PARISH OF BANAGHER

Divine Mercy Sunday - 27th April 2025

Mass Times

Mass Times:
Monday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
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 4th May 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.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Emmy Rita O'Kane, Barra Anthony Corr and Cillian David Corr.

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

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.

Annual Parish Car Wash

The Annual Parish Car wash will take place next **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.

Prayer for Vocations - That those called to serve the Church as priests of the diocese will bring the people among whom they will minister to the faith of Thomas the Apostle who came to know Jesus as "My Lord and my God."

St. Pauls Books and Gifts We are very honoured to announce that we will be hosting the relics of two great Divine Mercy saints. The relics of St.Faustina and St.John Paul II. The relics will be in the shop on **Tuesday 29th April** from 12-3pm. St. Pauls Books and Gifts, 20 Shipquay St., Derry. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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.

May	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Pauline McGrellis	Sheena McGrellis	Corinne Coyle
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Lynch	Anne Hasson	Andrena O'Kane
Flowers	Sheena McGrellis		Mary Redmond
Cleaning	Briege O'Neill		Mary Redmond & Cora Kerlin
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Hugh Francis O'Neill, Breige O'Neill		Philomena Conway, Sean Conway, Karen Feeney
Collectors	Dermot Lynch Vincent McCloskey	Anthony O'Neill Patrick McGrellis	Martin Smyth, Eamon Feeney Patrick Conway

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.

Mary's Meals – Pray in May Mary's Meals is built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love offered by those who believe in our mission. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the 2.6 million children in 16 of the world's poorest countries who receive our nutritious school meals daily and for all the children and families around the world living in poverty. For free prayer calendars and resources for individuals, families, schools, prayer groups or to sign up to our fortnightly prayer email for May, visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

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.

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.

Feast Days this Week

Tuesday 29th April: St Catherine of Siena, 1347 – 80, humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth-century Europe, spent all her energies on the Church, being able to secure the pope;s return form Avignon to Rome. She is remembered as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

Thursday 1st May: St Joseph the Worker Instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955, this memorial proposes the example of St Joseph as worker and provider.

Saturday 3rd May: Ss Philip & James, Apostles, St Philip asks to see and, having seen, tells the good news to others. He was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. **St James,** the sone of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group: This incoming week in Park: **Monday 28th April:** 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 29th April :** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; 9pm; **Thursday 1st May :** Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+Luncheon; **Friday 2nd May:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am. For further information or to book: Tel 02877781881 / DM or email: admin@learmountgroup.org

St. Mary's GAC, Banagher - Lotto numbers for 22.4.25 were 3, 6, 26 & 27. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club Lotto. It is greatly appreciated. Next week's Jackpot is £3,100.

Glenshane House - First Aid & Defib Training course starts on **Monday 28th April** from 7.00pm - 9.30pm x 4 weeks. To register, phone Mary on 028 7774 2494.

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Parish Office opening hours next week: Monday & Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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