

PARISH OF BANAGHER

5th Sunday of Easter - 3rd May 2026

Mass Times

Weekly Mass Times:

Monday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
 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 10th May 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 family and friends of Terry O'Neill, 13 Slievemore Park, Derry, who was buried during the week.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Bridie McCartney, RIP, in St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church on Sunday 10th May at 12.00pm Noon.

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Aoibhín McGurk, Bóinn Síle Cleary & Raya Grace Kerlin.

The Forty Hours Devotions † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place next weekend, **Sunday 10th to Monday 11th May in St. Mary's, Altinure from 10.30am to 6.00pm** on Sunday and Monday. Exposition will begin after the Sunday morning 10.30am Mass concluding with Devotions and Benediction at 6.00pm that evening. It will resume after 10.00am Mass on Monday morning with the 40 Hours ending at 6.00pm with Devotions and Benediction that evening. Everyone is welcome to visit the church or go online and spend a short while in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Vocations Prayer: Our first reading tells of the selection of the first 7 Deacons. We pray for those ordained to the Diaconate. In the Diocese of Derry we pray God's blessing on Deacon Stephen Baxter who will be ordained to the priesthood on 14th June.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Congratulations to the **Primary 4 children of St. Peter's & St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen who made their First Holy Communion** on Saturday 2nd May. Congratulations also to their parents, families, relatives and friends on this special day for them too.

The children of St. Mary's P.S., Altinure will celebrate their First Holy Communion next **Saturday 9th May** at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Altinure. Please keep the First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers this coming week.

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

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group: Mgr. Barney McAleer, retired SMA priest, will give a Talk on 'Our Lady, our Mother' on Thursday 7th May in the Pastoral Centre, Brook Street, Omagh at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

The Little Way Novena in St. Eugene's Cathedral – 9th – 17th May: The theme is 'My Peace Consists in Remaining Little'. The Novena begins at the 7.30pm Mass on Saturday 9th May with the Sacrament of the Sick. Devotions and talk on Sunday 10th May at 6.00pm. Monday to Friday (11th – 15th May) Novena Masses at 6.30am and 10.00am each morning and an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30 pm. Saturday 16th May 10.00am Mass for those who have died. The Novena closes with blessing of the roses on Sunday 17th May at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome at St. Eugene's Cathedral for this time of prayer and petition.

Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land: People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday 16th May for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage, organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need, will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11.00am and celebrate Mass at 3.00pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2026: 7 nights 24th June – 1st July. Depart Dublin - Mostar. Return Split - Dublin. €855 p.p. sharing. Single room supplement €170. For more information, please contact Ursula O Faodhagain, Castlefin on 00353 87 296 0562.

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	Pauline McGrellis, Briege O'Neill		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

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**

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Saturday 6th 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage Society: 7 Night Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 8th to 15th 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, 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.

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 7th May 2026.**

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

25th & 26th April 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £935 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £820
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £365

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 4th May 2026: **Monday 4th May:** Closed due to Bank Holiday; **Tuesday 5th May:** Craft & Crochet Club (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Men's Hobby Work Shed (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), NO ADVICE NW, Slow Sewing (7 pm - 9 pm); **Thursday 7th May:** Post Office (9 am - 12 pm); Painting for Pleasure (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Park 60+ Club (12 pm - 2 pm); **Friday 8th May:** Learmount Walking Group (10.30 am).

Diary Date: Wednesday 13th May - CITB history workshop on oral histories facilitated by Liam Campbell and Sebastian Graham: 2 pm - 4 pm (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.

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.

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: Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973