

Children's Corner

Our Father,

who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass
against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil **Amen.**

Our Father



BAPTISMS Saturday at 5pm Contact the Parish Office 71263152 between 10am-12 noon Mon-Fri

MARRIAGES At least 3 months notice must be given to the Parish. Contact Parish Office to arrange Pre-Marriage Preparation Course.

THE WEBCAM: To join us for the live streaming of all Masses via the webcam, log into www.creggan.chapel.com or www.churchservies.tv/creggan.

If you have any difficulty accessing the webcam, please contact the parish office on 028 7126 3152 or email stmaryscreggan@derrydiocese.org.

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & ADULTS

in need of protection within the Church, please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) 07596500793 or at mariegormley@derrydiocese.org Additional Contact numbers - PSNI Tel 101 or Social Services Western SHC Trust Tel 02871314090 (ask for Duty Social Worker)

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Parish of St. Mary CREGGAN



SUNDAY MASS

Vigil (*Saturday*)

6.30 pm
10.30 am
12.15 pm

Polish Mass

4.00 pm (every 2nd & 4th Sunday)

HOLY DAY MASS

as announced

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday - Friday 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday - 10.30 am
5.30 pm - 6.20 pm

WEEK DAY MASS

Monday-Saturday 10.00 am
Tuesday & Friday 7.30 pm

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
(in the Divine Mercy Chapel)

Sunday 1.30 pm - 6 pm
Monday 10.30 am - 7 pm
Tue - Sat 10.30 am - 12 pm

Fr. Daniel McFaul PP

Fr. Ignacy Saniuta CC

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10 am - 1 pm

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8th December 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent



Today's readings speak to us about the life of John the Baptist and the hope he gives us in Jesus, the fulfilment of the promises made by God to the people of Israel.

As we reflect on John's proclamation and his call to repentance, we are invited to consider our own spiritual journey during this Advent season. Are there areas of our lives that need transformation? The urgency in John's message reminds us that the day of the Lord will come like a thief. Preparing for Christ requires a conscious and constant turning away from the distractions and sins that hinder our communion with God.

During this Advent season, may we imitate John's humility and prepare our hearts for the arrival of Christ, serving others with a selfless spirit and acknowledging our continual dependence on the grace and guidance of our Lord.

Evening of Mercy on the 8th December: The Evening will begin with the reception of the baby Jesus from Termonbacca at 6pm. There will be visiting priests hearing confessions from 6pm - 12 midnight. This is a wonderful opportunity to receive the grace of the Sacrament of forgiveness in preparation for Christmas.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: As today is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday 9th December.

2025 Parish Draw: Tickets for the Parish Draw 2025 are now available in the Sacristy after **week-end Masses** and at the Parish Office during office hours at a cost of £120 cash or £10 per month by standing order. Subscribers must be at least 18 years of age. First prize £1000, 2nd prize £500 and 3rd prize £250 each month. This would make an ideal Christmas present and at the same time you will be supporting the on-going maintenance and upkeep of our Church.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards will be available until Christmas in the porches of the Church, the Sacristy and the Parish office (Monday-Friday, 10am to 1pm) price £2 each. The recipients intentions will be remembered in a triduum of Masses which will be celebrated over the Christmas period.

Parish Pastoral Bereavement Support The next meeting is today **Sunday 8th December at 3.00pm** in the Parochial House. Please contact 07879951722 for more details. If you prefer you can also ring to arrange a one-to-one confidential support meeting at all other times.

Gamblers Anonymous: Is Gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel 028 7135 1329.

Recent Deaths: We offer prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of



Ryan Doherty, Beraghvale Close
Marian McCourt, formerly Dunmore Gardens

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God.

Recent Baptisms: We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism
Elsie Ann Dappa and Freddie Noah Carlin



Last Week's Collection £1760 Parish Development £577

Standing Orders £122 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Tap Machine – We have been asked to be a pilot parish for the machine. The machine will **not** replace the giving envelope or the standing orders but will be an added choice for people in how they wish to contribute to St Marys. The machine will be situated in the porch of the Divine Mercy chapel.

Teach Us To Pray booklet on occasion of the Jubilee Year of Prayer For the occasion of the Jubilee Year of Prayer 2025, the Dicastery for Evangelisation has created a handbook to accompany Christian faith communities and parishes on the path of preparation for the Jubilee 2025. The handbook, inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis, is written as an invitation to intensify prayer, understood as a personal dialogue with God, and to lead readers to reflect on their faith, and their commitment in today's world, in the various contexts in which they are called to live. The booklet can be downloaded at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/teach-us-to-pray>

Prayer for Vocations: For the future priests of the diocese of Derry that, like St John the Baptist, they will work to "... prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight.... so that all mankind can see the salvation of God."

Holy Hour for Vocations: There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Derry on Wednesday evening, 11 December, beginning at 8:00pm in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Derry. All welcome.

OUR LADY OF MONTLIGEON HOLY SOULS OF PURGATORY PRAYER GROUP: Meets every Monday in St Joseph's, Galliagh (Our Lady's side chapel), after 11.00am Mass, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. The next meeting for the intercession for Priests and Religious vocations takes place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 10 December at 12.30pm. Please note: meetings in Kildare Room, St Brigid's, Carnhill, no longer take place.

Job Vacancy: Diocesan Youth Coordinator 35 hours per week (including evening & weekend work) 1 Year Fixed Term Contract with possible extension. For Job Description and Application Pack please contact the Diocesan Office on 71262302 or email recruitment@derrydiocese.org closing date 11th December 2024 at 4.30pm.