

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)

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

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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16th March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent



In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus brings his disciples away from the noise and business of the market place and takes them up a mountain. This is not unusual in itself. We know from the gospels that Jesus himself often went to the mountain top to pray on his own. While they are on the mountain, something very strange and unusual happens. Jesus is changed in a very dramatic way; he is transformed beyond all recognition. *His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.* Imagine the surprise

and shock of those who were with Jesus. Yet even with this amazing experience, Peter is still able to proclaim this great prayer, *'Lord it is wonderful for us to be here'*.

Maybe this brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent.



St Patrick's Day, Monday 17th March is a Holy Day of obligation: Mass will be celebrated at 7.00am, 10.00am and 7.30pm

Easter Mass Bouquets will be available from next week-end.

We congratulate the P7 children from Holy Child PS who made their Confirmation on Friday 14th March. May the Holy Spirit guide them and protect them in the years ahead.



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: **after the 7.00am Mass** and 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



Marie Brown, formerly Aranmore Gdns
John Bradley, formerly Inishowen Gdns
Rosaleen Barr Ballyarnett Road

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Eira Clare McLaughlin



Last Week's Holy Land Collection £2206 Parish Development £627

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

Sacrament of Confession: This Jubilee Year, the Pope asks us to focus on being Pilgrims of Hope. The forgiveness of God is offered in Jesus to those who most hunger to be freed from the burden of their past. Confession is the Sacrament of new beginnings, of new hope, of Resurrection. This Lent we invite everybody to go to the Sacrament of Confession – allow God to speak his forgiveness and mercy to you. Additional Confessions will be available **after the 7.00am Mass** during Lent.

BLESSED SHAMROCK BOXES will be available at the entrance to the Church and can be picked up on a 'donation' basis.

SSPX Resistance Ireland - note from Bishop McKeown. SSPX Resistance is a group holding Masses within the territory of the Diocese of Derry. Given their presence here in the Diocese of Derry, I find it necessary to stress the following:-

The priests associated with SSPX Resistance Ireland are not in full communion with the Catholic Church and they do not accept the full teaching authority of the Church. The priests of SSPX Resistance Ireland administer sacraments, but do so illicitly—that is, without the necessary faculties and approval of the Church.

The Catholic Church has no supervision whatsoever of the priests or ministers of SSPX Resistance Ireland, who have no connection with the Diocese of Derry in terms of Safeguarding practices and policies and are not overseen by the Bishop of Derry.

Considering this information, I urge all the faithful to remain steadfast in communion with the Church, united with the Holy Father and the bishops who share in full communion with him. Let us continue to pray for the unity of the Church and for those who have distanced themselves from full communion, that they may one day be reconciled.

+Bishop Donal McKeown

Rosary on the Coast - Today 16th March 2025, Benone Beach at 3pm for world peace and the unborn babies. Everyone welcome.