; **Sunday 26th:** Dachshund dog walk: leaving from the Community Centre at 1pm with refreshments afterwards.

~ **Saturday 25th January 2025** sees the official re-opening of Park Community Hall and the launch of the LARCH Project. Everyone is very welcome to attend but booking is ESSENTIAL for catering purposes. For further info., contact Karen or Min at the Community Centre on 028 77781881 or email: admin@learmountgroup.org or on Facebook & Instagram.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 14.1.2025 were 15, 20, 25 & 26. Winning £50 each was Tanya McKinney & Colly Hasson. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot £1,700.

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.

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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.

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