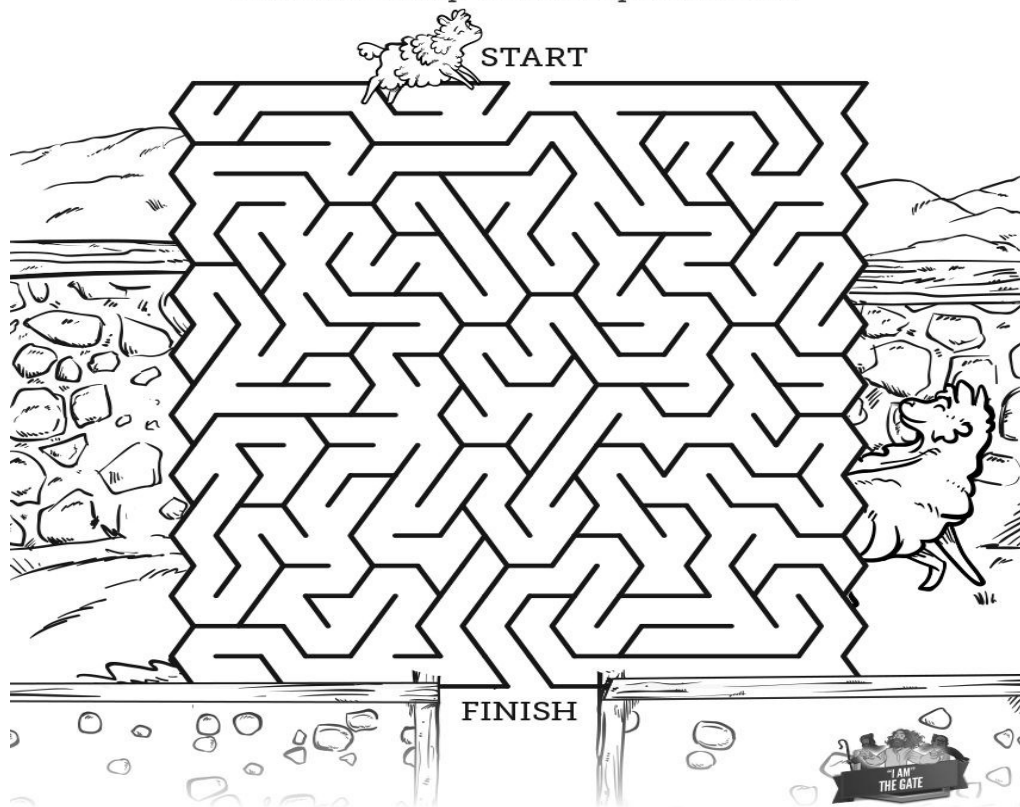


"I AM" THE GATE

Guide the sheep to the Shepherd's Gate.



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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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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

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24th August 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



On the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear how God gathers people from all corners of the earth. The message is clear. God's love is not limited to one group. He wants all people to come to Him.

This Sunday reminds us that following God is not always easy. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the narrow gate. He says that many will try to enter, but not all will succeed. It takes effort, trust, and a steady heart.

Hebrews tells us that discipline is part of love. Just like a parent teaches a child, God teaches us. This is not to punish us but to help us grow stronger.

The gospel invites us to keep walking with God, even when the road is hard. God is calling all people to come and share in His joy. Let us respond with open hearts and ready hands.

The Parish Office will be closed next week due to annual leave

Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on **Saturday 30th August** immediately after the Vigil Mass in the Community Room. Everyone welcome.

Prayer for Vocations: We pray that the men who sense that the Lord is calling them to serve the Church as priests of the diocese will respond positively to the Response to our Psalm this weekend: "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News!"

Buncrana Parish Garden Fête The Annual Buncrana Parish Garden Fete will take place this afternoon (24 August) in the grounds of Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana from 3pm-6pm. A fun family day with Bouncy Castles, Children's Races, Quad Train ride, Mini-Digger Challenges, Tractor Reversing Competition, Rickety Wheel, Bingo, Jiving Competition, Ice-Cream van, Hot Food Van, Dog Show and much more! Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon. Our Parish Mega Draw will take place on the day with a top prize of €50,000. Tickets are €100 available on the day (Cash only)

Masters in Catholic School Leadership The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If you are interested in registering for the Masters in September 2025 or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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



Jim Sheerin, Leafair Park

May his soul experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Collection on 15th August for Parishioner Formation: £570

Last Week's Collection £2033 Parish Development £570

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

Prayer for Peace and an end to the war in Gaza

Heavenly Father, Lord of all creation,

You are the source of peace and the healer of wounds.

We come before You with heavy hearts,

crying out for our brothers and sisters in Gaza,

and for all people around the world suffering the horrors of war.

Lord, look with compassion upon the innocent—

the children who live in fear, the families torn apart, the wounded

and the grieving. Comfort those who mourn, protect the vulnerable,

and bring swift aid to the afflicted.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the Prince of Peace. You walked among the poor, healed the sick,

and showed mercy to the broken hearted. We beg You now:

bring peace where there is hatred, hope where there is despair,

and reconciliation where there is division.

Holy Spirit,

Guide the leaders of nations and all those in positions of power.

Softened hardened hearts, inspire just decisions,

and turn all efforts toward the path of peace.

Most Holy Mary, Queen of Peace,

intercede for the people of Gaza and for all suffering lands.

Wrap them in your mantle of protection,

and bring their needs before your Son.

Pray for us, that we may be instruments of peace in our own lives,

and voices for justice in the world. May the love of Christ conquer hatred,

and may His resurrection bring hope even in the darkest night.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.