PARISH OF BANAGHER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th 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 19th October 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.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Celine O'Connor, RIP, 57 Ballyhanedin Road, Foreglen and Martin Kelly RIP, Portstewart who were buried recently.

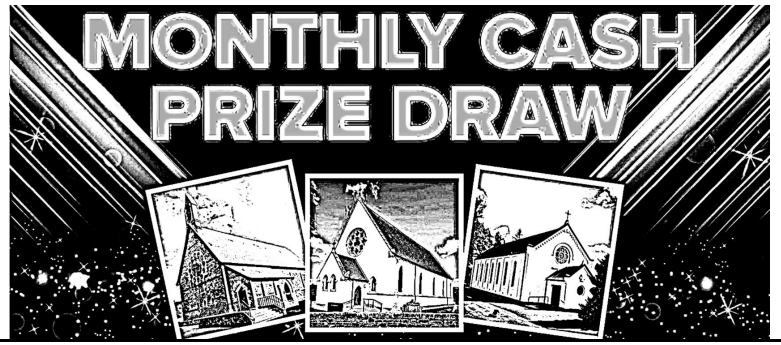
A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Patsy Murphy, RIP, will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 18th October at 7pm.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Bella Lipscombe, RIP, in St Mary's Church, Altinure on Sunday 19th October at 10.30am.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Aidan Samuel Anderson.

Easter 2026 Pilgrimage Rise and Shine Trust (formerly Irish Pilgrimage Trust) Church Gate Collections will take place this weekend in all churches. All donations will help with taking children and young adults to Lourdes next Easter.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound will take place on Monday afternoon in Foreglen; on Wednesday afternoon in Carnanbane & on Thursday in Altinure. Please contact Fr Dermot/Parochial House on 028 777 81223 if you would not like a visit this month.



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

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

October Do This in Memory Mass – Foreglen Sunday the 12th October is the first Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in our St Peter's and St Paul's, Foreglen, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is The Rosary, as October is known to be the month of the Rosary within the Catholic Church. Each month the children will receive a gift at the end of Mass which aims to help them grow in their prayer life. This month's gift is rosary beads, to remind the children that having a relationship with Mary is a powerful gift to have in their faith journey, especially coming up to receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We as a parish ask Mary our Mother to protect and guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

Prayer for Vocations In our second reading this weekend St Paul asks the young Timothy to keep in mind the Good News of the life, death and, most importantly, the resurrection of Jesus as Paul had handed it on to him. We pray for the future priests of our diocese that, like Timothy, their ministry will bring the people they serve to salvation.

November Mass for the Dead praying in a special way for all those who have died in our parish over the past year will take place in St Joseph's Church, Fincairn on **Tuesday 4th November** at 7.30pm. During the Mass Fr Dermot will call out the names of those who have died and a family member is invited to bring a candle to the altar in memory of their loved one. (Candles will be available at the back of the Church).

Dungiven Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 Pilgrimage Details: Departing from Belfast International on Mon. 10th August for 6 nights*. We will be in Lourdes for the Feast of The Assumption. (*may be reduced to 5 nights - this will be confirmed at a later date). Spiritual director Fr. Gerard Sweeney. Cost per person based on twin/double sharing, including full board, is £975. Single supplement is £39 per night. Insurance is optional and costs an extra £45. There are only a limited number of seats remaining. Contact the Dungiven parish office Tel: 028 777 40702.

St Oliver Plunkett 400th Anniversary To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett on 1 November 1625, and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation in 1975, Revd Dr Thomas O'Connor, former Professor of History at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will give a talk in St Oliver Plunkett Church, Clady, at 5pm on Sunday 26 October.

Feast Days

Friday 10th October: St Teresa of Ávila (1515 - 1582) was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places.With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God. Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. The rest of her life is a story of the establishment of Discalced Carmelite convents in the face of intense opposition from the unreformed Carmelites. She died, worn out by her efforts, on 15 October 1582. St Teresa is an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action. St Teresa wrote much on the subject of contemplative prayer and her writings are still standard works today. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

4th & 5th October 2025

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,505 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £895

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.

Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre: Silent Retreat: Fr Stephen Quinn will lead a silent retreat for men and women from Friday 5 - Sunday 7 December. This is a great opportunity to take some time this Advent, to grow in contemplative prayer and friendship with Christ. The weekend costs £90. For further info/booking call 02871262512 or email termonbaccaderry@ocd.ie **Our Lady of Montligeon prayer group-** praying for all the souls in purgatory meets in Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry, on the last Wednesday each month at 12:30pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday 29 October and everyone is welcome to come along.

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.
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Covid and Flu vaccination drop-in clinic for Feeny Medical Practice Patients Monday 13th/Tuesday 14th October, Owenbeg GAA, Acorn Room; 10:30 - 13:00 - 14:00 - 17:30. Patients must meet the criteria which can be accessed here https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/flu-vaccinehttps://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/covid-19-vaccine

Banagher GAC Lotto Numbers for 7th October were 8, 16, 25, 26. Winning £15 each were Dillon Devine x 5, Rachel Loughrey, Karen Milligan and Kirsty Reilly. Next week's jackpot is £5,500.

Learmount Community Development Group: Week commencing **Monday 13th**: 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 14th:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW: 2pm - 4pm; Shattering the Cycle workshop: Mel Bradley: 7pm; **Wednesday 15th**: 'Learmount Gardening Club: 11am; Be the Break' workshop 3 with Michael Lynch; 7pm; **Thursday 16th:** Painting For Pleasure:10.30am-12.30pm; Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group; 12pm - 2pm; Autumn Flower arranging class: 7pm - 9pm; **Friday 17th:** Learmount Walking Group: Meet at 10.30am at the Community Centre; Good Relations Trip to Derry: guided walking tour of City Walls with lunch at the Newgate Centre; **Saturday 18th:** Kids Mini-Pac Club: 10am - 11am; Kids PAC Club: 11.30am - 1pm. To book any of our classes/trips/workshops or for further information, contact Karen or Min on 02877781881 / 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 now open. Message our Face page: Park Village's Community Christmas Market' or email: parkvillagemarket@mail.com.

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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