PARISH OF BANAGHER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th October 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 12th October 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 John McFeely, RIP, 130 Muldonagh Road, Foreglen and John McLaughlin, RIP, 240 Foreglen Road, Foreglen who were buried recently.

Acknowledgment Fr Dermot would like to sincerely thank the Kelly family for their donation to the parish after the funeral of Philomena, RIP.

Church Gate Collections for Rise and Shine Trust (Formally known as The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) Easter 2026 Pilgrimage will take place next Saturday and Sunday, **11th & 12th October** at all churches.
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 is 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).

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

Draws for 10 Cash Prizes will take place in **October**, **November** and **December**. 30 chances to win – tickets costs **£30**. Tickets on sale and available from our Church Sacristies and Parochial House and from Feeny Spar, Park Vivo, Mace Derrychrier and Sperrin View Bar. Thank you very much for your support.

Do This in Memory Programme Banagher parish will be restarting the 'Do This in Memory' Programme in October 2025. This programme is aimed at the Primary 4 students who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. This programme consists of a monthly Mass, in which the children have an active role. For example, at the start of Mass one child will be invited to light the candle to remind us of our Baptism, some children will bring up the gifts during the offertory procession, and some will read the prayers of the faithful. At the end of Mass, all of the P4 children will be presented with a small gift such as rosary beads, prayer cards, etc. as a way of giving the children examples of different ways to pray. The monthly 'Do This in Memory' Masses are dedicated to the P4 children as part of their Sacramental preparation within the parish. The parents and families of the P4 children are invited to bring their child along to each of the monthly Masses, and family members are welcome to attend.

Banagher Parish Do This in Memory Programme Dates – 2025/2026

St Peter & St Paul's PS – Sunday 12 noon Mass, Foreglen.	St Mary's PS – Sunday 10:30am Mass, Altinure. St Canice's PS – Sunday 9:15am Mass, Fincairn.
12th October	19th October
23rd November	16th November
7th December	14th December
18th January	25th January
1st March	22nd February
29th March	22nd March
26th April	19th April

Prayer for Vocations We pray that our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will, in the words of St Paul to Timothy, "...fan into a flame the gift" [of faith] and "...never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord..." as they rely on the power of God to keep them faithful to their calling.

Gifts of Change: Could you help share the true spirit of Christmas in your parish? Trócaire is appealing for volunteers to help with the sale of Gifts of Change this Christmas. These gifts support families living in poverty around the world, offering practical help and hope where it is most needed. Watch this short video to find out how you can get involved and make a difference: Trócaire's Gifts of Change video: https://vimeo.com/1123144510/5ee246bf4b If you would like to volunteer or find out more, please contact Trócaire - infoni@trocaire.org or phone 028 9080 8030.

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.

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

Feast Days

Friday 10th October: St Denis (- 258) As might be expected for a saint of such an early period, practically no hard facts about Saint Denis survive. According to St Gregory of Tours, writing some 300 years later, Denis came to Gaul from Rome in the middle of the third century. He arrived at what is now the Ile de la Cité in Paris, where he built a church, arranged the regular celebration of Mass, and preached the Gospel. Together with two members of his clergy he was martyred near the city.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

27th & 28th September 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £920 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £555

St. Peter's & St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen: £395

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Para Swimming World Championships 2025 Congratulations to Dearbhaile Brady, on winning a Silver medal in the 50m Butterfly at the World Championships. Along with her Bronze medal, this is a huge achievement – well done and welcome home!

Learmount Community Development Group: Week commencing **Monday 6th:** 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 7th:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW: 2pm - 4pm; Learmount AGM: 7.30pm (Community Centre);**Wednesday 8th:** 'Be the Break' workshop 2 with Michael Lynch; 7pm; **Thursday 9th:** Painting For Pleasure:10.30am-12.30pm; Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group; 12pm - 2pm; Learmount Book Club:8pm; **Friday 10th:** Learmount Walking Group: Meet at 10.30am at the Community Centre. 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

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