

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Mass Times

#### Weekly 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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.

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

**A 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated for Eugene O'Kane RIP in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

**Prayer for Vocations** On this Divine Mercy Sunday we pray for our seminarians and the future priests of the diocese as we hear Jesus sending the disciples out in the power of His Holy Spirit to preach a message of forgiveness of sins and the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**Trócaire** - Please bring Trócaire boxes or donations for Trócaire to any of the Masses this Week or to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity towards this year's Lenten campaign.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

First Holy Communion in the parish will be celebrated on the following dates:

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at 11.00am in St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Foreglen for the children of St. Peter's and St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Altinure for the children of St. Mary's P.S., Altinure.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn for the children of St. Canice's P.S., Feeny.

**Annual Sr. Clare Retreat, 'I prefer Paradise' - Remembering Sr. Clare's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Pardon and Peace: Reflecting on the Gift of Reconciliation. 'Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord' (Psalm 84). St. Columba's Church, Long Tower, Derry, this week from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Daily Mass - 7am & 10am. Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: 7pm - Evening Service with Benediction & Guest Speaker. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>: 7pm - Eucharistic Healing. Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>: Solemn Concelebrated Mass to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sr. Clare. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>: 10am - Mass with Anointing of the Sick; 3pm - Service with Benediction and Guest Speaker. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April: 3pm - Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown.

**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima** We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 5 nights from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £820 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in, please contact bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org or tel. 028 7126 4087.

**Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026:** All places on the pilgrimage are now filled. If places become available through cancellations, these will be offered to those on the waiting list. Pilgrims are asked to complete final payment as soon as possible.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

#### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,440    St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £1,470  
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £860

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.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage Society's** Seven Night Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July, from Belfast International Airport and staying at Hotel Agena - £949 based on 2 people sharing. Contact Kathleen McCann on 028 7963 2205 or 077 1970 1925.

**Fatima Pilgrimage** Flying direct from Belfast International to Fatima. Pilgrimage 7 Nights F/B, Avenida Hotel, 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August. Spiritual Director Fr. Andrew McMahon PP. Convenient flight times. £845pps. Full Religious Programme. For further details, contact Joe on 077 7642 5631 or J. Walsh Tours 00353 1 241 0800.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)** Since 2000, and the canonisation of St. Faustina, the Second Sunday of Easter has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Christ taught us that people not only receive and experience the mercy of God but are also called to practise mercy towards others: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy'. The message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one. To them the gentle face of Christ is offered; those rays from his heart touch them and shine upon them, warm them, show them the way and fill them with hope. 'Jesus, I trust in you.'

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April: St. Bernadette Soubirous** (1844 - 1879) was born to a destitute family in Lourdes, in France. On 11<sup>th</sup> February 1858 she went down to the River Gave with her sister and a friend, to look for firewood and bones. There she received the first of a series of visions of Mary the Mother of God which led to Lourdes becoming a place of pilgrimage and healing. In 1866 she became a nun at Nevers, where she died on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1879.

### Collection Envelopes for 2026/2027 and Gift Aid Scheme

Boxes of weekly Collection Envelopes for 2026/2027 will be delivered (in Fincairn) or are available in church porches (Altinure and Foreglen) for collection.

Parishioners who contribute to the Parish using Direct Debit and wish to donate to the special collections (blue envelopes) during the year, please contact the Parish Office.

At the front of your box of envelopes is a small declaration form for the Gift Aid Scheme. If you're a UK taxpayer and you contribute to the Parish using a collection envelope and you sign up to Gift Aid, the Parish can receive from the government an amount of money equal to 25% of your contributions at no extra cost to you.

If you have already signed up for Gift Aid, it may have been a while since parishioners signed their declaration for the scheme. We would appreciate it if you would consider signing a new declaration card and returning it to us to update our parish records.

If you haven't Gift Aided before and you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid. You'll be helping the parish a great deal. Thank you very much.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Learmount Group** is closed for the week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Classes will resume on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**. Wishing you both a very Happy and Peaceful Easter.

**Banagher GAC** Winning lotto numbers for 07.04.26 were 7, 17, 22 & 26. Winning £50 were Evelyn O'Hagan & Charlie McGlynn. Thank you to everyone for contributing to our lotto. Next week's jackpot is £8,100.

**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.

**Safeguarding Notice:** If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church, please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 075 9650 0793 or at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Duty Social Worker, Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 028 7131 4090.

**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.

### 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](http://www.banagherparish.com)  
SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973**