

PARISH OF BANAGHER

The Presentation of the Lord – 2nd February 2025

Mass Times this Week

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

Monday: St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **11.00am**

***St Peter's & St Paul's Primary School Mass – All Welcome**

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 9th February 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.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for happy repose of the soul of Brigette Gallagher in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 8th of February at 7.30pm.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for happy repose of the soul of Bridie Lindsay in St Mary's Church, Altinure on Sunday 9th of February at 10.30am.

Acknowledgement Fr Dermot would like to acknowledge the generous donation from for the use of the hall after the funeral of Brigette Gallagher RIP.

The Net This month's publication of the Net magazine is available now in chapels and online at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-january-2025> It features an interview with our Banagher Parish newcomer!

Prayer for Vocations For an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood - that those called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry will, like Jesus, be "compassionate and trustworthy" ministers of God's love, forgiveness, and mercy.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Eire Madge Devine.

Invitation to 33 Days of Family Prayer: Bishop McKeown continues to lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary. This nightly prayer begins the diocese's programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pilgrims of Hope and is delivered online via the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at 7.00pm, 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". Further details can be viewed at derrydiocese.org/consecration

SPARK: A weekend of fun, faith and friendship for 12-16 year olds Do you know a young person who would like to build their faith and make new friends? Spark is a weekend experience which follows core themes from YouCat, as well as stories of role models such as Bl. Carlo Acutis and Sr. Clare Crockett, to help young people learn about their faith, while making friends and hopefully having a bit of fun in the process! When? February 21st - 23rd, 2025. Where? Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry. How to Book or find out more? Text or WhatsApp Brendan on +353 86 8067973 or Vivienne on +44 7935 007351. Cost? €80/£70 per person (to cover food and board). Spark is fully endorsed by Bishop McKeown and supported by local diocesan priests. Our adult volunteers are fully vetted and we take safeguarding very seriously. Places are limited and allocated on a first come basis.

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 ACN 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>

Fatima Pilgrimage Flying direct from Belfast International Airport. 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 28th May/4th June. Spiritual Director Fr Antony Connelly CP. Convenient flight times. £849pps. For further details contact Joe Catney 07776425631. Also 30th July/6th August.

Offertory Collection

January 25th & 26th 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £670

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £430

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.

Derry Diocesan Office Job Opportunities

Diocesan Trust Officer

35 hours per week; Permanent

Job Purpose

The Diocesan Trust Officer reports to the Bishop of Derry and liaising with the Executive Director supports the aims and objectives of Derry Diocesan Trust. The main areas of responsibility will include finance, payroll, and HR administration.

For application packs 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 **Friday 14th February 2025**

Administrative Officer

21 hours (3 days per week); Permanent

Job Role

Reporting to the Executive Director, Derry Diocesan Trust is recruiting an Administrative Officer to assist in the smooth running of Derry Diocesan Trust. The post requires the individual to be self-motivated, confident and competent in written and oral communication and to be an effective organiser. The postholder will be expected to demonstrate initiative and discretion whilst carrying out duties. For application packs 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 **Friday 14th February 2025**

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

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage – San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Assisi and Cascia. 17th – 24th September 2025. 7 Nights flying from Dublin to Bari, including visits to the Tombs of Blessed Carlo Acutis, St Francis, St Clare and St Pio. Visit the first Eucharistic Miracle of the Catholic Church in Lanciano and the Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto. Comprehensive Travel insurance is EXTRA. Cost £1,229 PPS. Single room supplement is £350.00 EXTRA. Spiritual Director: Fr Ciaran Dallat. £300.00 deposit secures a seat. For further details contact: Jean Reynolds 07729 402311 or email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

Feast Days in the Coming Week

Monday 3rd February: St Blaise Bishop of Sebaste martyred in Armenia, probably early in the fourth century. Devotion to him spread throughout the Church during the Middle Ages. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he was particularly invoked for disorders of the throat. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us, and for the sick.

Friday 7th February: St Mel died in 488. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Saint Patrick, his uncle, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He is one of the earliest Irish saints and gave the religious veil to Saint Brigid.

Saturday 8th February: St Josephine Bakhita (1869 - 1947) was born near Jebel Agilere in South Darfur (Sudan). Kidnapped when still very young, she experienced the cruelty of slavery as she was sold several times in slave markets of Africa. She was rescued by an Italian family and brought to Italy where she became a Christian but also felt the call to consecrate her life to God as a sister. She entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity and lived the rest of her life at Schio, a small village near Vicenza. She died on 8 February 1947.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group: This incoming week in Park: **Monday 3rd:** 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 4th:** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; Couch 2 5K: Wk2 session 3: Meet at Craighane walkway: 7pm; **Thursday 6th:** Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+ Luncheon Club: 12pm - 2pm; Couch 2 5K: Wk2 session 4: Meet at Craighane Walkway: 7pm; **Friday 7th:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am. ***Please note** that the rescheduled reopening of Park Community Hall and launch of the LARCH Project will now take place on Saturday 22nd February from 2pm - 4pm with the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council in attendance. Everyone very welcome. 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 28.1.2025 were 10, 16, 18 & 25. Winning £50 each was Bernie Millar & Norma McCullagh. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £1,900.

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.

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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