

PARISH OF BANAGHER

5th Sunday of Lent – 6th April 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 Palm Sunday 13th April 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 for Easter – Palm Sunday** at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church, Altinure

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 this evening in St Mary's Church, Altinure at 6pm.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound for Easter will take place at the following times this coming week - Thursday - Park and Friday – Feeny & Carnanbane. Please let Fr Dermot know if you would not like a visit by contacting the Parochial House on 028 777 81223.

Friends of HOPE

This year, we are starting Friends of HOPE.

We are asking businesses to donate £100 to our HOPE Camp Banagher.

Anyone who donates will have their business name recognised on our Facebook page and on our HOPE 2025 banner. You can PM our Facebook page or contact Karen Feeny on 07729912276, Tracy Stevenson on 07710793718 or Gemma Campbell on 07708060746.

Thanks in advance for all your support, and with your help, we will be able to give the children in our parish a fabulous week in August.

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.

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

Prayer for Vocations That those called to serve the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry will, in their ministry, show the mercy and compassion (without condemnation) which Jesus shows to the woman in today's gospel.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock Eucharistic Adoration: Calling all Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in the Derry Diocese to come to Knock, today, 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 concludes today, Sunday 6th April, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown in St Columba's Church, Long Tower at 3pm. All are welcome - in person or online. The theme of this year's retreat is 'Reflecting on the Eucharist with Sr Clare'.

Derry Diocesan Youth Department, along with young people participating in the Pope John Paul II Award, invite you to a Lenten Reflection with music and prayer. This will take place in St Mary's Church, Maghera, on Monday 14 April at 7.00pm. All are welcome. The event will also be available on the Maghera parish webcam.

Easter Monday Pilgrim Path Walk @ Lough Derg Join the Team at Lough Derg for a guided walk along the ancient Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg on Monday 21st April @10.30am. 8km & 12km option available. Free event. Booking essential. More information www.loughderg.org

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

Masters in Catholic School Leadership The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If you are interested in registering for the Masters in September 2025 or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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

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.

Offertory Collection

29th & 30th March 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,355 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £530
St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: £565

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

Monday 7th April: St John Baptist de la Salle (1651 - 1719) was born in Rheims in France in 1651. He became a priest and devoted himself wholeheartedly to the education of children, founding schools for the poor. He and his colleagues formed a congregation called the Brothers of the Christian Schools, in whose cause he suffered many tribulations. He died in 1719.

Friday 11th April 2025: St Stanisław (1036 - 1079) He was born in Szczepanów in Poland around 1036. He studied at Liège and became bishop of Kraków. He ruled the church as a good shepherd, gave help to the poor, and performed annual visitations to supervise the clergy. He reproached King Bolesław II for his crimes and vices and at length excommunicated him. Bolesław sought him out and murdered him as he was celebrating Mass on 8 May 1079.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group: 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 For information on all Learmoiunt Community Development Group activities please

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 1.4.2025 were 9, 17, 19 & 26. Winning £50 each were Catherine Kelly & Mark McDermott. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. Next week's Jackpot is £2,800.

Darts 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