

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy
Hail our life our sweetness and our hope
To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve
To thee do we send up our sighs
mourning and weeping
In this valley of tears
Turn then most gracious Advocate
Thy eyes of mercy towards us
And after this our exile
Show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus
Oh clement, oh loving, oh sweet Virgin Mary
Pray for us Oh Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ



Morning Prayer

Oh Jesus, through the
most pure hands of Mary
I offer you this day
All the prayers, works,
joys and sorrows
For all the intentions of thy
Sacred Heart **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

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oGlory be to the Father

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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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17th August 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Often the images we have of Jesus are very pleasant and nice; Jesus and the children, Jesus the good shepherd carrying a wounded lamb or Jesus who is teaching or healing. There is nothing wrong with these at all. However, the Jesus we meet in this Sunday's gospel is very far removed from the nice and polite Jesus we perhaps know from our childhood days. In his own words, Jesus tells us that he has '*come to set the earth on fire,*' and he wishes it '*were already blazing!*' What could Jesus possibly mean by these apparently destructive words and message?

This Sunday's gospel has a definite shock value to it. It names things we tend to avoid: fire, division and anguish. The message that Jesus speaks is not mild, gentle or timid. The message that Jesus offers us is life-changing, radical and has the power to transform our very lives. Jesus calls us to follow him; we have to respond in *some* way. The call of Jesus requires that we make some response, we can't ignore the call.

Sunday 24th August 2025

A special day of prayer for the suffering people of Gaza

We invite families to collect a blessed candle at all Masses this week-end to distribute around homes. We are asking that, as a family, you pray with this candle in your homes for the suffering people of Gaza throughout the week and then return the candle to St Mary's church on **Sunday 24th August** where you can place it on the sanctuary for Mass and adoration. Adoration will take place after the 12.15pm Mass until 6pm when we will have Rosary and devotions for this important intention.

The Iosas Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff, is a vibrant and welcoming place for all the family, with something special happening every day of the week. Enjoy the buzz of *Fish & Chip Friday*, treat yourselves to a hearty all-day breakfast on Saturdays, or gather around the table for a delicious Sunday lunch made with our own organic produce. During the week, our farm shop is open Monday to Friday until 4.30pm, bursting with fresh organic fruit and vegetables, homemade jams, chutneys, free-range eggs, and other tasty treats. Take time to explore the Celtic Prayer Garden - a peaceful and magical space where children can explore and adults can reconnect with nature and enjoy a moment of calm. It's a little haven of joy, nourishment, and tranquillity, right on your doorstep: Eircode F93F104 will bring you straight to our door in Co. Donegal. Tel 0(0353)74 91 848 66.

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



Bernie Sheerin formerly Rathkeele Way
Linda Johnson, Melbourne, Australia

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Aoibhinn Grace Bulloch



Last Week's Collection £1615 Parish Development £531

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

VOCATIONS DAY: Anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood is invited to an afternoon of prayer and discussion, organised by the diocesan vocations team, next **Sunday, 24 August**. Mass will be celebrated in St Columb's Church, Waterside, Derry, at 12:30pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. The afternoon will end at 6pm.

Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg this August & September: One Day Retreats – *Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection* - places available on August 19, 23, 24, 25, 30; September 3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 20, 21.

National Sacred Heart Crusade – a Sacred Heart Statue blessed by Pope Francis will be present for the Day Retreats on 23, 24 & 25 August.

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sunday 7 September – special devotions and blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic. Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential.

Thursday 21 August to mark **National Heritage Week 2025** Lough Derg offers a day to *immerse yourself in the story and heritage of the ancient Sanctuary*. Guided Tour of Station Island and Boat Trip at 11am & 2:30pm. Admission €15. Concessions for students, children & families. Advance Booking Essential.

Pilgrim Path Lake Shore Pilgrimage - *In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries*: Sunday 31 August. Guided 8km & 12km walk options available. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential.

Quiet Day Retreat – *Come apart by yourself, and rest for a while* – Friday 12 September. Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential. **Contact by email:** info@loughderg.org / Tel. 0(0353) 719861518

There is still time to collect your Lough Derg Pilgrim Passport Stamp www.pilgrimpassport.ie