

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

5th April 2026

Mass Times

Easter Week Mass Times:

Easter Monday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Easter Tuesday: St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Easter Wednesday: St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm

Easter Thursday: St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Easter Friday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 12th April 2026

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.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Molly Rose Forde and Saerlaith Rosie Campbell.

THANK YOU to the adults and young people who read, the singers and musicians, the eucharistic ministers, the collectors, the altar servers, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the sacristans, the groundskeepers, parishioners and anyone who helped in any way with the Holy Week Ceremonies. We appreciate your time, generosity and efforts helping the parish celebrate the different Masses and Services over the course of the week. Thank you very much indeed. Thanks also to the school children of the parish for their Easter 'He is Risen' artwork on the three altars. May God bless you this Easter.

Prayer for Vocations We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, that the men called to be priests will preach and live by the gospel, the Good News of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, risen from the dead, our hope of resurrection and everlasting life.

Trócaire - Please bring Trócaire boxes or donations for Trócaire to any of the Masses during Easter Week. Thank you for your generosity towards this year's Lenten campaign.

Easter 2026 Blessings

Fr. McGirr wishes everyone the Blessings of Easter.

This Easter may we live as people deeply touched by the hope and spirit of the Risen Jesus. Our Faith proclaims: Christ is risen, he is truly risen! Alleluia!

Annual Sr. Clare Retreat, 'I prefer Paradise' - Remembering Sr. Clare's 10th Anniversary. Pardon and Peace: Reflecting on the Gift of Reconciliation. 'Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord' (Psalm 84). St. Columba's Church, Long Tower, Derry, Monday 13th - Sunday 19th April: Daily Mass - 7am & 10am. Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Friday 17th: 7pm - Evening Service with Benediction & Guest Speaker. Wednesday 15th: 7pm - Eucharistic Healing. Thursday 16th: Solemn Concelebrated Mass to mark the 10th Anniversary of Sr. Clare. Saturday 18th: 10am - Mass with Anointing of the Sick; 3pm - Service with Benediction and Guest Speaker. Sunday 19th April: 3pm - Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Knock Pilgrimage, Saturday 18th April from 11.00am to 3.00pm, led by Bishop John Keenan, Diocese of Paisley, Scotland. Morning talk theme 'The Church as the People of God, a priestly, prophetic and royal people'; outdoor Stations of the Cross; Holy Mass; Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions throughout the day. Parents, School staff, Parish Pastoral Council members welcome. Choir members especially welcome. Bring a packed lunch. Pray for good weather! Catechism of the Catholic Church – Learning and Living our Catholic Faith.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 5 nights from 3rd to 8th August. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £820 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in, please contact bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org or tel. 028 7126 4087.

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: All places on the pilgrimage are now filled. If places become available through cancellations, these will be offered to those on the waiting list. Pilgrims are asked to complete final payment as soon as possible. The Pilgrimage office will be closed during Easter Week, 6th to 11th April inclusive.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

28th & 29th March 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £770 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £615

St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £570

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.

April	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Brenda Duddy	Liam Campbell	Emma Redmond
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Donaghy	Breige O'Neill	Tony Gormley
Flowers	Breige O'Neill		Mary Redmond
Cleaning	Lorraine O'Kane, Marie French, Sarah McGrellis		Margaret Rose Devine, Roisin McLaughlin
Counters	Liam & Siobhan Campbell, Pat McCullagh, Bernie McCullagh, Vincent McCloskey, Geraldine McCloskey		Anna Smyth, Anna Gormley
Collectors	Paul Campbell, Liam McLaughlin	Paul McDermott, Jackie Hasson	Gerald, Shane, Connor & Sean Kerlin

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 • 7.00pm • Armagh City Hotel • Fun prizes • Great atmosphere • A perfect night out together! For more information or to book, contact: info@catholicmothers.ie.

Collection Envelopes for 2026/2027 and Gift Aid Scheme

Boxes of weekly Collection Envelopes for 2026/2027 will be delivered (in Fincairn) or are available in church porches (Altinure and Foreglen) for collection.

Parishioners who contribute to the Parish using Direct Debit and wish to donate to the special collections (blue envelopes) during the year, please contact the Parish Office.

At the front of your box of envelopes is an extra card. It's a small declaration form for the Gift Aid Scheme. If you're a UK taxpayer and you contribute to the Parish using a collection envelope and you sign up to Gift Aid, the Parish can receive from the government an amount of money equal to 25% of your contributions at no extra cost to you.

If you have already signed up for Gift Aid, it may have been a while since parishioners signed their declaration for the scheme. We would appreciate it if you would consider signing a new declaration card and returning it to us to update our parish records.

If you haven't Gift Aided before and you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid. You'll be helping the parish a great deal. Thank you very much.

'Christ's resurrection is not just a memory of the past, but a living hope for our everyday lives.' (Pope Leo XIV)

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Learmount Group is closed for the week commencing Monday 6th April to Friday 10th April. Classes will resume on **Monday 13th April**. Wishing you both a very Happy and Peaceful Easter.

Bereaved by Suicide – Support Meeting If you have been affected by the loss of a loved one to suicide, you are not alone and support is available. Our monthly Bereaved by Suicide Support Meeting is usually held on the first Monday of each month. Please note: Due to the Easter holiday, the meeting date has changed. The next meeting will now take place on Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm in the Roe Valley Therapy Centre. The group is facilitated by Wellness and Positive Minds facilitators who bring lived experience, offering a compassionate and understanding space for support. You are very welcome to attend. For further information, please call: 077 4857 0558.

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.

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.

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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: Wednesday - Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973