PARISH OF BANAGHER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th September 2026

Mass Times 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 27th September 2026
St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil
St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12pm Noon

Confessions
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: No Adoration this Thursday morning.
St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

Rest in Peace We offer our sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of Bridget McCloskey, RIP, 32 Tirglassan Road, who was buried during the week.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of John McFeely, RIP, in St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen on Sunday 27th September at 12pm Noon.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Nía Jordan Higgins, Delilah Caoimhe Farren and Tiarnán Francis McGrellis.

WE WELCOME THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL ROUTER AS BISHOP OF DERRY †

Today, Sunday 20th September, The Most Reverend Michael Router will be installed as Bishop of Derry in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Priests, religious and people from across the Diocese (including from our Parish of Banagher) will gather with Bishop Michael's family, friends and representatives of the wider Church for the **Mass of Installation** in St. Eugene's Cathedral at **3.00pm**. The Mass can be **viewed live on** the Cathedral website – steugenescathedral.com or on youtube.com/@StEugenesCathedral or on facebook.com/stEugenesCathedral.

Banagher Parish Monthly Cash Prize Draw ~ Tickets on Sale!
¤ Money raised will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and ¤
¤ maintenance of our Churches ¤

Draws for 10 Cash Prizes will take place in **October**, **November** and **December**. 30 chances to win! Tickets cost **£30** and are now on sale and available from our Church Sacristies and Parochial House and from Feeny Spar, Park Vivo, Mace Derrychrier and Sperrin View Bar. Thank you very much for your support.

Readers for Foreglen We are looking for some more readers to offer to read at Sunday Mass in St. Peter's & St. Paul's, Foreglen. Your presence would be very welcome and would add to the celebration of our Sunday Masses. If you would like to help our church community and be a church reader, please contact Fr. Dermot or one of the other readers in the church.

Prayer for Vocations For the future priests of our diocese that, in everything they say and do, they will reflect the ways, thoughts and generous mercy of God in their ministry.
Are you 18 years or older and thinking or wondering about serving the Church as a priest of the Diocese of Derry? There will be an afternoon Talk with time for Prayer, Discussion, Questions & Answers in Derry on Sunday 11th October. For further details, please contact Fr. Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Banagher The Social Justice Committee has advised SVP that The Home Heating Scheme is open for application. To apply, contact Home Heating Oil Scheme1Advice N.I or present for support at local Jobs and Benefits office to get your £100. Thank you for the kind donation received on the weekend of 22nd/23rd August. It is very much appreciated. Thank you also to everyone that came with us on our 'day out' in Donegal on Thursday 20th August.

Eucharistic Adoration Derry Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 8.00pm in The Drummond Hotel, 2 Main Street, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP. Registration and light refreshments from 7.30pm.

Our Lady Untier of Knots Novena The Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots will begin after the 7.30pm Mass on Thursday 1st October in St. Eugene's Cathedral. It will continue for the following eight Thursdays, concluding on 26th November. Do you have 'knots' in your life? Knots of discord in your family, unresolved pain in relationships, or a lack of peace and joy in your home? Sometimes life can feel like one overwhelming knot, especially when we face health challenges or burdens beyond our control. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady, and that Christ gave us His Mother as Our Lady, Untier of Knots. Through this devotion we entrust our personal 'knots' to her loving care – learning to let go and allowing her to gently untie what binds us. All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection during this special time of grace.

+ CONFIRMATION DATES 2027 +

St. Canice's P.S., Feeny and St. Peter's & St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen: Saturday 17th April at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

St. Mary's P.S., Altinure: Saturday 17th April at 2.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

• FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2027 •

St. Mary's P.S., Altinure: Saturday 8th May at **10.30am** in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

St. Peter's & St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen: Saturday 15th May at 11.00am in St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen.

St. Canice's P.S., Feeny: Saturday 22nd May at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn.

Michael English Church Concert An evening of Faith, Hope and Inspiration. The concert takes place on Friday 2nd October at 7.15pm in St. Patrick's Church, Keenaught, Desertmartin. Tickets are £30, and available to buy at Herons Gift Shop, Draperstown, Moneyneena Post Office, and at the Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish offices, or online with Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-english-band-fundraising-concert-tickets-1996641829460

Ulster Retreat Day – Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to their Ulster Retreat Day on Saturday 3rd October from 10.00am – 6.00pm at Benburb Priory. A day of prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal with guest speakers Fr. Barry Matthews, Fr. Gerry Campbell, Helen Stewart and Jim Deeds. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: £45. Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats. All welcome – bring a friend.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12th & 13th September 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,045 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £505
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £530

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 (PARK):Week commencing Monday 21st September: **Monday 21st:** Time For Me Ladies (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Painting with Sheila: (7.30 - 9.30 pm); Ladies' Yoga (7 - 7.45 pm); Men's Yoga (8 - 8.45 pm); **Tuesday 22nd**: Men's Hobby Workshop (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Craft and Crochet Club (10.30 - 12.30 pm); Advice NW (2 - 4 pm); Funky Feet Kids dance class (5 - 6 pm); Slow Sewing (7 - 9 pm); **Thursday 24th:** Post Office Outreach Service (9 am - 12 pm); Learmount Walking Group trip to Ballymagorry; Painting for Pleasure (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Park 60+ Club (12 - 2 pm), Funky Feet Kids dance class (4.15 - 5.15 pm); **Friday 25th:** Learmount Walking Group (10.30 am); Learmount History Group (7.30 - 9.30 pm); **Saturday 26th:** Mini PAC Club (10 - 11 am); PAC Arts & Crafts Club (11.30 am - 1 pm).
Dates for your diary: Ladies Social Evening with Mary O'Kane (Financial Resilience for women) - **Wednesday 30th September** (7 - 9 pm); Natural Living Workshop (make your own washing powder, pillow spray & solid perfume with Blue Hare Crafts - **Wednesday 7th October** (7 - 9 pm). Booking is essential for classes: Tel 028 7778 1881 / WhatsApp 077 5111 8656 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.org.

Park Village's Annual Christmas Market will take place in Park Community Hall on Sunday 29th November from 11 am - 3 pm. Applications are currently open until Wednesday 30th September for local vendors/stall holders: The online link is on the Facebook page, or a hard copy can be collected from Learmount Community Centre. We welcome all local makers, crafters and bakers to showcase their local talents. Email: parkvillagemarket@mail.com.

Glenshane House, Dungiven: A Free 4-week Family History Programme starts on Tuesday 22nd September from 6.30-9.30 pm. Topics - Local Roots; American Roots; Life in Ireland and the American Journey. It will also show how to research genealogical records. To book, tel. 028 7774 2494.

Irish Classes will be starting up again on Wednesday 23rd September in Craigbane Parish Hall (Slieveboy Road) from 7.30 - 9.00pm. There will be 3 classes – a complete beginner class, a returner class and an intermediate class. Learners benefit from becoming part of a learning community, making new friends and having a regular place to come and speak Gaelic. We have WhatsApp groups and social events. It all starts when you come along to your first class. We can't wait to meet you!

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Parish Office opening hours: Monday to Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

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