PARISH OF BANAGHER

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9th February 2025

Mass Times this Week
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 16th February 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.

Trócaire would like to thank the people of Banagher Parish for their very generous support of their Gifts of Love sale at Christmas which, along with generous donations, raised a fantastic total of **£4,050**. This kind contribution will now be used to fund projects in 16 countries around the world where Trócaire works, helping to provide access to clean water, educational and farming resources, humanitarian assistance and in the defence of human rights. Thank you sincerely.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Eire Madge Devine.

The Net This month's publication of the Net magazine is available now in chapels and online at https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-january-2025 It features an interview with our Banagher Parish newcomer!

Confirmation 2025 – Please remember the P7s in your prayers
St Canice's PS, Feeny and St Peter's & St Paul's, PS, Foreglen:
Saturday 22nd February 2025 at 11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.
St Mary's PS, Altinure: Saturday 22nd February 2025 at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure

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	Leo Devine
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Anne Hasson	Catherine Devine
Flowers	Pauline McGrellis		Dympna McElhinney
Cleaning	Collette Hasson		Mary Rose O'Kane, Anna Smyth Breidge O'Kane
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Hugh Francis O'Neill		Olive O'Neill, Mary Conway, Betty McAteer
Collectors	Dermot O'Hara Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson Liam Campbell	Hugh Grieve, Jimmy Barry Murphy JT McCloskey

Prayer for Vocations This weekend's Gospel tells us that the fishermen who met Jesus "...left everything and followed Him." We invite men aged 18+ who may be considering following the Lord as diocesan priests to a Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, from 7-9 March 2025. Anyone interested should contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com

Invitation to Mass – Concluding the 33 Days of Family Prayer: As you may be aware, Bishop McKeown has been leading the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary, as part of the diocesan programme for the Jubilee year of 2025, 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The 33 days concludes on Tuesday, 11 February 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Each evening of the 33 days, Bishop McKeown and priests of the diocese have been broadcasting online a short reflection and prayers of the Rosary. Bishop McKeown now extends an invitation to those who have participated in this journey of prayer to join him in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday, 11 February at 7:00pm. The bishop will pray the final prayers of this journey and lead people in making the Prayer of Consecration. This will be followed by the celebration of Mass at 7:30pm. Certificates to mark the Consecration will be available after Mass. If you are unable to attend, Certificates will be available to download at derrydiocese.org/consecration Details of the Family Prayer programme can be found on the website.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 led by Bishop Donal McKeown, Monday 30 June - Friday 4 July, leaving from City of Derry Airport. Price £849 plus insurance (single supp. if required. The Pilgrimage Office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry will be open for booking on Saturdays & Thursdays. Gift Vouchers are now available from the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Also, enquiries can be made by email to derrypilgrim@outlook.com.

Offertory Collections
1st & 2nd February 2025
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £625 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £610
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £563

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.

Derry Diocesan Office Job Opportunities

Diocesan Trust Officer
35 hours per week; Permanent
Job Purpose
The Diocesan Trust Officer reports to the Bishop of Derry and liaising with the Executive Director supports the aims and objectives of Derry Diocesan Trust. The main areas of responsibility will include finance, payroll, and HR administration.

Diocesan Administrative Officer
21 hours (3 days per week); Permanent
Job Role
Reporting to the Executive Director, Derry Diocesan Trust is recruiting an Administrative Officer to assist in the smooth running of Derry Diocesan Trust. The post requires the individual to be self-motivated, confident and competent in written and oral communication and to be an effective organiser. The postholder will be expected to demonstrate initiative and discretion whilst carrying out duties.

Parish of Templemore
St Columba's, Long Tower
Part Time Sacristan
12 Hours Per Week - Friday: 8.30am - 11am; 6.45pm - 8.15pm;
Saturday: 4.30pm - 7.30pm and Sunday: 9.15am - 1.15pm
Plus one hour to cover extra funerals/retreat/novena

For job descriptions and application packs for all job opportunities above, please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, 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 4.30pm Friday 14th February 2025**

Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

SPARK: A weekend of fun, faith and friendship for 12-16 year olds Do you know a young person who would like to build their faith and make new friends? Spark is a weekend experience which follows core themes from YouCat, to help young people learn about their faith, while making friends and hopefully having a bit of fun in the process! February 21st - 23rd, 2025. Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry. Text or WhatsApp Brendan on +353 86 8067973 or Vivienne on +44 7935 007351. Cost? €80/£70pperson (to cover food/ board).

'Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage' to Rome: Led by Thornhill Ministries. 16 October 2025 x 4 Nights £1095 stg pp sharing. Txt: 07736832458 with name and address for Forms and Details

Feast Day this week - Tuesday 11th February: Our Lady of Lourdes 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group: Monday 10th: Park Deed's Dementia Social Morning: 11am - 1pm; Time for me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Art Class with Sheila: 7.30pm - 9.30pm; Ladies Yoga: 7 - 7.45pm; Men's Yoga: 8 - 8.45pm; **Tuesday 11th:** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Local history workshop with Historian Liam Campbell: 10.30am - 12.30pm (Resource Centre) Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; Couch 2 5K: Week 3 session 1: Craigbane Walkway from 7pm; **Wednesday 12th:** Learmount Gardening Club: 11am (Community Centre) **Thursday 13th:** Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+Luncheon Club: 12pm - 2pm; Couch 2 5K: Week 3 session 2: 7pm at Craigbane Walkway; Co-operation Ireland community funding workshop 1: 7.30pm - 9.30pm (Resource Centre); Learmount Book Club: 8pm (Community Centre); **Friday 14th**: Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am; Saturday 15th February: Official re-opening of Park Community Hall and launch of the LARCH Project: 2pm -4pm. **Upcoming: Saturday 1st March**: NorthWest Orienteering event in Learmount from 10am / Saturday 8th March and Saturday 15th March - Photography workshops with Mark Hamill Photography. Booking Essential: For info on classes, groups or events, contact Karen or Min at the Community Centre on 028 77781881 or email: admin@learmountgroup.org follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 4.2.2025 were 3, 8, 25 & 27. There were no winners this week. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £2,000.

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 and St Mary's Church, Altinure are available online. Please note that the first three rows of seats are visible online in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn 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.

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To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Anniversary Mass, please call Fr Dermot or the secretaries on 028 7778 1223 or email banagherparish@derrydiocese.org.
The 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