

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 14th September 2025

Mass Times

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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 21st September 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 First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the souls of Benny McCullough RIP in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 20th September at 7.00pm.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound will take place on Monday afternoon in Foreglen; on Tuesday afternoon in Carnanbane & on Thursday in Altinure. Please contact Fr Dermot/Parochial House on 028 777 81223 if you would not like a visit this month.

Adult Safeguarding Training We have invited Mrs Briega O'Neill, Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the Diocese of Derry to facilitate Adult Safeguarding Training. Adult Safeguarding Training is relevant to clergy, sacristans, church secretaries, adult prayer groups, senior choir leaders, Legion of Mary volunteers, members of St Vincent de Paul and Eucharistic Ministers to those people confined to their homes/nursing homes and all those in the parish who are interested in Safeguarding Adults at risk and in need of protection. Training will take place on **Monday 22nd September** in Fincairn Hall at 7.00pm. If you are interested in attending this training, please contact the parish office on 028 777 81223 or leave your name in the sacristy by **Wednesday 17th September**.

September	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Briega O'Neill	Mary Kathleen McDermott	Noeleen McGlinchey
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Lynch	Geraldine McCloskey	Andrena O'Kane
Flowers	Bridget Kealey		Briega McLaughlin
Cleaning	Margaret Cartin, Angela Hasson		Audrey McElhinney, Martina Moore
Counters	Ann Hassan, Marian & Anthony O'Neill, Patricia McCloskey		Philomena Conway, Sean Conway, Karen Feeney
Collectors	Dermot Lynch Vincent McCloskey	Anthony O'Neill Patrick McGrellis	Martin Smyth, Eamon Feeney Patrick Conway

ACCORD Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops form September to November 2025 September 26th & 27th 2025; October 17th and 18th 2025 & November 7th and 8th 2025. All of the above courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual.

Welcome Back to Chaplaincy The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens on Monday 15 September at 42 University Road, with weekday Masses resuming and Sunday evening Mass back on 21 September at 8.00pm in the Canada Room, Lanyon Building. Our full programme returns—Awaken, Blest, Bible study, Canticle Choir, Frassati Fellowship, QUB Trócaire, Order of Malta and Thomistic Institute lectures. Whether new or returning, come and join us at Mosaic Café, in the Chapel, or the Common Room—a place to meet, pray and belong. For more visit qubcatholic.org

Current Vacancies - Derry Diocesan Trust

Sacristan, Three Patrons Parish, Derry

12 Hours per week in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh

Choir Director & Organist, Long Tower Parish, Derry

2.5 hours per week in St Columba's Church, Long Tower

Housekeeper, Clonmany Parish

15 hours per week

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP; email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org or tel 028 7126 2302. 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

12 Noon on Monday 29th September 2025.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Seamus Heaney Evening On 1 November, Professor Michael Parker and Dr Gary Wade will deliver a lecture at Homeplace, Bellaghy, on 'Remembrances: Forms of Memory in Seamus Heaney's Writing'. There will be a discussion of Gary's recently published book *Seamus Heaney and Catholicism* (Cambridge University Press, 2025). Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased at <https://seamusheaneyhome.com/upcoming-events/>

Abide in His Love Women's Conference commencing November 21st to 23rd 2025 in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. An Amazing event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check out Eventbrite for tickets & more information.

Trócaire Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we'd love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

Feast Days this Week

Monday 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows flourished in the Middle Ages, and the hymn *Stabat Mater* was composed for it. Although it is officially celebrated today, the day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, popular devotion in many parts of the Mediterranean celebrates it with processions on the Friday before Holy Week.

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, St. Mary's Church, Altinure and St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen are available online. Please note that the first three rows of seats are visible online in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen, and the first six rows of seats in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

6th & 7th September 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,255 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £1,375

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.

Organ Donation Week – 22 -29 September: Organ Donation Week is a time dedicated to remembering and giving thanks to people who have enabled the "Gift of Life" to others by donating organs to those in need of life changing transplants. This week is an opportunity to have a conversation with your family, share your thoughts and decisions. You Could Be A Life Saver. Further information: www.organdonationni.info

Learmount Community Development Group: Week commencing **Monday 15th:** Time For Me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Deed's Dementia Social Group: 11am - 1pm, Go Succeed Rural Business Roadshow: 6.30pm; Ladies' Yoga: 7pm-8pm (Park Hall); Men's Yoga: 8pm-8.45pm; **Tuesday 16th:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW: 2pm - 4pm; **Wednesday 17th:** Learmount Book Club: 8pm; **Thursday 18th:** Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group: 12pm - 2pm; Learmount Book Club: 8pm; **Friday 19th:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am; Trip to the Ulster American Folk Park: bus departing Learmount Resource Centre at 10am.

Dates for your diary: Thursday 25th September: Ladies Social Evening: Nutrition & wellbeing for 50 plus ladies including cooking demonstration with Janice Tracey Nutrition; **Friday 26th September:** History workshop with Nigel Hagon: 'The unknown warrior, boy soldiers and remembrance': To book any of our classes/trips/workshops or for further information, contact Karen or Min on 02877781881 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.org.

Glenshane House, Dungiven AWARE NI - 6 week programme 'Living Life to the Full' starts on Wednesday, 15th October from 10 am - 12 pm. Dealing with emotional and mental well-being. Course is free. To book a place Tel 028 777 42494

Rachel's Vineyard Have you been affected or hurt by abortion? If so, please contact Michelle on 07871765181.

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: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com
SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973**