

PARISH OF BANAGHER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th September 2025

Mass Times

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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 14th September 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.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Lilly Grieve, RIP, formerly of Ashford Park, Feeny and Corey Watson, RIP, 3 Bushfield Mills, who were buried recently.

Blessing of the Graves takes place, today, Sunday 7th September after 10.30am Mass in St Mary's Church, Altinure.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Cassie Rosa Mary Mullan.

Prayer for Vocations We pray for the men called to serve as priests of the diocese, that they'll have what Jesus asks in the gospel this weekend - detachment from worldly possessions and courage to take up whatever cross or crosses come with priestly ministry.

September	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Briege O'Neill	Mary Kathleen McDermott	Noeleen McGlinchey
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Lynch	Geraldine McCloskey	Andrena O'Kane
Flowers	Bridget Kealey		Briege McLaughlin
Cleaning	Margaret Cartin, Angela Hasson		Audrey McElhinney, Martina Moore
Counters	Ann Hassan, Marian & Anthony O'Neill, Patricia McCloskey		Philomena Conway, Sean Conway, Karen Feeney
Collectors	Dermot Lynch Vincent McCloskey	Anthony O'Neill Patrick McGrellis	Martin Smyth, Eamon Feeney Patrick Conway

Canonisation Celebrations To celebrate the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis, you are invited to come to St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, today, Sunday 7th September, from 3.00pm where we will have Veneration of a First Class Relic of Carlo Acutis, gifted to the Cathedral by Carlo's mother, Antonia. The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 3.00pm until Mass at 7.00pm, which will be celebrated by Bishop Donal Mc Keown. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Mother Teresa Chapel during the Celebrations. A short film on Carlo's life will be shown in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to this special time of prayer and celebration.

Blessing of Bikes Sunday 7th September, Burt Chapel, Co Donegal, 1.30pm: short prayer service and blessing. All are very welcome. Fr Gerry Sweeney will celebrate Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Dungiven, at 11:30, remembering and praying for all deceased bikers. All bikers are welcome to come to the Mass. Any biker who has died in the past year will be remembered in prayer at this Mass: names can be sent to Fr. Gerry at gerardsweeney@ymail.com After Mass in Dungiven, we will make our way to Burt Chapel for 1:30pm. There will be the usual collection for the RNLI Station at Ned's Point, Buncrana. After the blessing we will make our way to Ned's Point RNLI Station to present the collection and for refreshments.

Adult Safeguarding Training We have invited Mrs Briege O'Neill, Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the Diocese of Derry to facilitate Adult Safeguarding Training. Adult Safeguarding Training is relevant to clergy, sacristans, church secretaries, adult prayer groups, senior choir leaders, Legion of Mary volunteers, members of St Vincent de Paul and Eucharistic Ministers to those people confined to their homes/nursing homes and all those in the parish who are interested in Safeguarding Adults at risk and in need of protection. Training will take place on **Monday 22nd September** in Fincairn Hall at 7.00pm. If you are interested in attending this training, please contact the parish office on 028 777 81223 or leave your name in the sacristy by Wednesday 17th September.

ACCORD Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops form September to November 2025 September 26th & 27th 2025; October 17th and 18th 2025 & November 7th and 8th 2025. All of the above courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

31st August & 1st September 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £915 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £540
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £625

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.

Abide in His Love Women's Conference commencing November 21st to 23rd 2025 in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. An Amazing event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check out Eventbrite for tickets & more information.

Seamus Heaney Evening On 1 November, Professor Michael Parker and Dr Gary Wade will deliver a lecture at Homeplace, Bellaghy, on 'Remembrances: Forms of Memory in Seamus Heaney's Writing'. There will be a discussion of Gary's recently published book Seamus Heaney and Catholicism (Cambridge University Press, 2025). Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased at <https://seamusheaneyhome.com/upcoming-events/>

Feast Days this Week

Monday 8th September: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church and outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary. The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness and they began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting. An angel appeared to Anne and prophesied that all generations would honour their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dungiven and Feeny local committee for Cancer Research UK would like to thank everyone who supported and helped in any way with our "Dungiven Walk of Hope, 2025". The walk raised the amazing sum of £8,846! Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Learmount Community Development Group: Week commencing **Monday 8th September:** Time For Me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Deed's Dementia Social Group: 11am - 1pm; **Tuesday 9th September:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW: 2pm - 4pm; **Thursday 11th September:** Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group: 12pm - 2pm; Learmount Book Club: 8pm; **Friday 12th September:** Learmount Walking Group: 10.30am.

Dates for your diary: Ladies & Men's Yoga: **Monday 15th September;** Thursday Art Class: **Thursday 25th September;** Monday Art Class: **Monday 29th September;** **Monday 15th September:** Go Succeed Rural business roadshow; **Wednesday 17th September:** Gardening Club; **Thursday 25th September:** Ladies Social Evening: Nutrition & wellbeing for 50 plus ladies including cooking demonstration with Janice Tracey Nutrition; **Friday 26th September:** History workshop with Nigel Hagon: 'The unknown warrior, boy soldiers and remembrance'; Upcoming trip to the Ulster American Folk Park with dinner at the Fir Trees Hotel on **Friday 19th.** To book any of our classes/trips/workshops or for further information, contact Karen or Min on 02877781881 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.org.

The Learmount Group would also like to thank the amazing volunteers who gave up their time over the summer to help clean up and improve Park Village. We are truly blessed and grateful for all the help that was received.

Rachel's Vineyard Have you been affected or hurt by abortion? If so, please contact Michelle on 07871765181.

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.

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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: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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