

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

3rd Sunday of Advent – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Mass Times

### Mass Times:

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 21<sup>st</sup> December 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

**Christmas Confessions ~ This Tuesday** 16<sup>th</sup> December at **7.30 pm** in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn. Fr. O'Kane of Claudy Parish will help with our confessions.

### 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.

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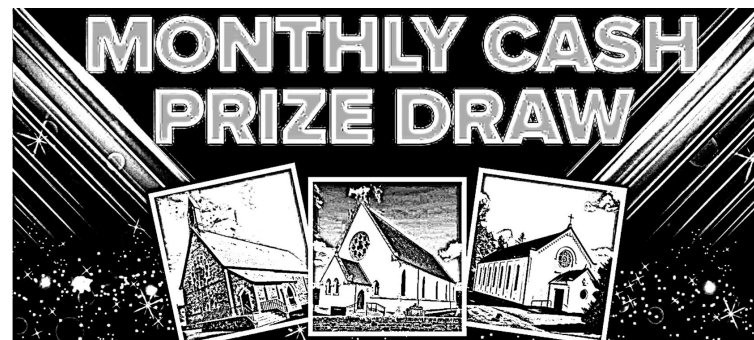
### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve

St. Mary's Church, Altinure: **6.00pm**  
St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **7.00pm**  
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: **8.00pm**

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **9.15am**  
St. Mary's Church, Altinure: **10.30am**  
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: **12noon**

**A 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Patrick O'Donnell, RIP, in St. Mary's Church, Altinure on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am.



### • BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW •

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

**Our final draw will take place this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December after 9.30am Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn**

December's draw has 10 larger cash prizes – 10 chances to win!  
£2,000 • £1,000 • £500 • 7 of £200 each

Good luck in this final draw to every person who has a ticket.

**Thank you everyone** for your incredible support of our Parish Draw.

**December 'Do This in Memory' Mass - Feeny & Park** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December is the Third Sunday of Advent and the last Do This in Memory Mass of 2025 for the Primary 4 children in Feeny and Park, as part of their Sacramental preparation. This month the children have been learning about Advent and the importance of this special season, as a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. For their parish gift this month, the children will be receiving a selection box as a treat for all their hard work and dedication that they have shown towards their First Holy Communion preparation so far.

**Prayer for Vocations** For our seminarians and all those who will be the future priests of our diocese, that they will be prophetic proclaimers of the Good News of God's liberating love revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

**Happy Christmas from Children in Crossfire 2025** As Christmas fast approaches, Children in Crossfire would like to thank all the parishioners who have already supported our Advent Appeal. If you would like to donate, packs are still available from the back of the church. You can donate directly or return via the chapel in the New Year. The focus of this year's appeal is on children living in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, whose days are split between going to school and scavenging on a huge rubbish dump nearby, searching for items to sell for food. Children in Crossfire's goal, with your support, is to give those children the better future they deserve. You will learn more about the work in the pack or see our video here: <https://www.childrenincrossfire.org/addis-ababa-25/> Thank you.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,055      St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £615  
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £605

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**

**Trocaire 'Gifts of Change', Available at St. Joseph's Church This Weekend**, are gifts that transform lives, bringing real hope and opportunities to families and communities living in poverty. There are 24 Gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the 'Gift of Soap' for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. You can buy a Gift and help change lives this Christmas by going online at [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts), calling 0800 912 1200 or visiting our office at 60 Berry Street, Belfast, BT1 1FJ.

**Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops January to June 2026** January 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> 2026; February 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>; March 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>; April 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>; May 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> & June 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>. These courses are now online for booking at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com). Please note that Accord Derry will NOT be facilitating courses during July or August.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (4 nights) ex City of Derry Airport. Cost £895 inclusive of local taxes but exclusive of single supplements and insurance. The Pilgrimage office will open for bookings on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. Gift Vouchers to any value are now available (Monday to Thursday) from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ.

**Greencastle Pilgrimages 2026: Poland:** 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026. £1,275 Flights and Half Board, Salt Mines: (Optional) £55. Spiritual Director: Fr. James Devine. **Fatima:** 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July, £879: Flights, Full Board, Coach to Dublin Airport. Spiritual Director: Fr. James Devine. **Medjugorje:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September from Belfast, £849: Flights and Half Board. Contact Maria on 028 8164 8357 or 077 6839 5038 for special offer.

**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

**St. Mary's GAC Banagher** Lotto numbers for 09.12.25 were 3, 7, 8 & 13. Winning £25 each were Michael Moore, Claire Conway, Aideen O'Neill & Ewen Biggs. Next Week's Jackpot is £6,400.

**Christmas Grave Wreaths** Orders are now being taken for Christmas Grave Wreaths. Contact Pauline on 078 4928 1050.

**Thank you** On behalf of the Feeney Family we wish to thank the community for their generosity towards our fundraiser for cancer research. This was a celebration for the birthday of Kathleen Feeney. We have been so touched by your support and raising an amazing £3,600 which has been donated to Cancer Research.

**Learmount Community Development Group** Week commencing **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Time For Me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Dementia Social Group; 11am - 1pm; Art Class with Sheila; 7.30pm - 9.30pm; **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:** Painting For Pleasure: 10.30am-12.30pm; Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group: 12pm - 2pm; Grave arrangements / grave wreath workshop; 7 - 8pm; **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>:** Learmount Walking Group: Meet at 10.30am at the Community Centre. **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Mini Pac Club: 10am - 11am; PAC Club (Children's Arts and Crafts): 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](mailto:admin@learmountgroup.org). The Learmount Group will close for the Christmas holidays after the children's art classes on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** and will re-open on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. We wish you all a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas.

**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](mailto:banagherparish@derrydiocese.org).

**Parish Office** opening hours next week: Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**Mass is Live on the Webcam at [www.banagherparish.com](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973**