

PARISH OF BANAGHER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
21st September 2025

Mass Times

Mass Times:

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 28th September 2025

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil
St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12.00pm 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 Patsy Murphy, 33 Glenedra Road, Coolnamonan, who was buried during the week.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Lilly Grieve, RIP, in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 27th September at 7.00pm.

A Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Corey Watson, RIP, in St. Mary's Church, Altinure on Sunday 28th September at 10.30am.

Adult Safeguarding Training We have invited Mrs Briega O'Neill, Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the Diocese of Derry to facilitate Adult Safeguarding Training. Training will take place on **this Monday 22nd September** in Fincairn Hall at 7.00pm. If you are interested in attending this training, please contact the parish office on 028 7778 1223 or leave your name in the sacristy by **Wednesday 17th September**.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Dates 2026

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St. Mary's P.S., Altinure: Saturday 28th February at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

St. Canice's P.S., Feeny and St. Peter's & St. Paul's, P.S., Foreglen: Saturday 28th February at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

• First Holy Communion Dates 2026 •

St. Peter's & St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen: Saturday 2nd May at 11.00am in St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen.

St. Mary's P.S., Altinure: Saturday 9th May at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

St. Canice's P.S., Feeny: Saturday 30th May at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound will take place in Feeny on Thursday. Please contact Fr Dermot/Parochial House on 028 7778 1223 if you would not like a visit this month.

Prayer for Vocations We pray that our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will be found worthy of the great things entrusted to them by the Lord.

Youth 2000 Prayer Group at Lavey Parochial house (opposite Lavey chapel) every Friday evening at 7.30pm. For ages 16-35. For more info, please contact Gemma on 079 3479 1188.

SMA Novena 2025 in honour of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions: Tuesday 23rd September to Wednesday 1st October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers at 10.00am and 7.30pm. SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, via webcam (www.sma.ie)

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.

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.

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.

Rise and Shine Trust (Formally known as The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) Easter 2026 Pilgrimage:

Applications are invited from young people with additional social, emotional, physical and learning needs aged 11-30 who are interested in travelling as guests to Lourdes with the Rise and Shine Trust. The trip is free to Guests travelling with the Group. The application form is available at <https://form.jotform.com/212932685135054> or visit riseandshine.ie Closing date for applications 15th October 2025. Applications are also sought for carers aged 18+ who would be interested in accompanying guests on the trip. Carers applications at riseandshine.ie. For more information, visit www.riseandshine.ie or please feel free to contact Sian (079 6021 1352) or Róisín (00353 86 338 0328).

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

13th & 14th September 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £845 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £650
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £495

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

Organ Donation Week – 22nd–29th 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 22nd September:** Time For Me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Deed's Dementia Social Group: 11am - 1pm; Ladies' Yoga: 7pm-8pm (Park Hall); Men's Yoga: 8pm-8.45pm ; **Tuesday 23rd September:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW: 2pm - 4pm; **Thursday 25th September:** Painting For Pleasure: 10.30am-12.30pm; Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group: 12pm - 2pm; Ladies Social Group with nutritionist Janice Tracey: 7pm (Community Centre); **Friday 26th September:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am; Learmount History Group: 7.30pm; **Saturday 27th September:** Kid's Mini PAC Club: 10am - 11am; Kids PAC Club: 11.30am - 1pm. To book any of our classes/trips/workshops or for further information, contact Karen or Min on 028 7778 1881 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.org.

Park Village's 'Community Christmas Market' Sunday 30th November: 11am until 3pm in Park Community Hall. For Crafters, Makers and Bakers - Come along to join us for some family fun, festive vibes and Christmas craic! Celebrate our local businesses; sample delicious treats, discover homemade crafts and shop for unique gifts. Vendor applications coming soon. Follow our Facebook page: Park Village's Community Christmas Market' for further information or email: parkvillagemarket@mail.com

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 7774 2494. Names now being taken for an Art class delivered by artist, Sheila Byrne. Starts Monday 10th November from 2-4 pm x 6 weeks. Fees £60, includes all materials. To register Tel. 028 7774 2494.

Rachel's Vineyard Have you been affected or hurt by abortion? If so, please contact Michelle on 078 7176 5181.

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: Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm. ***Please note** all bulletin notices to be in by Wednesday of next week.

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