

PARISH OF BANAGHER

6th Sunday of Easter – 10th May 2026

Mass Times

Weekly Mass Times:

Monday: ***St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am***

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 17th May 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.

The Forty Hours Devotions † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this 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.

A Month's Mind Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Anne O'Neill, RIP, will be celebrated on Saturday 16th May in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 7.00pm.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound will take place on the following days this week: **Wednesday 13th May** - Foreglen and Carnanbane. **Thursday 14th May** – Park. **Friday 15th May** - Feeny. Please let Fr. Dermot know if you would not like a visit by contacting the Parochial House on 028 777 81223.

The local All Ireland Rosary Rally will be held in Market Street, Limavady at 3.00pm on Saturday 16th May. All welcome. Volunteers needed to help with banners, and distributing materials. Thank you in advance. More details on 077 3033 0028.

Annual Parish Car Wash for HOPE Camp 2026

The Annual Parish Car wash will take place on **Sunday 17th May**

from 8.30am to 1.30pm - Gate closes at **1.00pm**.

All proceeds from this year's car wash will go towards activities planned for the children of the parish at this summer's HOPE Camp.

Thank you in advance - Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vocations Prayer: In our first reading this weekend we hear about the people of Samaria receiving the Holy Spirit. As we approach Pentecost, we pray for a fresh and powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, on the world, on our country, on our parish communities, and on each one of us. May the Spirit fill the hearts and minds of deacons, seminarians, and all those discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, and may many more hear and follow the call to serve the Church as priests.

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.

The Sisters from the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus based in Waterford will lead a ladies weekend retreat in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry, entitled 'In the Upper Room with Mary', from Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th May, Pentecost weekend. The cost of the weekend including accommodation is £90. For booking and queries call Aoife on 028 7126 2512 or email termonbaccaderry@ocd.ie.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Congratulations to the **Primary 4 children of St. Mary's P.S., Altinure who made their First Holy Communion** on Saturday 9th May. Congratulations also to their parents, families, relatives and friends on this special day for them too.

The children of St. Canice's P.S., Fincairn will celebrate their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 30th May** at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn. Please keep the First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers.

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.

Walk in the footsteps of our Patron Saint on Saint Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on Saturdays 6th June and 8th August, and Mairead Sweeney on Saturday 4th July. Begin at Saint Patrick's Centre with the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St. Patrick. Price includes entrance fees, internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch at the famous Saul Barn, plus a stamped Camino passport and a 6-mile pilgrimage walk, finishing at Saint Patrick's grave. Come and Be Amazed! (Duration 9am-approx 3pm, all for just £55) To book, ring 028 4461 9000 or visit www.saintpatrickcentre.com.

Diocese of Derry Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026: The Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday 24th July to Sunday 26th July 2026. Lough Derg continues to welcome people seeking prayer, peace, reflection and renewal in the midst of busy lives. A bus will travel from St. Eugene's Cathedral, via Strabane and Lifford. Cost: £95 / €110 including bus transport. You are welcome, of course, to use your own means of transport. Full details available at: derrydiocese/lough-derg.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

3rd & 4th May 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £850 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £560

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 11th May 2026: **Monday 11th:** 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); **Tuesday 12th:** 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); **Wednesday 13th:** Gardening Club: (11 am); CITB History and Heritage workshop on Orla histories with Dr. Liam Campbell and Sebastian Graham (2 pm - 5 pm); **Thursday 14th:** Post Office (9 am - 12 pm), Park 60+ Club (12 pm - 2 pm), Deed's Dementia awareness training for families and those caring for loved ones with a diagnosis of dementia (7 - 9 pm) Resource Centre; Learmount Book Club (8 pm) Community Centre; **Friday 15th:** Learmount Walking Group (10.30 am). 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