

PARISH OF BANAGHER

4th Sunday of Lent – 30th March 2025

Mass Times this Week

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 6th April 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.

Lent 2025: Stations of the Cross continue in St Mary's Church, Altinure at 6pm and during the remaining Sundays of Lent.

Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2025/2026 for the Park and Foreglen areas will be available to collect in St Mary's Church, Altinure and St Peter's & St Paul's Church at Masses this weekend.

Easter Mass Bouquet cards are now on sale in the three churches and in Feeny Spar and cost £1 each.

Prayer for Vocations In our first reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent the Lord chooses David out of all the sons of Jesse. As David is anointed, he is "seized" by the spirit of the Lord who stays with him from that day on. We pray for those chosen by the Lord to be priests of the Diocese of Derry, that they will know and be faithful to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and ministry among God's people.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Jon Caoimhin Mulhern, Déaglán John Duffy and Tomás Philip Duffy.

April	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Brenda Duddy	Liam Campbell	Aoife Kerlin & Emma Redmond
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Donaghey	Breige O'Neill	Majella McCloskey
Flowers	Breige O'Neill		Miriam Lockhart & Sinead Wilson
Cleaning	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Regina Forester, Margaret Rose Devine, Roisin McLaughlin
Counters	Liam & Siobhan Campbell, Pat & Bernie McCullagh Vincent & Geraldine McCloskey, Pauline McGrellis		Anna Smyth & Anna Gormley
Collectors	Paul Campbell Pat McCullagh	Paul McDermott Jackie Hasson	Gerald, Conor, Sean & Shane Kerlin

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock Eucharistic Adoration: Calling all Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in the Derry Diocese to come to Knock on Sunday 6th April. Ring to enquire or book a seat: +4477 0912 5696 or +4477 3887 3492 Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

The Annual Sister Clare Crockett Retreat will take place in St Columba's Church, Long Tower from Monday 31st March – Sunday 6th April. The theme of this year's retreat is 'Reflecting on the Eucharist with Sr Clare'. Masses at 7am & 10am (Monday to Friday). Evening prayer service with Benediction & guest speaker each evening at 7pm (Monday-Friday). A healing service with anointing of the sick takes place on Thursday 3rd at 7pm. On Saturday 5th, Service with Benediction led by Archbishop Eamon Martin at 3pm. The retreat concludes on Sunday 6th at 3pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. All are welcome - in person or online at www.longtowerchurch.org. Parking is available in Lumen Christi College grounds on Bishop Street each evening from 5.30pm to 8.30pm with access to Long Tower church via side gate on to Cook Street. Please avoid parking outside homes of residents and on the Flyover to prevent obstruction and congestion of traffic. Thank you for your cooperation.

Derry Diocesan Trust

Marriage Tribunal Official

30 – 35 hours per week; Permanent

Job Role

Reporting to the Director, Derry Diocesan Pastoral Centre is recruiting a Marriage Tribunal Official: To oversee the administration and processes related to annulment applications within the Catholic Church; to assist the Instructing Judge in the general co-ordination and direction of all Marriage Tribunal functions and to manage the efficient running of the Derry Diocesan Pastoral Centre. The post requires the individual to be self-motivated, confident and competent in written and oral communication and to be an effective organiser with excellent leadership qualities. The postholder will be expected to demonstrate initiative and discretion whilst carrying out duties. For application packs 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 12pm noon on Thursday 10th April 2025.

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

Accord NI is recruiting experienced practitioners for the Derry and Enniskillen centres, to train in the specialism of couple counselling. Successful applicants will follow an 18-day (9 weekends) in-person Certificate programme, (144 hours class contact), which will provide the clinical skills essential for safe and ethical couples work. Course fees paid and placement provided by Accord NI. For further information and to obtain an application form please email info@accord.ie Closing date for receipt of applications 30/04/2025. Programme commences September 2025

Prison Service Catholic Chaplaincy - Independent Monitoring Board Volunteers Needed. IMB members are unpaid public appointees, appointed by ministers to provide independent oversight of what happens in places of detention. It is a varied and rewarding role. You could be talking to a prisoner or detained person who is worried or vulnerable, who isn't able to access the support they need, or who needs help to sort out some practical problems. You will get to see and report on everything that happens behind the walls: what day-to-day life is like, whether there is enough education and training to help with rehabilitation, what support there is for the most vulnerable, how physical and mental health needs are met. Visit: <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/news/board-opportunity-independent-monitoring-board-seeking-members>

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 15 June. Further details will be available in the coming weeks.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima: We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14 July to 18th July. 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 £700 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 lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org 00 44 2871264087

**Offertory Collections
22nd & 23rd March 2025**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,060

St Mary's Church, Altinure: £550

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.

Feast Days this week

Tuesday 1st April: St Ceallach (1080 - 1129) became hereditary bishop of Armagh in 1105 and made many reforms; not least on his deathbed, when he abolished the hereditary principle by appointing St Malachy as his successor.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025: Saint Francis of Paola (1436 - 1507) was born in Paola in Calabria. He founded an order of hermits which later became the Order of Minims ("minimi," meaning "least," because they were to be the least of the religious orders). He died on Good Friday, 2 April 1507, at Plessis in France.

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: This incoming week in Park: **Monday 31st:** Time For Me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Dementia Social Morning: 11am - 12pm; Ladies Yoga: 7pm - 7.45pm; Men's Yoga: 8pm - 8.45pm; Art Class: 7.30pm - 9.30pm; **Tuesday 1st April:** 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: session 1: Craigbane Walkway from 7pm; **Thursday 3rd:** Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+Luncheon Club: 12pm - 2pm; Couch 7 - 5K:session 2: 7pm at Craigbane Walkway; Community Dementia Awareness Training: 7pm (Park Hall); **Friday 4th:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am; Graffiti Art (Primary School): 6.30pm - 7.30pm; Graffiti Art (Secondary School): 8pm - 9pm; (Park Club House). **Upcoming: Tuesday 15th April:** Bespoke Easter Crafts; 7pm; **Thursday 17th April:** Grave arrangements workshop: 7pm: Booking Essential: Tel 02877781881 / DM or email: admin@learmountgroup.org

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 25.3.2025 were 2, 15, 22 & 23. Winning £50 each were Joanne McCormick & Noel McCloskey. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £2,700.

Darts starting in the Rio Grande Bar, Learmount Road, Park Village on Thursday nights, starting around 9pm.

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.

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