PARISH OF BANAGHER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th September 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 28th September 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 this week
St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

Acknowledgment Fr Dermot would like to sincerely thank the McLaughlin and Murphy families for their very generous donations to the parish after the funerals of Seamus, RIP and Patsy, RIP.

October	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Pauline McGrellis	Sheena McGrellis	Leo Devine
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Briege O'Neill	Catriona Doughty
Flowers	Bridie McErlean		Corrine Coyle
Cleaning	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Catherine Ball, Emma O'Connor
Counters	Liam Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Vincent McCloskey, Geraldine McCloskey, Pat McCullagh, Bernie McCullagh		Olive O'Neill, Mary Conway, Betty McAteer
Collectors	Dermot O'Hara, Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson, Liam Campbell	Hugh Grieve, Jimmy Barry Murphy, JT McCloskey

BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW – TICKETS ON SALE!
Money raised will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and repair of our Churches.

A draw with 10 cash prizes will take place in October, November and December. 30 chances to win – ticket costs £30. Tickets on sale and available from our Church Sacristies and Parochial House this weekend and from other local outlets across the parish later this week. Thank you very much for your support.

Prayer for Vocations Praying this weekend for our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood we echo the advice of St Paul to Timothy in the second reading: that they'll fight the good fight of the faith and speak up for the truth as witnesses to the presence of Jesus Christ in the Church and in the world today.

Youth 2000 Prayer Group at Lavey Parochial house (opposite Lavey chapel) every Friday evening at 7.30pm. For ages 16-35. For more info, please contact Gemma on 079 3479 1188.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Dates 2026

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St. Mary's P.S., Altinure: Saturday 28th February at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

St. Canice's P.S., Feeny and St. Peter's & St. Paul's, P.S., Foreglen: Saturday 28th February at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

• First Holy Communion Dates 2026 •

St. Peter's & St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen: Saturday 2nd May at 11.00am in St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen.

St. Mary's P.S., Altinure: Saturday 9th May at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

St. Canice's P.S., Feeny: Saturday 30th May at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

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Current Vacancies - Derry Diocesan Trust

Sacristan, Three Patrons Parish, Derry
12 Hours per week in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh

Choir Director & Organist, Long Tower Parish, Derry
2.5 hours per week in St Columba's Church, Long Tower

Housekeeper, Clonmany Parish
15 hours per week

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP; email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org or tel 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
12 Noon on Monday 29th September 2025.

*Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities***.**

Mary's Meals -Good News The charity Mary's Meals is now reaching over 3 million children with daily school meals across 16 countries. We are so grateful for your compassion, prayers and support over the years that have made it possible to reach this milestone. Each little act of love is giving hope to new generations. Mary's Meals invites you to continue to pray for this work that we can reach the next child waiting and to consider volunteering your time locally to help us raise awareness and funds individually or as part of a group so we can keep the promise of a daily meal to the children we currently feed. Visit our website www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Caoimhe on 073 9456 4065 to find out more.

Rise and Shine Trust (Formally known as The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) Easter 2026 Pilgrimage: Applications are invited from young people with additional social, emotional, physical and learning needs aged 11-30 who are interested in travelling as guests to Lourdes with the Rise and Shine Trust. The trip is free to Guests travelling with the Group. The application form is available at https://form.jotform.com/212932685135054 or visit riseandshine.ie Closing date for applications 15th October 2025. Applications are also sought for carers aged 18+ who would be interested in accompanying guests on the trip. Carers applications at riseandshine.ie. For more information, visit www.riseandshine.ie or please feel free to contact Sian (079 6021 1352) or Róisin (00353 86 338 0328).

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

20th & 21st September 2025
St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,145 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Para Swimming World Championships 2025 Congratulations to Dearbhaile Brady, Feeny's very own swimming legend on her Bronze medal in the 50m Freestyle event at the World Championships. Dearbhaile's next events include her best and favourite, 50m Butterfly. We wish her the very best of luck!

Learmount Community Development Group: Week commencing **Monday 29th:** Time For Me Ladies: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Deed's Dementia Social Group:11am - 1pm; Ladies' Yoga: 7pm-8pm (Park Hall); Men's Yoga:8pm-8.45pm; Art Class with Sheila; 7.30pm - 9.30pm; **Tuesday 30th:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW: 2pm - 4pm; **Wednesday 1st October:** 'Be the Break' workshop with Michael Lynch; 7pm; **Thursday 2nd:** Painting For Pleasure:10.30am-12.30pm; Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group**; Friday 3rd:** Walk to Biddy Jane's Byre and the Stonemason's Cottage with refreshments in the Stonemason's Cottage, Ballyrory afterwards: 10.30am meet at Community Centre to carpool; To book any of our classes/trips/workshops or for further information, contact Karen or Min on 028 7778 1881 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.org. **Park Village's 'Community Christmas Market'** Sunday 30th November: 11am until 3pm in Park Community Hall. For Crafters, Makers and Bakers - Come along to join us for some family fun, festive vibes and Christmas craic! Celebrate our local businesses; sample delicious treats, discover homemade crafts and shop for unique gifts. Vendor applications coming soon. Follow our Facebook page: Park Village's Community Christmas Market' for further information or email: parkvillagemarket@mail.com

Glenshane House, Dungiven AWARE NI - Level 2 Autism course starting on Monday 3rd November from 6-9 pm x 4 weeks. Reg fee £30 + £18 Certificate. Names now being taken for an Art class delivered by artist, Sheila Byrne. Starts Monday 10th November from 2-4 pm x 6 weeks. Fees £60, includes all materials. To register Tel. 028 7774 2494.

Could you help nurses of tomorrow learn about Dementia? Join Time for Dementia – an innovative award-winning training programme, coming to University of Ulster. The programme is designed to educate undergraduate healthcare students to improve their knowledge, attitude, and empathy towards people with dementia and their carers. Students are paired up with a family affected by dementia and will arrange to visit them at home. If you would like to find out more information, please contact Anouska Noble on 078 6033 1648 or anouska.noble@alzheimers.org.uk.

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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: 075 9395 4973