

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Pentecost Sunday – 24th 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 31st 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.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of Thomas (Tommy) Murphy of Larne, formerly Feeny, who was buried during the week.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Réalta Seána Bond.

Wedding Congratulations to Alicia McGonigle and Shane O'Kane who were married recently.

Encounter Weekend Donegal, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Friday 5th June - 6.00pm - 10.30pm, Saturday 6th June, 9.00am - 10.30pm. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Speakers: Patrick Reis, co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Booking, go to <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal>. For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

The children of St. Canice's P.S., Feeny, will celebrate their First Holy Communion next **Saturday 31st May** at 11am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Please keep the First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers this coming week.

Vocations Prayer: On Pentecost Sunday we pray for a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on deacons, seminarians, and on the men discerning a vocation to serve the Church as priests of our diocese. May the Spirit of Jesus fill the hearts of many more with the courage to answer God's call to them and keep them faithful in their ministry.

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.

Derry Youth Fundraising Concert: Derry Youth Ministry will be holding a Fundraising Concert to raise money for their upcoming Fatima Pilgrimage. The concert will take place in St. Anne's Parish Hall, Brisland Road, Eglinton on Saturday 6th June at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy a great night of entertainment, raffle prizes and light refreshments, all while supporting our young people on their pilgrimage. Tickets are £10. For tickets and more information, please call 028 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

Corpus Christi Procession – St. Patrick's Church, Crossroads, Killygordon: You are invited to join the Servant Sisters for their Corpus Christi procession, honouring the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Starting in St. Patrick's Church, Crossroads on Sunday 7th June at 4.00pm. All are welcome to attend. First Holy Communion children are invited to come dressed in their communion attire. Tea and refreshments to follow. The event will be preceded by 40 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Patrick's Church beginning on Friday 5th June. All are welcome to the 40 Hours.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

16th & 17th May 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £925 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £370

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Derry Diocesan Trust: Temporary Administrative & Financial Officer

(15 Hours per week for 6 months) in Doneyloop (parish of Urney & Castlefin, Co. Donegal, based in the Parochial House). Working Days & Times to be negotiated. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails provision of administrative and financial support. For application packs please 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 Wednesday 27th May 2026**.

Derry Diocesan Trust: Caretaker, St. Joseph's Hall, Omagh:

20 Hours Per Week. One-year fixed term contract (with possibility of extension). Days and times in agreement with Parish Priest and to facilitate operational needs of the parish and may include evening and weekend work. For job description and application pack, please email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org or telephone (028) 7126 2302. 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 Friday 29th May 2026**.

Derry Diocesan Trust - Parish of Coleraine: Grounds & Maintenance Person.

Full Time - 37½ hours per week. To provide an effective grounds and maintenance service to the parish grounds and cemetery areas to ensure the grounds are maintained in a tidy, presentable and safe state at all times. To undertake maintenance work of the Church grounds and premises as designated by the Parish Priest.

For application packs, please 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 Monday 1st June 2026**.

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

Dromantine Family Fun Day on Sunday 14th June, 1.00 – 5.30pm. Attractions include: Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Vintage Tractors, Gun Dog Display, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Amusements, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more! Admission-Donation £5 per car. Everyone Welcome. Society of African Missions, 96 Glen Road, Newry, BT34 1RH.

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.

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.org/lough-derg.

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**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group: Week commencing: **Monday 25th May:** CLOSED FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY; **Tuesday 26th:** 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), Funky Feet kids Dance Class (5 pm - 6 pm); Slow Sewing (7 pm - 9 pm); **Wednesday 27th:** Learmount Gardening Club: trip to Garvagh Gardening Centre (meet at 10am at Community Centre); **Thursday 28th:** Post Office (9 am - 12 pm), Painting for Pleasure: (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Park 60+ Club (12 pm - 2 pm), Funky Feet kids dance class: (4.30 pm - 5.30 pm); Deed's Dementia awareness training (week 4) for families and those caring for loved ones with a diagnosis of dementia (7 - 9 pm) Resource Centre; **Friday 29th:** Learmount Walking Group (10.30 am), Learmount History Group (7.30pm); **Saturday 30th May:** Learmount PAC Club (11.30 am - 1 pm). 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. Sponsor forms are available from committee members.

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

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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

SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973