PARISH OF BANAGHER

Pentecost Sunday – 8th June 2025

Mass Times

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
Thursday: St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am
Friday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 15th June 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.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound will take place this coming week in Park on **Thursday 12th June** and in Foreglen on **Friday 13th June.** Please let Fr Dermot know if you would not like a visit by contacting the Parochial House on 028 777 81223.

Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on nine consecutive Fridays in different churches across Ireland, the seventh Novena Mass will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown this **Friday, 13 June 2025** at 7:00pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Derry Road, Strabane. Additionally, the relics of St Margaret Mary Alacoque & St Claude la Colombiere from Paray-le-Monial, France, will be present and will stay in the Church until **Thursday, 19 June**. Times of Celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration, Veneration of Relics and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (13 - 19 June) are published at https://www.derrydiocese.org/sacred-heart During this Jubilee Year of Hope, these special days of prayer in our diocese are an opportunity for renewal and to deepen our relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome

Blessing of the Graves 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **Sunday 22nd June after 11.30am Mass**
St Peter & St Paul's Foreglen: **Sunday 17th August after 12 noon Mass**
St Mary's Church, Altinure: **Sunday 7th September after 10.30 Mass**

Prayer for Vocations As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday we ask the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts and minds of the men being called to serve the Church in this diocese as priests, to guide them in their discernment, and help them to choose the path the Lord wishes them to follow.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025 to Knock Shrine, led by Bishop McKeown, will take place on **Sunday 15th June**, commencing with Rosary at 2.00pm, followed by Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 and concluding with Mass and Eucharistic Procession at 3.00pm. Confessions available throughout the day. Bus transport avail from St Eugene's Cathedral. For further information on this, please contact Karen on 028 71262 894 or by email cathedral@derrydiocese.org In conjunction with the pilgrimage, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, is running a two-night pilgrimage to Knock from **15th -17th June**. Cost £280 per person sharing. For more information and full itinerary, contact Anne Marie on amhickey@derrydiocese.org, ring 028 71262894 or call into the Cathedral Parish Office.

'Vulnerable to delight' - Seamus Heaney: Poet of Childhood. A lecture presented by Dr, Gary Wade (Adjunct Lecturer, University of Notre Dame, Sydney, Australia) will take place at St. Columb's College, Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 4:15 p.m. To book places please email: info@stcolumbs.derry.ni.sch.uk or telephone 02871 285000. Light refreshments served afterwards. All Welcome!

The National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated **on Saturday 21st June** in Knock Shrine. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Basilica, during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Martin Hayes. Join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

31st May & 1st June 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,025 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £670

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.

Derry Diocesan Trust Job Opportunities

Administrative & Financial Officer,
Greenlough Parish Office, Greenlough, Co Derry.

Permanent post - 10 hours per week (working each Friday with remaining hours worked another day/s to be agreed with the successful candidate). Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails provision of administrative and financial support. For application pack, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: ecruitment@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 12noon Thursday 12 June 2025.**

Parish Operations and Administration Manager,
Leckpatrick, Camus and Lifford Parishes.

Permanent post - 35 hours per week. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails the oversight and coordination of all business and administrative aspects of Parish life. For application pack please email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org or.telephone 028 7126 2302. 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 12noon on Tuesday 24 June 2025.**

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Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025 starts on **Friday 25th July and concludes on Sunday 27th July.** For those for whom it is convenient to travel by bus, a bus will depart from St Eugene's Cathedral after 10:00am Mass in the Cathedral on Friday 25 July. Bus will travel via Strabane, Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost £95 incl. transport. Prebooking is required. Please phone the Diocese Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for booking form or contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org.

Feast Days this Week

Pentecost

Today we celebrate the Church's birthday and hear how Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples, just as he'd promised. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles when they were all in Jerusalem celebrating a Jewish feast day - the name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth" and which the Jews celebrated fifty days after Passover.
The Apostles had been praying for nine days, since the Ascension, not knowing how long they would have to wait for the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised to send. The Holy Spirit changed the disciples forever, filling them with courage to stand up before the crowds and preach in any language and the power to perform miracles.
The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to follow the right path on our journey through life towards heaven, they fill us with God's goodness.

Monday 9th June: St Columba (Gaelic Colm Cille) was born in Gartan, in County Donegal, and was of royal lineage. He studied under Finnian of Moville and Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow, and possibly Kells, before leaving Ireland as a missionary, "an exile for Christ." His greatest foundation was Iona, from where he converted much of western Scotland, and his followers took the Gospel as far as northern England. He died at Iona in 597. He was renowned as a poet and scribe as well as a spiritual guide. In Gaelic literature he appears as Ireland's most popular saint, noted for his great personal love of all.

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

Learmount Community Development Group: this incoming week in Park: Monday **9th:** Time For Me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Deed's Dementia Social Morning: 11am - 1pm; Ladies Yoga: 7pm - 7.45pm; Men's Yoga: 8pm - 8.45pm; Art Class: 7.30pm - 9.30pm; **Tuesday 10th:** Craft and Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Men's Hobby Workshop (Green Woodworking): 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW (Citizen's Advice): 2pm - 4pm; Other Voices Festival (Alley Theatre): Dementia Social Group: Bus departing 6.15pm (Resource Centre); **Thursday 12th**: Post Office Outreach Service: 9am - 12pm (Resource Centre); Painting For Pleasure Art Class: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Park 60+Luncheon Club: Yr 7 intergenerational visit from St. Mary's PS Altinure; Learmount Book Club: 8pm; **Friday 13th**: Learmount Walking Group: depart Community Centre 10.30am (for St. Columb's Park walk). For further info or to book - email: admin@learmountgroup.org / Tel 02877781881 / DM us on Facebook or Instagram.

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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 to Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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