PARISH OF BANAGHER

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection
20th April 2025

Mass Times

Easter Week Mass Times:
Easter Monday: **No Mass**
Easter Tuesday: St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Easter Wednesday: St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm
Easter Thursday: St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Easter Friday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 27th 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
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.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Bridie McCloskey RIP in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 26th April at 7pm.

Easter Monday Pilgrim Path Walk at Lough Derg - Join the Team at Lough Derg for a guided walk along the ancient Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg this **Monday 21st April** at 10.30am. 8km and 12km option available. Free event. Booking essential. For more information visit www.loughderg.org.

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 Feeney on 077 2991 2276, Tracy Stevenson on 077 1079 3718 or Gemma Campbell on 077 0806 0746. 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.

Easter 2025 Blessings

Fr. McGirr wishes everyone the Blessings of Easter.
This Easter may we live as people deeply touched by the hope and spirit of the Risen Jesus. Our Faith proclaims: Christ is risen, he is truly risen! Alleluia!

THANK YOU to the adults and young people who read, the singers and musicians, the eucharistic ministers, the collectors, the altar servers, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the sacristans, the groundskeepers, parishioners and anyone who helped in any way with the Holy Week Ceremonies. We appreciate your time, generosity and efforts helping the parish celebrate the different Masses and Services over the course of the week. Thank you very much indeed. May God bless you this Easter.

Prayer for Vocations - For those discerning a calling to the diocesan priesthood that, in the words of our Second Reading for Easter Sunday, they will have the grace to 'seek and set their minds on the things that are above, where Christ is'.

Youth of Acutis Group - On **Saturday 26th April** at 8.15pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Derry, the Youth of Acutis which is under Carlo Acutis' patronage, are hosting a talk from Dominican Friar, Conor McDonough OP, on what we can learn from the life and works of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Buns and refreshments shall be provided. Admission Free. On **Sunday 27th April** at 3.30pm, the day of Carlo's Canonisation, the Adoration room at St. Brigid's Church, Carnhill, is to be dedicated to Carlo Acutis.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 – First Holy Communion in the parish will be celebrated on the following dates:
Saturday 10th May at 11am in St. Mary's Church, Altinure for the children of St. Mary's P.S., Altinure.
Saturday 17th May at 11am in St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Foreglen for the children of St. Peter's and St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen.
Saturday 31st May at 11am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn for the children of St. Canice's P.S., Feeny.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12th & 13th April 2025

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1025 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £665

St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £510

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.

Trócaire - Please bring Trócaire boxes or donations for Trócaire to any of the Masses during Easter Week. Thank you for your generosity towards this year's Lenten campaign.

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

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 is **Wednesday 30th April**. 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 028 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima - We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from **14th 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 or phone 028 7126 4087.

Quotes About Easter

'Yes, Christ is truly risen, and we are witnesses of this. We proclaim this witness to the world, so that the joy which is ours will reach countless other hearts, kindling in them the light of the hope which does not disappoint.' – St. John Paul II

'A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.' – Mahatma Gandhi

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Mary's GAC, Banagher - Lotto numbers for 15.4.25 were 4, 5, 8 & 27. Winning £35 each was Terence Bradley, Joe Dunton, and Aoife, Erin & Eoghan, c/o 115 Umrycam. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £3,000.

Glenshane House - First Aid & Defib Training course starts on **Monday 28th April** from 7.00pm - 9.30pm x 4 weeks. Total cost, including registration fees & certificate, only £25. To register, phone Mary on 028 7774 2494.

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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: Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com
SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973