

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 13th April 2025

Mass Times

Weekday 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

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **6.00pm**

St Mary's Church, Altinure: **7.30pm**

Good Friday - Passion of our Lord

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **3.00pm**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **7.00pm**

Holy Saturday - Solemn Easter Vigil

St Mary's Church, Altinure: **6.30pm**

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **8.30pm**

Easter Sunday Mass

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen: 12.00pm Noon

Confessions

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: **Good Friday:** After 3.00pm service

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **Holy Saturday:** 11.00am – 12.00pm Noon

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound for Easter will take place in Foreglen on Monday (14th April) Please let Fr Dermot know if you would not like a visit by contacting the Parochial House on 028 777 81223.

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

Trócaire Please bring Trócaire boxes or donations for Trócaire to any of the Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Sunday Masses.

Annual Parish Car Wash

The Annual Parish Car wash will take place on **Sunday 4th May** from 8.30am to 1.30pm. All proceeds from this year's car wash will go towards buying chairs for Fincairn Hall – we do not have enough chairs, especially so when the hall is used after funerals.

Thank you in advance - Your support is greatly appreciated.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Dáithí Gerard O'Doherty.

Mass of Chrism: Bishop McKeown will celebrate the annual Mass of Chrism with the priests of the diocese in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Holy Thursday morning (17 April) at 10 o'clock. During Mass the holy Oils for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination are blessed. Also, the priests renew their Ordination promises. It is the only Mass celebrated in the diocese on Holy Thursday morning. Everyone is welcome to attend the Chrism Mass or via the parish webcam: www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html

Prayer for Vocations For those called to serve as priests of the diocese that they will bring their people to honour the Holy Name of Jesus, the name above all names, and "...acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (St Paul, 2nd reading).

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

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

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.

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

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

5th & 6th April 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,300 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £675

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.

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.

Feast Days this Week:

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where crowds greeted him with palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna" (a Hebrew word meaning "Save now" or "Hail!"). It marks the start of Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter, and is a time for Christians to remember and honour Jesus's entry into the city and a pivotal moment in Jesus's ministry. It is a time to reflect on Jesus's mission and his willingness to sacrifice himself for the salvation of humanity. The Gospels record that Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey, a symbolic act of humility. Palm Sunday is a reminder of Jesus's entry as a king, though not a king of earthly power, but a king of peace and salvation.

Wednesday 16th: St Bernadette Soubirous (1844 - 1879) was born in 1844 to a destitute family in Lourdes, in France. On 11 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 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 April 1879.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group: This Week at Learmount: **Mon 14th:** 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; **Tues 15th** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; Bespoke Easter Crafts: 7pm - 9pm **Wed 16th** Fused Glass workshop with Natasha Duddy: 7pm - 9pm; **Thursday 17th** : Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+ Luncheon Club: 12pm - 2pm; Grave arrangements workshop: 7pm - 9pm; **Friday 18th April:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am: **Please note** that there will be no daytime classes running from the 21st until the 25th April.

Upcoming: From **Wednesday 16th April:** Easter Trail in Learmount Forest: Maps & entry forms can be collected from the Community Centre or found on our social media pages: **Friday 25th:** History workshop with Dr. William Roulston: 7.30pm: **Saturday 26th** Kids mini PAC: 10am - 11am; Kids PAC: 11.30am - 1pm: For further information or to book:: Tel 02877781881 / DM or email: admin@learmountgroup.org

St Mary's GAC, Banagher: Lotto numbers for 8.4.25 were 3, 5, 9 & 24. Winning £25 each was A Boyce, Natalie McCloskey, Martin O'Kane and Keith Hutchinson. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £2,900.

Glenshane House First Aid & Defib Training course starts on Monday, 28th April from 7-9.30 x 4 weeks. Total cost including reg fees & cert only £25. To register Tel Mary on 028 777 42494.

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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.

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: 07593954973**