

Children's Corner



Infant Jesus, meek and mild,
look on me a little child.
Pity mine and pity me,
suffer me to come to you.

Heart of Jesus, I adore you.
Heart of Mary, I implore you.
Heart of Joseph, pure and just.
In these three hearts,
I put my trust.
Help us Joseph in our early strife,
ever to lead a pure and blameless
life.

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.cregganchapel.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

WEEK DAY MASS

Monday-Saturday 10.00 am
Tuesday & Friday 7.30 pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday - Friday 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday - 10.30 am
5.30 pm - 6.20 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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In today’s Gospel, we experience Elizabeth proclaiming Mary to be blessed as the mother of Our Lord. St. Francis de Sales notes:

When Elizabeth proclaims Mary’s blessedness, Mary affirms that she is indeed blessed, for all her happiness comes from God. God looks at Mary in her lowliness and exalts her. Mary, in her humility, is in awe that God has made her the mother of Jesus. Mary becomes God’s dwelling place. Through her faith, her courage and her Yes, God will become flesh and lives amongst us. Just as God called and chose Mary, God calls and chooses each of us today. Mary gave life to Jesus and shares him with the world. We too are called and asked to follow her faithful example. Through our own daily lives, through what we say and do, may we bring Jesus into our world today.



Christmas Message: Christmas is a time to reflect on the profound meaning of Christ's birth—a divine expression of love and hope. In the warmth of our faith we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, let us turn our hearts to the humble stable of Bethlehem, a divine miracle unfolded—the birth of Jesus, the embodiment of God's love. This Christmas, let us embrace the profound message of peace and goodwill to all. Just as the angels proclaimed joy to the shepherds, may our lives resonate with the melody of love, kindness, and compassion. May the spirit of Christmas fill your homes with warmth and your hearts with gratitude, let us cherish the gift of family, friendship, and the boundless love of God. May this Christmas bring joy to your hearts and peace to your homes. Wishing you a Merry Christmas filled with the blessings of love, joy, and the true essence of the season.

Fr Daniel & Fr Ignacy & Fr Gerry

New Year’s Eve: On Tuesday 31 December we will have Mass at 7.30pm with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight, concluding with a Holy Hour from 11.00 pm and Benediction at midnight. All are welcome.

New Year’s Day: The 1st January is the Feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God. At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave Life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer.

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



Elizabeth Deane, Rosemount Gardens
Robert Clarke, Forest Park
Joan McConnell, Rathmore Crescent

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms:: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Pearse Francis Dorrity and Izak Koku Mensah-Yeguo



Last Week’s Collection £1475 Parish Development £466
Standing Orders £122 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Confession Times for Christmas Monday 23rd December 5pm - 6pm
Tuesday 24th in *St Eugene’s Cathedral* 11.30am - 5.30pm

Mass Times for Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass 6.00pm and 8.00pm, 10.00pm (Polish)

Mass Times for Christmas Day: 8.30am, 10.30am and 12.15pm

Mass on St Stephen’s Day will be at 10am

Please note there will no evening Mass on Friday 27th December 2024

Prayer for Vocations: We pray for our seminarians and for those considering a vocation to serve as priests in this diocese, that, like Mary and Elizabeth, they will be attentive to the power and movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Teach Us To Pray booklet on occasion of the Jubilee Year of Prayer For the occasion of the Jubilee Year of Prayer 2025, The booklet can be downloaded at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/teach-us-to-pray>

Children in Crossfire would like to thank everyone for supporting their Advent Appeal this year, which will help children in inner-city Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. If you wish to donate, please remember to bring your box/envelope back to the chapel from the weekend of 4th & 5th January onwards. Any support you give is greatly appreciated.

Goal Mile Walk: Why not go the extra mile this Christmas and invite your friends and family to join you on the annual Goal Mile Walk? The Derry Goal Mile takes place on St Stephen’s Day, **26 December**. Meet at Sainsburys car park at 12.00noon. Walk, run or jog to save humanity one step at a time!