PARISH OF BANAGHER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th October 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 1st November 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 sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Josephine Hassan, RIP, 23 Glenedra Road, Coolnamonan, who was buried during the week.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Bernadette Heaney, RIP, on Saturday 31st October, in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn at 7.00pm.

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Valerie Feeney, RIP, on Sunday 1st November, in St. Mary's Church, Altinure at 10.30am.

SVP Banagher Christmas Party SVP Banagher warmly invites all parishioners aged 60 years and over and partner/guest to join us for a special afternoon of festive celebration, friendship and fun on Sunday 15th November from 1.30pm to 5.30pm in the Roe Valley Resort, Limavady. Enjoy an Afternoon of Delicious Festive Dining. Music by Spring of Heather and Entertainment. Suggested donation of £20 per person. Bus leaves Park at 12.30pm, Feeny at 12.45pm and Dungiven at 1.00pm. Contact 075 9395 4973 or any committee member to book your place.

November	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn		St Mary's Church, Altinure
	7.00pm	9.15am	10.30am
Readers	Matthew McElhinney	Hugh Francis O'Neill	Maeve McLaughlin
Eucharistic Ministers	Patsy McDermott	Anne Hassan	Sally O'Kane
Flowers	Margaret Cartin, Seamus McLaughlin		Barbara Sharkey
Cleaning	Breige O'Neill, Pauline McGrellis		Brenda McCloskey, Shauna Quirk, Alison O'Neill
Counters	Bridie McErlean, Hugh Francis O'Neill		Christine McGaughey, Celine McGaughey
Collectors	Marty McGrellis, Vincent McCloskey	Anthony O'Neill, Patrick McGrellis	Stephen Gormley, Tony Gormley, Shaun McElhinney, Shane McElhinney

Prayer for Vocations St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that it was 'with the joy of the Holy Spirit that [they] took to the Gospel'. We pray for the future priests of our diocese that they will feel the joy that comes from the Spirit of God as they read, live and preach the Good News of God's love.
There will be a meeting for anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood in Derry on Sunday 8th November, beginning at 4.00pm. For further details, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or by calling 028 7938 6259.

Annual Solemn Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Nine Sundays before Christmas in Long Tower Church, Derry at 6.00pm, begins today, Sunday 25th October. The theme of our Novena this year is 'Make me a Channel of your Peace – Celebrating the 800th Jubilee Year of St. Francis'. Each night will comprise of the Rosary, Novena prayer and petitions with a short talk given by various guest speakers and Eucharistic Healing Ceremony with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We encourage everybody, including those in particular need of healing, to join us.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing, celebrating 50 years on Sunday 15th November in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh. Registration 9.30am, concluding in the afternoon with Mass. Theme: People of God's Delight (Ps 194.4). Speaker: Fr. John Keane. Cost £40, including coffee and lunch. Book by 1st November, please, for catering purposes. Tel. Evelyn on 078 7641 1435 or Kathleen on 075 9660 9041.

Job Opportunity

Choir Director: St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry. 10 hours per week. St. Eugene's Cathedral is recruiting for an experienced choir director to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir. They will ensure that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the Church's liturgical themes. For a job description and application pack, tel. 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Submit completed applications to Personnel, Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or email them to recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Applications must be received by noon on Thursday 12th November 2026.

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

The Columban Young Adults is a relatively new group for those aged 18 - 35 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our November event will be a Holy Hour and meditation next Thursday 19th November at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by recently retired Bishop Donal McKeown. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and then refreshments. We are actively seeking new members – please come along and bring a friend! For any further information, please contact us at columbanyoungadults@gmail.com or follow us on social media.

St. Patrick's Dungannon Charismatic Prayer Group Golden Jubilee event on Saturday 5th December at the Servite Priory, Benburb, commencing at 11.00am and concluding with Mass at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to this 50th celebration with the theme 'Come to the Water All Who Are Thirsty, Come.'

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.

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

Tuesday 27th October - Saint Otteran was abbot of Meath and later came to Iona. He died in 548 and his grave on Iona was greatly revered. As a result, the Vikings chose Otteran, the titular guardian of their ancestors' ashes, as patron of the city of Waterford in 1096. He is now patron saint of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore.

Wednesday 28th October - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. St. Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of 'Simon Cananaeus' simply adapts another Hebrew word for 'zeal' and has nothing to do with the town of Cana. **St. Jude,** also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

17th & 18th October 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,050 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Banagher GAC lotto numbers for 20.10.26 were 12,19,21,23. Winning £25 each were Bernie Coll, Owen Biggs, Eoghan Kerlin and Niall McNickle.

Learmount Community Development Group (PARK): Week commencing Monday 26th October**: Monday 26th Oct:** Time For Me Ladies (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Embroidery Class Week 4 (1.30 - 3.30 pm); **Tuesday 27th 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); Slow Sewing (7-9 pm); **Wednesday 28th Oct:** Farm Families Mobile Health Check Van (Please book appointments through the community Centre); Ladies Evening - Autumn Flower arranging demonstration (7 - 9 pm) ; **Thursday 29th Oct:** Post Office Outreach Service (9 am - 12 pm); Park 60+ Club (12 - 2 pm), Mini Professors Workshop 1 (2.15 - 3 pm); Mini Professors Workshop 2 (3.15 - 4 pm); **Friday 30th Oct:** Learmount Walking Group (meet at 10.30 am at the Community Centre), History Group with Fiona Pergrom QG (7.30 - 9.30 pm); **Saturday 31st Oct:** Mini PAC (10 - 11 am), PAC Club (11.30 am - 1 pm).
Learmount Forest Family Halloween Trail: Open from Monday 26th October until Monday 2nd November. Pick up a map and entry form at the Community Centre, follow the trail, count the spooky figures hiding in the trees and return your entry forms into the Community Centre to be entered into a draw for Cash Prizes. The Fairy Garden will be lit up with special visitors from Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th October. Please bring torches with you if visiting between 5 pm and 9 pm. For further details: Tel. 028 7778 1881 /WhatsApp 077 5111 8656 / 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.

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

Fr. Dermot McGirr, P.P.

42 Glenedra Road, Feeny, BT47 4TW
Tel: 028 7778 1223 Email: banagherparish@derrydiocese.org

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: Monday to Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com

SVP Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973