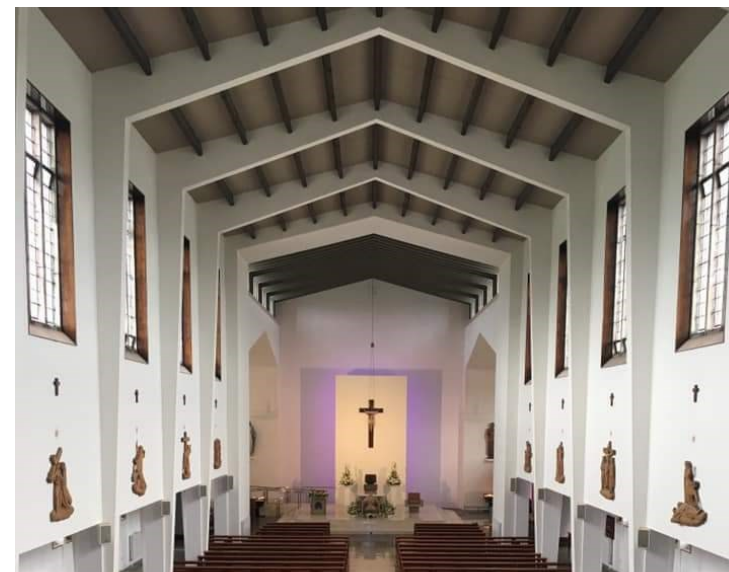


Children's Corner



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

PAROCHIAL HOUSE. 1 FANAD DRIVE, DERRY. BT48 9QE

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10 am - 1 pm

www.stmaryscreggan.com

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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2nd February 2025 The Presentation of the Lord



This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord.

The *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the

child to God in the Temple and his buying back (redemption) from God. It is also known as the *Feast of the Purification of Mary*, and the *Feast of Candlemas*. It is also called the *Feast of Encounter* (*Hypapante* in Greek) because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna. Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for baby Jesus.

Parish Draw: Congratulations to the winners of the Parish draw which took place last Saturday 25th January 2025

1st Prize	£1000	Anna Kelly	Ticket Number 72
2nd prize	£500	Kevin Kelly	Ticket Number 149
3rd prize	£250	Bridie Clarke	Ticket Number 10

The next draw will take place on Saturday 23rd February in the Community Room immediately after the Vigil Mass.

The Feast of St. Blaise, a physician who later became a bishop and died for the faith in 316 AD, will be observed on **Monday, February 3, 2025**. His feast is commemorated with the Blessing of the Throats. In honour of St. Blaise, the Blessing of Throats will occur during Mass. This is an ancient custom of the Church to bless the sick, rooted in the ministry of Christ and his apostles. St. Blaise is often pictured with crossed candles which are still used to bless the throats of the faithful on the Feast of St. Blaise.

YouCat: the 2nd part of our YouCat course will begin on **Wednesday 5th February** at 7.00pm in the Conference Room in the Parochial House. All are welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Blue Bin Clothes bank Notice: Due to unforeseen circumstances, St Vincent De Paul have removed the re-cycling Clothes Banks from St Mary's Church, Creggan, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Steelstown and St Bridget's Church Carnhill. You can still take your pre-loved clothes to the Vincents Shop in William Street Derry. We would like to thank all our donors for their support.

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



Philomena McDaid, Montgomery Close

May her soul experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism

Cian Jack Gough, Cohen Finn Moreland,
Saorlaith Rois Doherty and Cormac Óg Kieran Gallagher



Last Week's Collection £1510 Parish Development £537

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

The Priest's Collection will be taken up at all Masses this week-end

Prayer for Vocations: For an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood - that those called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry will, like Jesus, be "compassionate and trustworthy" ministers of God's love, forgiveness, and mercy.

INVITATION TO 33 DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER: Bishop McKeown continues to deliver this online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at **7pm** concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday **11 February 2025**.

Anniversary Mass: The first anniversary Mass for the late Fr George McLaughlin will be celebrated in St Pius X Church, Moville, on Monday 17 February at 7.30pm.

The Padre Pio Prayer Goup, Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagrorty will take place on **Tuesday 4 February 2025**. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm before mass, celebration of holy mass at 7.15pm, then the priest will bless everyone with a first class relic of St. Pio, while closing prayers are recited. Everyone welcome.

Rosary on the Coast - Today at Lisfannon Beach at 3pm for world peace and the unborn babies. All are welcome.

SPARK: A weekend of fun, faith and friendship for 12-16 year olds

21st Feb – 23rd Feb 2025 Termonbacca Retreat Centre. Booking by Text or WhatsApp Brendan on +353 86 8067973 or Vivienne on +44 7935 007351 **Cost** €80/£70 per person (to cover food and board)

Spark is fully endorsed by Bishop McKeown and supported by local diocesan priests. Our adult volunteers are fully vetted and we take safeguarding very seriously. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

St Mary's College – if you missed our Open Day you can book a tour of the school on Wednesday 5th February. Tour will begin at 4pm and end at 5pm. Please contact the school to book. (028) 71362154.