

PARISH OF BANAGHER

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
15th February 2026

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



Ash Wednesday Masses

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **9.15am**
St. Mary's Church, Altinure: **10.30am**
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 22nd February 2026

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.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the souls of Brandon Kelly, RIP, and Peter McCullagh, RIP, in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn, on Saturday 22nd February at 7.00pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation in Banagher Parish will be held at the end of this month of February. The Primary 7 children of **St. Mary's P.S., Altinure** will be on Saturday 28th February at **11.00am** in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

The Primary 7 children of **St. Canice's P.S., Feeny** and **St. Peter's and St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen** will be on Saturday 28th February at **2.00pm** in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Please keep the Confirmation children, their sponsors and their families in your prayers over these coming weeks.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

7th & 8th February 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,000 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £790

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.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Darragh Desmond Patrick Lynch and Conan Ryan McNeil.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 For availability please ring 028 7126 0293 and leave a message or email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Or alternatively contact JWT Dublin on 00353 1 685 2244.

Vocations - 'Joy of Priesthood' Retreat Weekend for anyone (18+) interested in the diocesan priesthood, in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, Friday 6th – Sunday 8th March 2026. For further information, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com. Please register using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discernment-retreat-for-the-diocesan-priesthood-tickets-1980332502825?aff=oddtcreator>.

Pilgrimage to Fatima Flying Direct from Belfast International, 7 nights F/B Avenida Hotel, 14th – 21st August. Spiritual Director Fr. Andrew McMahon PP. Convenient flight times. £845pps. Deposit secures. For information, tel. Joe Catney on 077 7642 5631.

Catholic Mothers Ireland – Catholic Couples Date Night Join us for an unforgettable evening with Mark and Anne O'Leary – inspiring talks, laughter, faith, and a gorgeous 4-course meal! Saturday 18th April, 7pm, Armagh City Hotel. Fun prizes, great atmosphere, a perfect night out together. For more information or to book, contact: info@catholicmothers.ie.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group invite you to **Life in the Spirit Seminars 2026** in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh, Co. Tyrone at the Thursday 7.30pm Mass. Grace filled Lenten Journey:

19 th February	God's Love	Fr. John Keane
26 th February	Salvation	Fr. Eamonn Kelly
5 th March	New Life	Fr. Barney McAleer
12 th March	Receiving God's Gifts	Fr. Peter McAnenly
19 th March	Baptism in the Spirit	Fr. Joseph Mary Deane CFR Derry
26 th March	Growth and Transformation	Fr. Owen Gorman

Accessible online at www.drumraghparish.com.

'Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary use words.' St. Francis of Assisi

Mary's Meals 'A Fundamental Solution' Thanks to the overwhelming support for our Crisis in Ethiopia appeal, as schools reopened after the war, we were able to expand our school feeding programme and bring food and hope to hundreds of thousands more children and their families. Today, with our partner the Daughters of Charity, we serve nutritious daily meals to more than 245,000 children in over 475 schools across the region. Head of School Feeding, Abraha Bahlbi, tells us: 'The community is experiencing severe hunger and health problems. [But] despite these immense challenges, Mary's Meals is becoming a fundamental solution to the problems of many children.' If you can, please donate today to help us keep our promise of life-changing school meals to the three million children across the globe for whom Mary's Meals means food, friendship and hope. Please visit us for more info on <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/?pl=GB>

Feast Days

Tuesday 17th: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order In the early 13th century, seven young Florentines formed a confraternity of laymen devoted to the praise of Mary. In 1233, after a vision on the feast of the Assumption, they took up the life of hermits on Monte Senario outside Florence, Italy. They went preaching through the whole of Tuscany and founded the order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Servites, whose foundation was approved by the Pope in 1304. Their feast is celebrated today because one of the seven founders, Saint Alexius Falconieri, died on 17th February 1310.

Friday 20th: Blessed Christopher of Milan OP was a Dominican Friar and Priest. Blessed Christopher was born at Milan, Italy around 1410. He dedicated his whole life to itinerant preaching after the example of Saint Vincent Ferrer. The austerity of his life and his zeal for souls led an ancient chronicler to say of him: 'He was truly a Christ-bearer, for he carried Christ not only in name, but in his heart and on his lips'. While master of novices for the Dominican Order, he wrote a treatise 'On the Service of God' for them. He died at Taggia in March 1484.

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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

St. Mary's GAC, Banagher Lotto numbers for 10.2.26 were 2, 12, 16 & 25. Winning £20 each were Ciara Coll, Nicole Farren, Oonagh McCullagh, Laura Miller, Monica McEldowney and James McCormick. Next week's jackpot is £7,300.

Learmount Community Development Group: Timetable for the week commencing 16th February 2026: Monday 16th February: Time for Me Ladies (10.30am - 12.30pm); Yoga - Ladies (7 - 7.45 pm); Yoga - Men's (8 - 8.45 pm); **Tuesday 17th February:** Men's Hobby Work Shed (10.30 - 12.30 pm); Craft & Crochet Club (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Advice NW (2 - 4 pm); Couch 2 5K Week 5: Session 9 (7pm) at Craigbane Walkway; **Thursday 19th February:** Post Office Outreach service (9 am - 10 am ONLY); Park 60+ Group (12 - 4 pm); Couch to 2 5K Week 5: Session 10 (7pm) at Craigbane Walkway; **Friday 20th February:** Learmount Walking Group: Meet at 10.30 am at the Community Centre.

Dates for your diary: Thursday 26th February: Free (CITB NI Heritage) local history workshop researching the 19th and early 20th century heritage of your area: 2pm - 4pm; **Thursday 7th March:** March through Park Village to raise awareness of the End Violence Against Women and Girls campaign (Everyone has their part to play!) – 12 noon from Community Centre. Everyone welcome. Refreshments afterwards in the Community Centre. For further information or to book any of our classes: contact Karen or Min on 028 7778 1881 /DM us /email: admin@learmountgroup.org.

'**Time for Dementia**' is now at the University of Ulster and the Alzheimer's Society is actively looking for families to take part. 'Time for Dementia' is an innovative award-winning training programme, designed to educate undergraduate healthcare students to improve their knowledge, attitude, and empathy towards people with dementia and their carers. The student nurses will be paired up with a family affected by dementia and will arrange to visit them at home three times a year. This is a unique learning opportunity for the students but also a great chance for a family affected by dementia to share their experiences of living with the condition and help nurses of tomorrow learn about Dementia to improve the future of healthcare for people with dementia. 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