

PARISH OF BANAGHER

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th February 2026

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 15th February 2026

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 John 'Johnie' Curtin, RIP, Garvagh Road, Dungiven who was buried during the week.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Bernadette Feeny, RIP, in St. Mary's Church, Altinure, on Sunday 15th February at 10.30am.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound will take place this coming week:
Wednesday afternoon in Foreglen and Carnanbane. **Thursday** in Park.
Friday in Feeny.

Confirmation

Confirmation in Banagher Parish will be held at the end of this month of February. The Primary 7 children of **St. Mary's P.S., Altinure** will be on Saturday 28th February at **11.00am** in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

The Primary 7 children of **St. Canice's P.S., Feeny** and **St. Peter's and St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen** will be on Saturday 28th February at **2.00pm** in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Please keep the Confirmation children, their sponsors and their families in your prayers over these coming weeks.

February	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Briege O'Neill	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Maevie McLaughlin
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Anne Hassan	Alfie Dallas
Flowers			Dympna McElhinney
Cleaning			Mary Rose O'Kane, Anna Smyth, Breidge O'Kane
Counters	Bridie McErean, Hugh Francis O'Neill		Olive O'Neill, Mary Conway, Betty McAteer
Collectors	Dermot O'Hara, Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson, Liam Campbell	Jimmy Barry Murphy, JT McCloskey

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 For availability please ring 028 7126 0293 and leave a message or email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Or alternatively contact JWT Dublin on 00353 1 685 2244.

Vocations - 'Joy of Priesthood' Retreat Weekend for anyone (18+) interested in the diocesan priesthood, in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, Friday 6th – Sunday 8th March 2026. For further information, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com. Please register using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discernment-retreat-for-the-diocesan-priesthood-tickets-1980332502825?aff=oddtcreator>.

IOSAS Centre Job Opportunity: The Iosas Centre, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal, is seeking to employ a Programme Coordinator to organise and facilitate groups. The role involves welcoming and leading prayer experiences for schools and parishes, and tailored programmes for community groups in the natural beauty of the Celtic Prayer Garden. If you think this job is suited to you, you are asked to send your details to info@sanctuarydonegal.com.

Pilgrimage to Fatima Flying Direct from Belfast International 7 nights F/B Avenida Hotel 14th/21st August Spiritual Director Fr. Andrew McMahon PP. Convenient flight times. £845pps. Deposit secures. For info, contact Joe Catney on 077 7642 5631.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

31st January & 1st February 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £510 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £675
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £725

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.

Job Opportunities Derry Diocesan Trust

Sacristan – St. Mary’s Church, Ardmore, Derry.

Part-time – 16 hours per week.

The Sacristan will ensure effective security of the church and associated maintenance and cleaning whilst organising all associated liturgical requirements in line with diocesan guidelines. For application packs please 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

12 noon on Monday 9th February 2026.

Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

Feast Days

Tuesday 10th: St. Scholastica, (480 - 547), was born in Nursia in about 480, the twin sister of St. Benedict. She was dedicated to God from an early age and followed her brother to Cassino, where she died in about 547.

Wednesday 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes On this day in 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called ‘de Massabielle’. Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick.

Saturday 14th: St. Methodius (826? - 885) was born in Thessalonica. With his brother Cyril he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. After his brother’s death he went to Pannonia, where he was assiduous in the work of evangelization. In the complicated international politics of the time he suffered much from attacks by his enemies, but he was always supported by the Popes. He died on 6th April 885.

St. Cyril (827? - 869) was born in Thessalonica and was educated in Constantinople. With his brother Methodius he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. They were called back to Rome, where Cyril died on 14th February 869.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group Timetable for the week commencing 9th February 2026: **Monday 9th**: Time for Me Ladies (10.30am - 12.30pm); Dementia Social Group (11 am - 1 pm); Evening Art Class (7.30 - 9.30 pm); Yoga - Ladies (7 - 7.45 pm); Yoga - Men's (8 - 8.45 pm); **Tuesday 10th**: Men's Hobby Work Shed (10.30 - 12.30 pm); Craft & Crochet Club (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Advice NW (2 - 4 pm); Couch 2 5K Week 4: Session 7 (7pm) at Craighane Walkway; **Wednesday 11th**: Gardening Club: (from 11am) (Community Centre); **Thursday 12th**: Post Office Outreach service (9 am - 12 pm); Painting For Pleasure (10.30 am-12.300 pm); Park 60+ Group (12 - 4 pm); Couch to 2 5K Week 4: Session 8 (7pm) at Craighane Walkway; Learmount Book Club (from 8pm) ; **Friday 13th**: Learmount Walking Group: Meet at 10.30 am at the Community Centre.

Dates for your diary: Thursday 26th February: Free (CITB NI Heritage) local history workshop researching the 19th and early 20th century heritage of your area: 2pm -4pm; **Saturday 14th March:** Fused Glass Easter decoration workshop with Natasha Duddy; **Friday 13th March:** Flower arranging workshops - your choice of two: 11am - 1pm or 7-9pm; **Thursday 19th March:** Spring Wreath Making /Easter table decoration workshop. For further information or to book any of our classes: contact Karen or Min on 028 7778 1881 /DM us /email: admin@learmountgroup.org

GOOD MORNING PARK: A free telephone alert system for older and vulnerable people living locally or who are lonely or living on their own. Our team of friendly local volunteers will check in with our members with craic or chat. To register yourself or a family member contact Karen or Min. For further information or to book any of our classes, contact Karen or Min on 028 7778 1881 /DM us /email: admin@learmountgroup. Dates for your diary:

Glenshane House, Dungiven First Aid & Defib course starting on Monday 16th February from 7-9.30 pm for 4 weeks. To Register, tel. 028 7774 2494.

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 - Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973