

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Trinity Sunday – 31st 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 7th June 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 sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of Stephen Taggart, RIP, of Tireighter Road, Park, and Paddy Joe Hasson, RIP, 65 Glenedra Road, who were buried during the week.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Johnny Lockhart, RIP, in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 6th June at 7.00pm.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Cillian Connor O'Neill.

Vocations Prayer We pray for the men who will be charged with the task of preaching, by word and by the example of their lives, the message of John 3:16 – that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.'

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group: Fr. Peter McCawille SMA will give a talk on 'The Bible as your Prayer Book' on Thursday 4th June in the Pastoral Centre, Brook Street, Omagh at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Congratulations to the **Primary 4 children of St. Canice's P.S., Feeny who made their First Holy Communion** on Saturday 30th May.

Congratulations also to their parents, families, relatives and friends on this special day for them too.

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.

St. Columba's Day 2026: This year's St. Columba Celebrations at Long Tower have a special significance - we're celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Long Tower in 1946. Events include: **Monday 8th June:** All-Night Vigil of Adoration: 8.00pm - 6.30am. Feast of St. Columba – **Tuesday 9th June:** 7.00am Mass at Hawthorn Tree; 10.00am Mass for Schools and Families; 6.30pm: Vespers at the base of the Medieval-era monastic Bell Tower, Lumen Christi College; 7pm: Rosary in Irish for World Peace at Calvary. 7.30pm: Mass of St. Columba to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Consecration of Long Tower Church celebrated by Fr. John Joe Duffy, PP Creeslough, followed by procession to St. Columba's Well and Parish Party in Lower School Hall.

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**

June	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Breige O'Neill	Jack McColgan	Patrick Conway
Eucharistic Ministers	Darragh McCloskey	Geraldine McCloskey	Sally O'Kane
Flowers	Lucy McLaughlin & Jean O'Neill		Karen Feeny
Cleaning	Lucy McLaughlin & Jean O'Neill		Una Devine, Karen Feeny
Counters	Anne Hassan, Marian & Anthony O'Neill, Patricia McCloskey		Olive O'Neill, Mary Conway, Betty McAteer
Collectors	Dermot O'Hara, Pat McCullagh	Jackie Hasson, Liam Campbell	Jimmy Barry Murphy, JT McCloskey

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/lough-derg.

Feast Day

Thursday 4 June: St. Clotilde (475 - 545) was a Burgundian princess who in about 493 married Clovis, King of the Franks. Brought up a Christian, she had their children baptized, and in due course Clovis himself was baptized, somewhere between 496 and 499, marking the beginning of Christian France. When Clovis died in 511, and especially after her son Clodomir died in 524, Clotilde devoted herself to works of charity and founded many churches and religious institutions, setting a pattern that was later followed by many royal widows in Europe. She herself died by the tomb of St Martin of Tours in 545.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23rd & 24th May 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £640 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £795
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £478

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: Monday 1st June: Time for Me Ladies (10.30 - 12.30 pm); No Dementia Social Group; Ladies Yoga: (7 - 7.45 pm); Men's Yoga (8 - 8.45 pm), Painting Class (7.30 - 9.30 pm); **Tuesday 2nd:** Craft & Crochet Club (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), Men's Hobby Work Shed (10.30 am - 12.30 pm), NO ADVICE NW, Funky Feet kids Dance Class (5 pm - 6 pm); Slow Sewing (7 pm - 9 pm); **Thursday 4th:** 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); **Friday 5th:** 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. 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.

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.

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: Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com
SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973**