

Children's Corner



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

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday - Friday 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday - 10.30 am
5.30 pm - 6.20 pm

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

30th March 2025

4th Sunday of Lent



The Parable of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-32, is a powerful story of forgiveness, redemption, and God's boundless love for His children. This parable, told by Jesus, offers profound insights into the nature of repentance and the Father's mercy.

As Christians, this parable offers us a powerful message. It reminds us that no matter how far we stray, our Heavenly Father is always eagerly waiting for our return. His love and forgiveness are unconditional and abundant. The parable encourages us to approach God with humility and contrition, knowing that He will not only forgive us but will restore us to our full dignity as His children.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is not just about a wayward child returning home. It's about God's infinite love and mercy, our journey of repentance, and the incredible grace that awaits us when we turn back to our Heavenly Father. As Pope Francis said, "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." Let us, therefore, never hesitate to return to God, knowing that He is always ready to welcome us with open arms, restore our dignity, and celebrate our homecoming.

ENVELOPE BOXES for the coming year, starting Sunday 6th April, are now ready for collection after all 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 pay!

Easter Mass Bouquet Cards are now 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.

CEMETERY SUNDAY The Annual Service of Intercession for the dead will take place in the City Cemetery on **Sunday, 22 June 2025 at 3.00 pm.**

Sick Visits: The Priests of the Parish will visit the sick in the coming week

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



Margaret McDaid, Rathmore Road
Barbara Wade, Melmore Gardens
Catherine Shiels, Curragh Walk

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism
Ezra Daniel Sahin, Mollie Elizabeth Harkin, Isla Claire Doherty
and Ada-Grace Maryrose Iris Watson



Last Week's Collection £ 1750 Parish Development £667

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

Job Vacancy: Marriage Tribunal Official - Permanent post **30 – 35 hours per week** For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than **12 noon on Thursday 10th April 2025.**

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima: We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14 July to 18th July. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact [liz-zie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) 00 44 2871264087

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK - The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 15 June.** Further details will be available in the coming weeks.

The Annual Sister Clare Crockett Retreat will take place in St Columba's Church, Long Tower from Monday 31st March – Sunday 6th April. The theme of this year's retreat is '**Reflecting on the Eucharist with Sr Clare**'. There will be Mass at 7am & 10am (Mon-Fri). Evening prayer service with Benediction and guest speaker each evening at 7pm (Mon-Fri). A healing service with anointing of the sick will take place on Thursday 3rd April at 7pm. On Saturday 5th April, Service with Benediction led by Archbishop Eamon Martin at 3pm. The retreat will conclude on Sunday 6th April at 3pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or you can also stream the services online at www.longtowerchurch.org. Parking is available in the grounds of Lumen Christi College on Bishop Street each evening from 5.30pm to 8.30pm with access to Long Tower church via side gate on to Cook Street. Please avoid parking outside homes of residents and on the Flyover to prevent obstruction and congestion of traffic. Thank you for cooperation.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagrorty will take place on **Tuesday 1st April 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.