

Children's Corner

Fr Daniel would like the children to learn the Mass responses

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

Response: And with your Spirit

Priest: Lord have mercy

Response: Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Response: Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Response: Lord have mercy

End of 1st and 2nd Readings

Response: Thanks be to God

Beginning of the Gospel

Response: Glory to You O Lord

End of the Gospel

Response: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Blessing of the Gifts

Response: Blessed be God forever

Priest: Lift up your hearts

Response: We lift them up to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks

to the Lord our God

Response: it is right and just

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold Him who takes away the
sins of the world.

Response: Lord I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof
but only say the word

Blessed are those called

and my soul shall be healed

to the supper of the Lamb.

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

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.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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15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent



Today, the third Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete Sunday' which means 'Joy' or Rejoice'. The opening antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to **Rejoice is the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.** Today, on our Advent Wreath we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy.

In today's Gospel we continue to experience John the Baptist urging us to conversion. He tells us to give of our abundance, have a sense of integrity in our daily activities, and know who we are and who Our Messiah is. To be a Christian is the most beautiful title we can give ourselves. Yet, it is not enough to be called a Christian. We must live in a way that one recognizes clearly in us a person who loves God with his or her whole heart. One who keeps the Commandments and frequents the sacraments, and who does things worthy of a true Christian.

Confession Times for Christmas

Monday 16th— Friday 20th **5.00pm - 6.00pm**

Saturday 21st **10.30 am -12 Noon, 5.30pm - 6.20pm, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

Monday 23rd December **5.00pm - 6.00pm**

Tuesday 24th Confessions **St Eugene's Cathedral 11.30am - 5.30pm**

Mass Times for Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6.00pm and 8.00pm, 10pm (Polish)

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

Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on **Saturday 21st December** in the Community Room immediately after the Vigil Mass.

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.

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.

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



Martin McNutt, Farmill, Foylesprings
Tony Canning (formerly Balbane Pass)

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

Recent Baptisms:: We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism
Freddie Lee O'Donnell



Last Week's Collection £1561 Parish Development £597

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

Parish Pastoral Bereavement Support Group: The next pastoral bereavement support group meeting is today, **Sunday 15th 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.

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**. Bishop McKeown explains, *"It is a journey I set out to make to entrust myself and my priesthood to Christ through the Mother of God. I extend an invitation to you and your families from the parishes of the diocese to join me"*. Details and times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at derrydiocese.org/consecration

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

Children in Crossfire provide access to education, nutrition, healthcare and safe, clean water for highly vulnerable children in Tanzania and Ethiopia. They are currently seeking support for their 2024 Advent Appeal, which focuses on children growing up in deep poverty in inner-city Dar es Salaam. Packs are available at the doors of the chapel.

Rosary on the Coast today at 3.00pm, Benone Strand for world peace and the unborn babies. All are welcome.