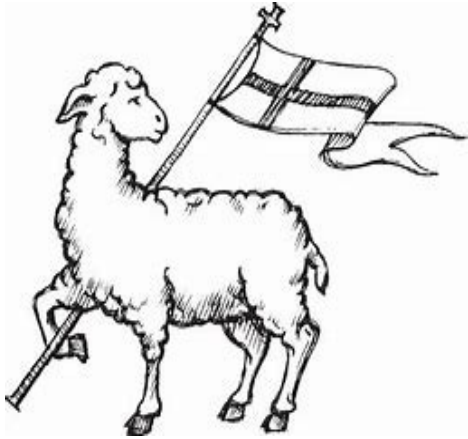


Children's Corner



Lamb of God
You take away the sins
of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God
You take away the sins
of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the
world grant us peace.

Lord I am not worthy
that you should
enter under my roof,
but only say the word,
and my soul
shall be healed



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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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

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23rd March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent



The Parable of the Unfruitful Fig Tree seems harsh, yet we also find compassion here in the second chance given to the fruit tree to be fruitful. Moreover, intensive care is offered; fertilizer is dug into the soil. God is the God of second chances, and third and fourth, and more, seventy-times seven, or, as Peter found out, God's forgiveness and love is without limits. But if God's mercy cannot be exhausted neither is it meant to be assumed. The parable intends that we for our part seize the day and seek to live fruitful lives from

now on. There is an urgency, "today is the day of salvation" not some far off, distant time. The sooner we assume our identity as God's children, the better; the more likely we are to produce the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Such things take time to grow, best tended to as soon as possible.

EASTER MASS BOUQUET CARDS will be available until Easter 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 during Easter week.

ENVELOPE BOXES for the coming year (starting Sunday, 6th April) are now ready for collection after week-end Mass in the Community Room. If you do not currently contribute to the weekly collection but are in a financial position to do so, then please contact the parish office for an envelope; your contributions would be greatly appreciated. A reminder also that, if you wish to contribute to the collection by Standing Order, Standing Order Mandates are available to download on the parish website or you can collect one from the parish office.

The weekly collection is used to meet the routine running costs of the parish, including energy costs (heat and light), sanctuary candles, liturgical consumables (altar breads, altar wine), pastoral activities, office expenses (including telephone/internet/stationery), maintenance and repairs of buildings and grounds, priest's stipend and staff wages. We do our best to monitor costs at all times and to make the best possible use of the money which you so faithfully contribute each week.

Gift Aid greatly enhances the collection – thank you to all who participate in the scheme. If you are a tax-payer, and have not already signed up for Gift Aid, you are encouraged to do so. Remember, at no extra cost to you, the Parish can claim 25p on every £1 you contribute.

Parish Draw: the next draw will take place on **Saturday 29th March** immediately after the Vigil Mass in the Community Room.

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



Shaun-Paul Fahy, Glenowen Park
Ryan Mellon, Glen Road
Sean McLaughlin, Ballymagowan Avenue

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Last Week's Collection £1546 Parish Development £552

St Patrick's Day Collection for Priestly Education & Ongoing Formation £1000

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

Prayer for Vocations: In our first reading this weekend God calls Moses to lead His people from exile into the Promised Land. We pray for those being called by God today to lead His people in the ways of faith as priests of the diocese of Derry.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Calling all Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in ----the Derry Diocese to the **National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sunday 6th April. Ring to enquire or book a seat: +4477 0912 5696 or +4477 3887 3492 Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Termonbacca Pilgrimage Fr Stephen Quinn o.c.d. will lead a pilgrimage to Krakow and Wroclaw from 17th-24th September 2025. The price is £1079 per person sharing. Daily trips to various places including Krakow – Auschwitz - Czestochowa - Wadowice – Kalwaria Zebrzydowska - Czerna - Stary Sacz. For further information please contact Joe Walsh tours on 00353 12410800.

Accord NI is recruiting experienced practitioners for the Derry and Enniskillen centres, to train in the specialism of couple counselling. For further information and to obtain an application form please email info@accord.ie **Closing date for receipt of applications 30/04/2025. Programme commences September 2025**

Foyle Hospice Make a Will Month. During the month of March local solicitors very kindly agree to waive their usual Will writing fee in return for a suggested £100* donation to Foyle Hospice. A list of participating solicitors can be found at www.foylehospice.com or by calling Kathleen at the Foyle Hospice on 02871 359888.