

# PARISH OF BANAGHER

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - 26<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil; 9.15 am  
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 Month's Mind Mass** will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Bridie Taylor, RIP, in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.00pm.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

The children of St. Peter's and St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen will celebrate their First Holy Communion next **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.00am** in St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Foreglen.  
Please keep the First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers this coming week.

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

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

May	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Pauline McGrellis	Sheena McGrellis	Corrine Coyle
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Lynch	Anne Hassan	Alfie Dallas
Flowers	Sheena McGrellis		Mary Redmond
Cleaning	Sheena McGrellis, Pauline McGrellis		Mary Redmond
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Hugh Francis O'Neill		Philomena Conway, Sean Conway, Karen Feeney
Collectors	Dermot Lynch, Vincent McCloskey	Anthony O'Neill, Patrick McGrellis	Eamon Feeney, Patrick Conway

**Baptism:** We welcome into God's family Patsy Raymond Moore.

**Vocations Prayer:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is a Day of Prayer for Vocations. We thank God for those he has called, and is calling, to diocesan priesthood, and we pray that many more will respond to that call to become spiritual guides and shepherds to the people of God in our time.

**The Columban Young Adults** is a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. The first event will be a talk on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by the Servant Sisters of Home of the Mother. It will be on the question, 'Why be a Young Catholic in 2026?', in which they will also reflect on the life of Sr. Clare Crockett. The talk will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. In conjunction with the All-Ireland Rosary Rally, we will join those gathered to celebrate at our National Eucharistic and Marian Shrine. For those for whom it is convenient, buses will leave St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 8.00am, cost £50, which includes dinner in Knock House Hotel following the conclusion of the Mass in the Basilica. For further information, please contact Karen in the parish office at St. Eugene's on 028 7126 2894 or by email at cathedral@derrydiocese.org. Full schedule to follow.

**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima:** We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 5 nights from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Blessing of the Graves 2026

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

### **Job Opportunity - Parish of Urney and Castlefin, Co. Donegal**

Derry Diocesan Trust – Temporary Administrative and Financial Officer (15 Hours per week) parish of Urney and Castlefin, Co. Donegal, based in the Parochial House in Doneyloop. Working Days and Times to be negotiated. Job Role: Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails provision of administrative and financial support.

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than **12 noon on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

*Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage Society's** 7 Night Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July, from Belfast International Airport staying at Hotel Agena - £949 based on 2 people sharing. Contact Kathleen McCann on 028 7963 2205 or 077 1970 1925.

**Fatima Pilgrimage:** Flying direct from Belfast International to Fatima. Pilgrimage 7 Nights F/B, Avenida Hotel, 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,145      St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £485

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.**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Learmount Community Development Group:** Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April:  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April:** 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 28<sup>th</sup> April:** 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 30<sup>th</sup> April:** Post Office (9 am - 12 pm); Painting for Pleasure (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Park 60+ Club - intergenerational workshop with St. Marys Primary School, Altinure (12 pm - 2 pm); **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Learmount Walking Group (10.30 am); Bluebell Painting class - Come along and visit the Bluebells and then paint with a tutor. All materials provided - a free workshop (booking essential). For further information on groups, classes, events or workshops, contact Karen on 028 7778 1881 / 077 5111 8656 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.

**Dungiven and Feeny Local Committee for Cancer Research UK** is once again holding its Dungiven Walk of Hope 2026 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Glack Social Dance** on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May in St. Finlough's Parish Centre. 8.30pm to 11.30pm. Dancing to Sweet Dreams. £6. Light Supper provided.

**Gamblers Anonymous:** Is gambling affecting your life? We would like to help. Pick up the phone and ring 028 7135 1329.

**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.

**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**

**Fr. Dermot McGirr, P.P.**

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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: Tuesday - 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**