PARISH OF BANAGHER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday) – 18th October 2026

Mass Times Mass

Times:
Monday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am
Monday: St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: 11.00am
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 25th October 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.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Sheila O'Kane, RIP, at St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen on Wednesday 21st October at 7.00pm.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Bridget Hassan, RIP, at St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn on Saturday 24th October at 7.00pm.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Hugh Grieve, RIP, at St. Mary's Church, Altinure on Sunday 25th October at 10.30am.

Prayer for Vocations St. Paul could have written this passage from today's Second Reading to our seminarians and to the men discerning their vocation: 'We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.'

• **BANAGHER PARISH MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW** •

October's Draw Winners are:
£100 – 0584 – Margaret Hasson, c/o Brendan Mullan
£100 – 0633 – James McBrearty, Glenshane Road
£100 – 0276 – Marcella Conway, Altinure Road
£100 – 0141 – Eddie McElhinney, Sion Mills
£100 – 0735 – Martin Mullan, Main Street
£100 – 0049 – Kathleen Doherty, Glengrainne Gardens
£100 – 0224 – Margaret McLaughlin, Claudy
£250 – 0189 – Rosemary Moore, Larch Road
£500 – 1099 – Elaine Gormley, Altinure Road
£1,000 – 1042 – Deborah Devine, Tireighter Road

Congratulations to all our winners

October Do This in Memory Mass – (Feeny & Altinure) Sunday 18th October is the first Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in our St. Canice's P.S., Feeny and St. Mary's P.S., Altinure, and **(Foreglen)** Monday 19th October is the first Do This in Memory Mass for the Primary 4 children in our St. Peter's and St. Paul's P.S., Foreglen, as part of their Sacramental preparation. The theme for this month is **The Rosary**, as October is known to be the month of the Rosary within the Catholic Church. Each month the children will receive a gift at the end of Mass which aims to help them grow in their prayer life. This month's gift is rosary beads, to remind the children that having a relationship with Mary is a powerful gift to have in their faith journey, especially coming up to receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We as a parish ask Mary our Mother to protect and guide the children throughout their lives and during their Sacramental preparation.

The Rise and Shine Trust's (formerly known as The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) Annual Church Gate Collections last weekend at all Masses collected, in total, £1,000 Sterling and €55.20 Euro. Once again, on behalf of the Trust, Margeret Rose Gormley would like to thank everyone for their generosity and continuous support.

Derry Diocesan Young Adult Community Derry Youth Ministry invites everyone aged 18–35 to join their new community every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, starting 20th October, at Claudy Pastoral Centre. Each week features a varied programme including invited speakers, scripture, prayer, food and fellowship, alongside organised social events. Everyone is welcome to come along. For details, see posters in church porches or contact yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org.

SVP Banagher Sunday 15th November is the date for SVP Christmas Party in Roe Valley Resort Limavady. Further details to follow!

ACCORD Couple Counselling Our couples counselling specialists provide in-person and online services to individuals and couples dealing with relationship challenges. For further information and to make an appointment, please contact Accord Derry, Tel. 028 7136 2475; Email derry@accordni.com or Web: www.accord.com.

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Courses January 2027 to March 2027 are now online for booking. The courses can be booked on the website www.accordni.com. All of these courses are in-person.

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend in St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo from 9th - 11th April 2027. This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday and open to all married couples. Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie.

Feast Days - Thursday 22nd: Saint John Paul II (1920-2005) Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his theological studies and ordination in Rome, he returned home. He became an auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Kraków and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16th October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world, including to Ireland in 1979. He left as a heritage to the Church his Magisterium, the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and Eastern Churches. He died in Rome on 2nd April 2005, the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. He was canonized by Pope Francis on 27th April 2014.

Friday 23rd: Saint John of Capistrano (1386-1456) was born in Capistrano in the Abruzzi in Italy in 1386. He studied law at Perugia and for some time held the office of judge. He joined the Friars Minor and was ordained. He travelled throughout Germany, Poland, Transylvania, Moldavia and Russia, leading an apostolic life, strengthening Christian morals and combating heresy. When the Turks were invading Europe in the wake of the fall of Constantinople, they laid siege to Belgrade, then a border fort of the kingdom of Hungary. John preached a crusade against them and took part in the battle on 22nd July 1456 in which John Hunyadi, his army and John's peasant crusaders lifted the siege and defeated the Turks, keeping Christian Europe safe from Turkish invasion for the next 70 years. Plague spread through the camp and John died of it, at Ilok, in what is now Croatia, on 23rd October 1456. He is the patron saint of military chaplains.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

10th & 11th October 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £645 St. Mary's Church, Altinure: £745
St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: £660

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to:
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Thank you for your continued generosity.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group (PARK): Week commencing Monday 19th October: **Monday 19th Oct:** Time For Me Ladies (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Dementia Social Group (11 am - 1 pm); Embroidery Class Week 2 (1.30 - 3.30 pm); Painting with Sheila: (7.30 - 9.30 pm); Ladies' Yoga (7 - 7.45 pm); Men's Yoga (8 - 8.45 pm); **Tuesday 20th Oct:** 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); **Wednesday 21st Oct:** Sound Bath - Park Hall (10.30 -12.30 pm); Thursday 22nd October: Post Office Outreach Service (9 am - 12 pm); 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 23rd Oct:** Learmount Walking Group (meet at 10.30 am at the Community Centre), Traditional music group (8 pm) Resource Centre - Open to all levels of abilities and all instruments and voices. Come along for the craic.
Dates for your diary: Wednesday 28th October: Free health checks with the Farm Families mobile van. Booking through the Community Centre. Only 3 slots left. Wednesday 28th October: Ladies' Social Group: Flower arranging. Friday 30th October: History Group with Fiona Pergrum QG. For further details: Tel. 028 7778 1881 /WhatsApp 07751118656 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.org.

Glenshane House, Dungiven Names now being taken for L2 Understanding Autism Spectrum Conditions, 4 weeks x 3 hours on a Monday night. Cost is £30 registration + £18 exam fee. To register, tel. 028 7774 2494.

Lumen Christi College 30th Anniversary Gala event in the Everglades Hotel on Friday 23rd October: Night at the Races, meal and dancing! Tickets available from the college reception. All welcome.

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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