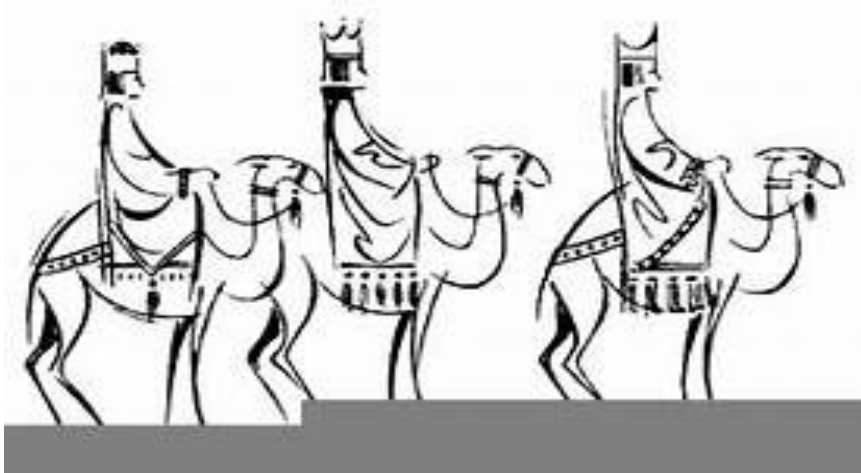


## Children's Corner



And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**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](http://www.cregganchapel.com) or [www.churchservies.tv/creggan](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

### HOLY DAY MASS

as announced

### 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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5th January 2025

2nd Sunday of Christmas



The opening words of John's Gospel, and our Gospel today, is when the early Church made that huge, incredible leap of faith to be able to say, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..."*

*"In the beginning ..."*, not at his baptism or his birth or even his conception; even before the prophets and Mo-

ses and Abraham and Adam and Eve....

*"In the beginning"* – the beginning of time itself – ....*was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.....* and then the truly awesome part.....*"and the Word became flesh, and lived among us, and we saw his glory...."*

Suddenly, in these words, it all seems to come together and make sense. The death and resurrection of Jesus, his baptism, his healings and teachings, his birth and conception, all of the Old Testament ...everything, absolutely everything, goes back to who our God is, to the very life of God, and that life is LOVE... nothing more, nothing less, just Love – endless, patient, gentle, forgiving, tender, LOVE.

**Thanksgiving Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the past year's blessings. Thank you for your faithfulness, your love, and your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge your sovereignty over the days gone by and the days yet to come.

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**Feast of the Epiphany:** Monday 6th January is a Holy Day of obligation and Masses will be at 10am and 7.30pm in the evening. There will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday evening.

**The Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East.

**Prayer for Vocations:** At the start of this new year and Jubilee of Hope we ask God's blessing on our seminarians and those discerning their vocation, remembering especially Gary Duddy, Gerry Friel, and Gary White as they begin their propaedeutic studies in Salamanca. With St Paul in our second reading this weekend, we pray: "May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit."

**New 2025 Parish Draw:** Tickets for the Parish Draw 2025 are still 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.

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



Geraldine Campbell, Upper Killea Road  
Tia McGuinness, Iniscarn Road  
Brian Keenan, Clooney Road, Ballykelly

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

**RECENT WEDDINGS** We congratulate: Kerry Ann Robinson & Lee Hargan  
May the grace of the Sacrament remain with them all their lives.

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**Last Week's Collection** £1755 Parish Development £580  
Standing Orders £122 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

**Sick Visits:** Fr Ignacy will visit the sick and housebound in the coming 2 weeks.

**DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025:** led by Bishop Donal McKeown, from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July, leaving from City of Derry Airport. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required. The Pilgrimage Office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ will not be open for booking until **Saturday 1 February 2025**, 11.00am to 1.00pm (and each following Saturday and Thursday at the same time unless notified). However, Gift Vouchers are now available from the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Also, enquiries can be made by email to [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com)

**INVITATION TO 33 DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER:** Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary, as part of a diocesan programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at **7.00pm**, starting on **Thursday 9 January 2025** and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday **11 February 2025**.

**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 sacristy from the weekend of 4th & 5th January onwards. Any support you is greatly appreciated.

**Saint Mary's College**, Northland Road, Derry: Open Day is on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. The principal's address is at 9.15am and 10.30am. Tours of the school will begin immediately after each address. Open Day ends at 12.30pm. All are welcome.