

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Mission Sunday – 19th October 2025

Mass Times

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

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

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 October 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.

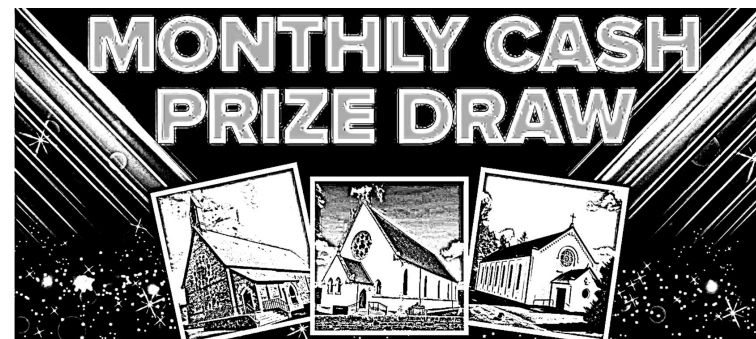
St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound will take place in Feeny on Thursday 23rd October. Please contact Fr. Dermot/Parochial House on 028 7778 1223 if you would not like a visit this month.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Michael Lynch, RIP, in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 25th October at 7.00pm.

Easter 2026 Pilgrimage Rise and Shine Trust (formerly Irish Pilgrimage Trust) would like to sincerely **thank parishioners** for their generosity at last weekend's church gate collections. In total **£1,295 and €20 was raised** by Banagher Parish parishioners to support the trust to bring young people to Lourdes for the Easter 2026 Pilgrimage. Banagher Parish's support over the years is greatly appreciated and parishioners will be remembered in the Trust's prayers at Easter in Lourdes.

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.



● BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW ●

Money raised will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and repair of our Churches.

October's Draw will take place this Friday 24th October after 9.30am Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn

Draws with 10 cash prizes will take place in **October, November & December**. 30 chances to win – ticket costs **£30**. Tickets on sale and available from our Church Sacristies and Parochial House and from Feeny Spar, Park Vivo, Mace Derrychrier & Sperrin View Bar. Thank you very much for your support.

October Do This in Memory Mass – Feeny & Altinure Sunday 19th October is the first Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in our St. Canice's P.S., Feeny and St. Mary's P.S., Altinure as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is **The Rosary**, as October is known to be the month of the Rosary within the Catholic Church. Each month the children will receive a gift at the end of Mass which aims to help them grow in their prayer life. This month's gift is rosary beads, to remind the children that having a relationship with Mary is a powerful gift to have in their faith journey, especially coming up to receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We as a parish ask Mary our Mother to protect and guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

November Mass for the Dead praying in a special way for all those who have died in our parish over the past year will take place in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on **Tuesday 4th November** at 7.30pm. During the Mass Fr. Dermot will call out the names of those who have died and a family member is invited to bring a candle to the altar in memory of their loved one. (Candles will be available at the back of the Church).

Prayer for Vocations On Mission Sunday we pray for those working to spread the Gospel to the furthest ends of the world. Let's pray also for those who are and will be called to proclaim the Good News of God's love as diocesan priests.

St. Oliver Plunkett 400th Anniversary To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the birth of St. Oliver Plunkett on 1st November 1625, and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation in 1975, Revd. Dr. Thomas O'Connor, former Professor of History at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, will give a talk in St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Clady, at 5pm on Sunday 26th October.

Dungiven Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 Pilgrimage Details: Departing from Belfast International on Monday 10th August for 6 nights*. We will be in Lourdes for the Feast of The Assumption (*may be reduced to 5 nights - this will be confirmed at a later date). Spiritual director Fr. Gerard Sweeney. Cost per person based on twin/double sharing, including full board, is £975. Single supplement is £39 per night. Insurance is optional and costs an extra £45. There are only a limited number of seats remaining. Contact the Dungiven parish office Tel: 028 7774 0702.

Feast Days

Wednesday 22nd October: St. John Paul II The 22nd October commemorates the anniversary of the day Pope John Paul II's papacy began and honours his legacy and his impact as the first non-Italian pope in over 450 years. He is remembered for his long pontificate, his global ministry to millions of pilgrims, his dedication to youth, and his emphasis on family. As pope, he canonised 482 saints – more than all his predecessors combined and beatified more than 1,300 people. Karol Józef Wojtyła or 'Lolek', as he was known to his family, was no stranger to loss - his mother, father and older brother all died before his 21st birthday. Although he grew up with dreams of becoming an actor, his vocation to the priesthood gripped him as World War II was raging. He organized many secret faith meetings, disguised as outdoor trips, with young Christians hungry to grow in their faith. He successfully promoted interfaith initiatives, encouraged peace between nations and created World Youth Day. He died in 2005 in the Vatican, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014. Saint Pope John Paul II is the patron saint of World Youth Day.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

11th & 12th October 2025

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £705 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £650
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £620

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.

Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre: Silent Retreat: Fr. Stephen Quinn will lead a silent retreat for men and women from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th December. This is a great opportunity to take some time this Advent, to grow in contemplative prayer and friendship with Christ. The weekend costs £90. For further info/booking, call 028 7126 2512 or email termonbaccaderry@ocd.ie **Our Lady of Montligeon prayer group** - praying for all the souls in purgatory meets in Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry, on the last Wednesday each month at 12.30pm. Next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th October and everyone is welcome to come along.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Banagher GAC Lotto Numbers for 14th October were 4,5,21 & 26. Winning £20 each were Ann McCullagh, Eoin Kealey, Marty Eoghan, Denis Cross, Cahir & Caitlin McBrearty and James Forrester. Next week's jackpot is £5,600.

Learmount Community Development Group: Week commencing **Monday 20th October:** 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; Art Class with Sheila: 7.30pm - 9.30pm; **Tuesday 21st October:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW: 2pm - 4pm; **Thursday 23rd October:** Painting For Pleasure: 10.30am-12.30pm; Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group; 12pm - 2pm; **Friday 24th October: Learmount Walking Group:** Meet at 10.30am at the Community; Learmount History Group; 7.30pm. To book any of our classes/trips/workshops or for further information, contact Karen or Min on 02877781881 / 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 now open. Message our Face page: Park Village's Community Christmas Market' or email: parkvillagemarket@mail.com.

Essential Oils class How we can use Essential Oils in our daily lives to support ourselves physically, emotionally and spirituality, in Learmount Resource Centre on Thursday 23rd October at 7pm. Cost £5 payable on the night.

Glenshane House, Dungiven - L2 Autism course starts on Monday 3rd November from 6-9 pm x 4 weeks. Registration fee £30 + cert £18. A special offer of £20 for 16-18 year olds. To register Tel 028 7774 2494.

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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