PARISH OF BANAGHER

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th February 2025

Mass Times this Week
Monday: St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
Monday: ***St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 11.00am, School Mass**
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 23rd February 2025
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.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Banagher conference group wish to thank you most sincerely for your support to the Christmas Appeal. The generosity from throughout the parish has been overwhelming. We were extremely grateful for the bountiful hampers donated by the Primary Schools, for the fund-raising efforts of Banagher GAC and the on-going donations to the collections at the churches. The conference group will continue to help and support those in our parish that find themselves in need. SVP Banagher can be contacted in confidence by using the mobile phone no. **07593954973** or speaking to a member of the conference group. May 2025 bring you Good health, Happiness and Many Blessings. Banagher SVP

Baptism We welcome into God's family Connie Therese Farrell.

Banagher Parish Confirmation 2025

Next Saturday, 22nd February, we welcome Bishop Donal McKeown to the parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Primary 7 Children.
Children from **St Peter & St Paul's Primary School, Foreglen** and **St Canice's Primary School, Fincairn** will receive the sacrament at 11am in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn.
Children from **St Mary's Primary School, Altinure** will receive the sacrament at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure.
We keep the boys and girls in our prayers**.**

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!

Prayer for Vocations Today's gospel challenges all of us to 'comfort the afflicted, and to afflict the comfortable' (including ourselves!) We pray for those being called to do so as priests of the diocese of Derry.
Vocations Weekend for men aged 18+ in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, 7-9 March 2025. Anyone interested should contact Fr Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com

Derry Diocesan Office Job Opportunities

Priest Living in Buncrana
Part Time Housekeeper
This is a part time position with the hours stipulated below:
12 hours per week Monday to Thursday 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Part Time Housekeeper
This is a part time position with the hours stipulated below:
9 hours per week – Friday to Sunday - 2.00pm to 5.00pm

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Part Time Housekeeper
12 Hours Per Week

For 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 25th February 2025**

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

Offertory Collections

8th & 9th February 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,090 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £690

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.

LIFE Camp 2025: Living - In - Faith – Everywhere: LIFE Camp is a voluntary organisation staffed by teachers, students and experienced volunteers. It takes place in St. Mary's College, Northland Road, Derry. We are calling all pupils currently in P3 – P7. Week 1: Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th July and Week 2: Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July. Cost for Week 1 is £35. Cost for Week 2 is £40. To register go to www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp

'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 Days this week

Monday 17th: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order In the early thirteenth century seven young Florentines formed a confraternity of laymen devoted to the praise of Mary. In 1233, after a vision on the feast of the Assumption, they took up the life of hermits on Monte Senario outside Florence. They went preaching through the whole of Tuscany and founded the order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Servites, whose foundation was approved by the Pope in 1304. Their feast is celebrated today because one of the seven founders, Saint Alexius Falconieri, died on 17 February 1310.
Saint Fintan of Clonenagh was born in Leinster. He received his religious formation in Terryglass, Co. Tipperary under the abbot Colum, and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of the Rule. Fintan made his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co. Laois. He died in 603.

Friday 21st: St Peter Damian (1007 - 1072) was born in Ravenna in 1007 and studied theology and canon law, becoming a renowned teacher in both Parma and Ravenna. In his late twenties he abandoned all this and joined the hermitage of Fonte Avellana, near Gubbio, where he became prior in 1043: a position he held until his death. He strongly promoted the religious life in many parts of Italy. The Church at that time was in a terrible state and he supported the Popes in their efforts at reform, both by his writings and as a papal envoy. Pope Stephen IX named him a cardinal and Bishop of Ostia. He died on 21 February 1072 and was immediately acclaimed as a saint.

Saturday 22nd: The Chair of St Peter This ancient feast relates to an early Roman custom at this time of the year of remembering the ancestors of the family; those who presided over the family fortune. The feast celebrates Peter as Bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith and has celebrated in Rome since at least the fourth century. It signifies the unity of the Church founded upon the Apostles.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fenny AOH Could all the members of the Feeny Band past and present please bring all band equipment, accordions, drums and belts etc to Feeny hall on Thursday 20th February between 8 and 9pm.

Learmount Community Development Group: Monday 17th: 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 18th:** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; Couch 2 5K: Week 4 session 1: Craigbane Walkway from 7pm; **Thursday 20th:** 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 4 session 2: 7pm at Craigbane Walkway; Co-operation Ireland community funding workshop 2: 7.30pm - 9.30pm (Resource Centre)**; Friday 21st:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am; Mini PAC Club: 3pm - 4pm; Kids PAC Club: 4.30pm - 6pm.
Upcoming: Saturday 1st March: NorthWest Orienteering event in Learmount from 10am / **Saturdays 8th and 15th** - Photography workshops with Mark Hamill Photography. Booking Essential: Tel 02877781881 or email: admin@learmountgroup.org
For further information on any of our classes, groups or events, contact Karen or Min at the Community Centre on 028 77781881 or email: admin@learmountgroup.org or / and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 11.2.2025 were 6, 10, 15 & 21. Winning £20 each was Margaret Forrester, Claire O'Connor, Jessica Bradley, Agnes Millar, Katrina McGilligan and Searla McGinty. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £2,100.

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