

PARISH OF BANAGHER

3rd Sunday of Easter - 19th April 2026

Mass Times

Weekly 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 26th 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.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincere sympathies to the families and friends of Bridie Taylor, RIP, 20 Beechmount and Noel 'Archie' Lockhart, RIP, 51 Faughan View Park, Claudy, who were buried recently.

A 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Philomena Kelly, RIP, in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 25th April at 7.00pm.

Blessing of the Graves 2026

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: **Sunday 14th June after 11.30am Mass**
St Peter & St Paul's Foreglen: **Sunday 16th August after 12.00pm noon Mass**
St Mary's Church, Altinure: **Sunday 6th September after 10.30am Mass**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

First Holy Communion in the parish will be celebrated on the following dates:

Saturday 2nd May at 11.00am in St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Foreglen for the children of St. Peter's and St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen.

Saturday 9th May at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Altinure for the children of St. Mary's P.S., Altinure.

Saturday 30th May at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn for the children of St. Canice's P.S., Feeny.

Do This in Memory Mass (Feeny & Altinure) Sunday 19th April is the Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in Feeny and Altinure, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is **'The Holy Family'**. 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 a Holy Family medal, which the children can keep to remind them that they are part of God's family. The Holy Family is a perfect example of faith for not only the P4 children, but for everyone. We as a parish pray that the Holy Family will guide the children throughout their lives and especially during their Sacramental preparation.

Trócaire - Please bring Trócaire boxes or donations to any of the church sacristies or to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity towards this year's Lenten campaign.

Catholic Mothers Ireland An Evening of Peace, Encouragement and Faith for Women and Mothers. Join Catherine DiNuzzio for a gentle, faith-filled evening offering hope and practical guidance for navigating anxiety with the peace of Christ on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Parish, Lurgan, Co. Armagh.

Prostrate Ourselves Before the Lord Hosted by Patrick McCrystal, Executive Director of Human Life International (Ireland), Saturday 25th April at 7.00pm at the Drummond Hotel, Limavady, Co. Derry BT49 9HP, an evening of Encouragement, Proclamation, Repentance, Seeking God's mercy for our Nation and Prayer for Healing. All welcome.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage Society's Seven Night Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 8th to 15th July, from Belfast International Airport and staying at Hotel Agena - £949 based on 2 people sharing. Contact Kathleen McCann on 028 7963 2205 or 077 1970 1925.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

11th & 12th April 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £585 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £680
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £375

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.

Fatima Pilgrimage Flying direct from Belfast International to Fatima. Pilgrimage 7 Nights F/B, Avenida Hotel, 14th – 21st August. Spiritual Director Fr. Andrew McMahon PP. Convenient flight times. £845pps. Full Religious Programme. For further details, contact Joe on 077 7642 5631 or J. Walsh Tours 00353 1 241 0800.

Feast Days

Tuesday 21st April: St. Anselm (1033 - 1109) was born in Aosta, in northern Italy, and became a monk of Bec in Normandy, where he taught theology and devoted himself to the spiritual life. After some years as abbot, he succeeded his master Lanfranc as archbishop of Canterbury. His bitter disputes with the kings of England over the independence of the Church resulted in his twice being exiled. He died at Canterbury on 21st April 1109. He is remembered for his theological learning and writings, and for organising and reforming church life in England.

Thursday 23rd April: St. George (- c.303), was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the West, and the legend of St. George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England & Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under the protection of St. George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group: Week commencing Monday 20th April 2026: **Monday 20th:** Time For Me Ladies (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Dementia Social Group (11 am - 1 pm), Ladies' Yoga (7 - 7.45 pm), Men's Yoga (8 - 8.45 pm), Evening Art Class (7.30 pm - 9.30 pm); **Tuesday 21st:** Craft & Crochet Club (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Men's Hobby Work Shed (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Advice North West (2 pm - 4 pm), Slow Sewing (7 pm - 9 pm); **Thursday 23rd:** Post Office (9 am - 12 pm); Painting for Pleasure (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Park 60+ Club (12 pm - 2 pm), Blue Belle walk in Learmount Forest with Ballymagorry Walking Group from 10.30 am (Community Centre); **Friday 24th April:** Learmount Walking Group (10.30 am); Learmount History Group with the Roe Valley Ancestral Society in attendance (7.30pm) at Learmount Community Centre. For further information on groups, classes, events or workshops, contact Karen on 028 7778 1881 / 077 5111 8656 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.org.

Paddy Deighan's Fundraiser for the Foyle Hospice and poker night at McKeever's Bar was a brilliant success. With your help we managed to raise an amazing £7,349! THANK YOU to everyone who donated and thanks again for all your support. Paddy Deighan.

Dungiven and Feeny Local Committee for Cancer Research UK is once again holding its Dungiven Walk of Hope 2026 on Friday 19th June at 9.00pm around the town, starting at the Church of Ireland hall. Last year we organised this walk for the first time and it was a great success, raising almost £9,000. Save the date and join us. Sponsor forms are now available from any committee member.

Grave Wreaths Orders now taken for Blessing of Grave wreaths. Sprays, Posies and Rings all available. Contact Pauline on 078 4928 1050.

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.

Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church, please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 075 9650 0793 or at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Duty Social Worker, Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 028 7131 4090.

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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