

Children's Corner

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.

Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our

baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love.

Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve

problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of

God, spark our faith, hope and

love into new action each day. Fill our lives with

wonder and awe in your presence

which penetrates all creation.

Amen.



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

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10 am - 1 pm

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.cregganparish.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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9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent



On Ash Wednesday, we began our Lenten Pilgrimage with Jesus as we prepare to celebrate Easter. However, we have some way to go with Jesus and each other before we can experience the joy and new life of Easter. As we begin our own Lenten journey we need to recall and remember that we are not setting out on this journey on our own. God is with us walking by our side every step of the way. When we are tempted, we need to follow the example of Jesus. He did not rely on his own strength. He turned to God and asked for help which he received. We will not be able to walk the Lenten journey on our own. We need to realise that like Jesus, we too need God's help, support, guidance and protection. Whenever we feel tired or ready to give up or give in, we need to turn to God for encouragement. We know that God will be with us during Lent as God was with Jesus when he was in the desert. God will never leave us alone.

We congratulate the P7 children from St John's PS who made their Confirmation on Friday 7th March. May the Holy Spirit guide them and protect them in the years ahead.

We pray for the P7 children from Holy Child PS who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Friday, 14th March 2024.



Ways to Celebrate the Season of Lent

Morning Mass: Monday - Friday - 7.00 am and 10.00 am

Evening Mass: Tuesday and Friday - 7.30 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and for the Holy Souls: Monday - Friday at 12 Noon

Rosary: Monday - Friday - 7.00 pm

Candlelit Stations of the Cross: *Friday at 7.00 pm*

Confessions: 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm Monday - Friday.

Saturday after 10.00 am Mass and 5.30 pm - 6.20 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday 1.30 pm - 6.00 pm. Mondays after 10am Mass until 7.00 pm. Tue 10.30 am - 12 Noon, and 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm (Rosary and Confessions)

Wed - Sat 10.30 am - 12 Noon *in the Divine Mercy Chapel*

Rosary and Devotions: Sunday at 6.00 pm

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



Molly McKeever, Creggan Heights
Josephine Griffiths, Iniscarn Court

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*

Cian Patrick Ryan, Clionagh Bernadette Burke
and Aria Rose Gallagher



Last **Week's Collection** £1540 Parish Development £567

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

The Annual Holy Land collection will be taken up at all Mass this week-end.

Fr Daniel wishes to acknowledge with thanks a donation of £100.

Sick Visits: Fr Ignacy will visit the sick and housebound in Upper Creggan next week.

Prayer for Vocations: As we pray for the men attending the Vocations Retreat in Larne this weekend we ask the Lord to bless all those who are discerning their vocation at this time. May God give them the grace to follow whatever path in life He wants them to take and, like Jesus in today's gospel, in times of temptation or trial, to draw courage and inspiration from the words of Scripture.

Pastoral Bereavement Support Group: The next meeting will take place on **Sunday 9th March at 3.00pm** in the Parochial House. It's an opportunity to avail of a safe, confidential and supportive group for anyone experiencing the pain and grief of loss. It offers a space to remember, talk freely about your loved one, voice and find possible ways forward with any difficulties you may be struggling with within a relaxed, informal and spiritual setting. All are welcome. Please contact 07879951722 if you require more details or to arrange private one-to-one confidential support at all other times from the groups qualified bereavement counsellor/facilitator.

Pro-life Day: Advancing the Culture of Life, Through Prayer, Love and Service. Saturday **15th March** from 10am - 4pm, at St Pio House, Galliagh, Derry. Will include Mass and Adoration, Talks and Prayer. Free admission. Bring your own Lunch.

BLESSED SHAMROCK BOXES: At the St Patrick's Day Masses on **Monday 17th March**, boxes of Blessed Shamrocks will be available at the entrance to the Church and can be picked up on a 'donation' basis. This is a fundraising appeal by the Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centres. Sr Consillio founded Cuan Mhuire from humble beginnings in 1966, to help those suffering from addiction to alcohol, gambling, drugs etc. Cuan Mhuire has now grown to become one of the leading treatment centres in Ireland, especially catering for the less-well-off, who need help. The money raised from the Shamrock Fundraiser will go directly to Cuan Mhuire.