

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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 Bridget Hassan, RIP, 43 Glenedra Road, Coolnamonan, Sheila O'Kane, RIP, 43 Columbia Park, Foreglen and Hugh Grieve, RIP, 14 Learmount Drive, Park, who were buried recently.

**A Month's Mind Mass** will be celebrated for John McLaughlin, RIP, in St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm.

**Visitation of the Sick & Housebound** will take place in **Feeny** this week on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. Please contact Fr. Dermot/Parochial House on 028 7778 1223 if you would not like a visit this month.

**Baptisms** We welcome into God's family Charlotte Anne Hegarty, Éadaoin Meadhbh Gilloway and Rian Michael McGrath.

November	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Elaine Loughery	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Maeve McLaughlin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Patsy McDermott	Anne Hasson	Margaret O'Kane
<b>Flowers</b>	Margaret Cartin, Seamus McLaughlin		Barbara Sharkey
<b>Cleaning</b>	Briege O'Neill, Pauline McGrellis		Brenda McCloskey, Shauna Quirk Alison O'Neill
<b>Counters</b>	Bridie McElean, Hugh Francis O'Neill		Christine McGaughey Celine McGaughey
<b>Collectors</b>	Marty McGrellis Vincent McCloskey	Anthony O'Neill Patrick McGrellis	Stephen Gormley, Tony Gormley Shaun & Shane McElhinney

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Prayer for Vocations** For our seminarians, for the men discerning their vocation, and for the future priests of the diocese that, like St. Paul, they will be able to say, 'I have fought the good fight; I have run the race to the end; I have kept the faith.'

**Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations:** On Tuesday evening, 28<sup>th</sup> October, the 7.30pm Mass in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, Derry, will be offered for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Derry. This will be followed by a Holy Hour from 8.00pm to 9.00pm, concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction. All are welcome to come and pray.

### • BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW •

#### October's Draw winners are:

£100 – 0651 – Theresa Hasson, Dreen  
 £100 – 0683 – Caoimhe McGlinchey, Terrydreen  
 £100 – 0849 – Carla Campbell, c/o Magheramore Road, Dungiven  
 £100 – 0402 – Stephen Hasson, c/o Brenda Mullan  
 £100 – 0104 – Leanne Mullan, c/o Mullaghmesh Park, Feeny  
 £100 – 0927 – Aislinn McNickle, Umrycam Road  
 £100 – 0923 – Anne Marie O'Kane, Umrycam Road  
 £250 – 0635 – Roma Donaghy, Carnanreagh Road, Claudy  
 £500 – 0512 – Christy O'Kane, Main Street, Feeny  
 £1,000 – 0468 – Brid Lynch, c/o Derrychrier

**Congratulations to all our winners**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**St. Mary's GAC** Lotto Numbers for 21<sup>st</sup> October were 13,26,27 & 28. Winning £100 was Margaret Connolly. Next week's jackpot is £5,700.

**Learmount Community Development Group:** Week commencing **Monday 27<sup>th</sup>:** 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 28<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Hobby Work Shed: 10.30 - 12.30pm; Craft & Crochet Club: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Advice NW: 2pm - 4pm; **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>:** Mini Professor Science Workshops: Workshop 1: 2pm - 3pm; Workshop 2: 3.30pm - 4.30pm; **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>:** Painting For Pleasure: 10.30am-12.30pm; Post Office Outreach service: 9am - 12pm; Park 60+ Group: 12pm - 2pm; Ladies Social Group: 7pm; **Friday 31<sup>st</sup>:** Learmount Walking Group: Meet at 10.30am at the Community. Family Halloween Spooky Trail in Learmount Forest: Collect a map and a sheet from the Community Centre and walk around the trail to find the spooky images hiding amongst the trees. Drop off your completed entry into the Centre to be entered into a draw for cash prizes. 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. Ballyrory Stonemason's Cottage / Stride Workshop: **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** A one off workshop to shape ideas that will improve the digital offering of the Stonemason's Cottage in Ballyrory - contact Pat on 075 9718 8034.

**Glenshane House, Dungiven** - L2 Autism course starts on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 6-9 pm x 4 weeks. Registration fee £30 + cert £18. A special offer of £20 for 16-18 year olds. To register Tel 028 7774 2494.

**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.

## PARISH CLERGY

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## CONTACT US

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 - Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**Mass is Live on the Webcam at [www.banagherparish.com](http://www.banagherparish.com)**

**SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973**

**Dungiven Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026** Pilgrimage Details: Departing from Belfast International on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7774 0702.

**Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre: 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 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October and everyone is welcome to come along.

## Feast Days

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Saint Otteran** was abbot of Meath and later came to Iona. He died in 548 and his grave on Iona was greatly revered. As a result, the Vikings chose Otteran, the titular guardian of their ancestors' ashes, as patron of the city of Waterford in 1096. He is now patron saint of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles** St. Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of 'Simon Cananaeus' simply adapts another Hebrew word for 'zeal' and has nothing to do with the town of Cana. St. Jude, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October: The Blessed Martyrs of Douai College** The English College at Douai was founded in 1568 to educate English Catholics, and to act as a seminary training priests to enter England covertly, minister to English Catholics, and attempt the re-conversion of England to the faith. Simply being a Catholic priest was high treason in England at this time, with the penalty of hanging, drawing and quartering, and almost 160 of the priests from Douai were thus executed between 1577 and 1680. Each time the news of another execution reached the College, a solemn Mass of thanksgiving was sung.

**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.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,070      St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £380

**Retired Priest Collection - £1,370**

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