



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

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10 am - 1 pm

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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.

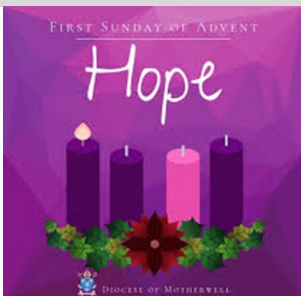
IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & ADULTS

in need of protection within the Church, please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) 07596500793 or at dlp@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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30th November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent



Today we begin a new season in the liturgical calendar of the Church. Today, we begin the great Season of Advent. There are two messages that we will hear over the next four weeks. One message and set of values will come to us from the media and the shops. We will be told that we will have to move faster, stay busy, queue longer in the shops and spend more money on those 'must have' presents so that we will have the 'perfect' Christmas, as if such a thing exists. We will be told and sold the idea that unless we buy more and more and surround ourselves with all the trap-

pings of Christmas, we won't be happy. This most definitely is 'fake news.' However there is a very different message and set of values that will be offered to us through the gospels, the prayers and the liturgy of Advent. We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to make a straight a path for the Lord and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is most definitely is 'Good News! The message of Advent is an invitation and is also a challenge to us. We are called to be looking forward, to be ready, to be prepared and we are asked to wait in joyful hope.

Advent Pastoral Letter from Bishop McKeown

This weekend Bishop Donal McKeown shares his Advent Pastoral Letter, ***Moving Forward Together in Changing Times***, inviting all of us to a renewed focus on prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit, and working together in mission. He reflects on the challenges faced by families and communities today and reminds us that Advent assures us of God's closeness and hope. The bishop highlights the importance of parish collaboration — supporting one another in sacramental life, outreach, and faith formation — while recognising the vital role of our priests, parish leaders, coordinators, and volunteers whose dedication sustains parish life. Bishop McKeown goes on to state his intention that ongoing discussions about forming pastoral areas — bringing parishes together in shared mission — will be completed before Easter 2026. He also points to the existing encouraging signs of renewed prayer and growing youth involvement across the diocese. We are encouraged to walk forward in faith: Christ is with us and continues to lead His Church.

You are encouraged to read the full letter at derrydiocese.org/pastoral-letter

Sycamore Course: The next meeting will take place on **Friday 13th December** in the Conference room in the Parochial House at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available to purchase (£2.00 each) in the sacristy and at the back of the Church after week-end Masses. They are also available in the Parish Office, Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm. The recipients intentions will be remembered in a triduum of Masses which will be celebrated over the Christmas period.

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



Roisin McCarron Westway
May her soul experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*

Vinnie Anthony Jake May, Gracie Jean Kerr,
Eire Eilin McConnell & Fáilte Cahir McConnell



Last Week's Priest Collection £2100 Parish Development £641

Standing Orders £132 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

2026 Parish Draw: Tickets for the Draw are going very well but there is still time if you would like to buy a ticket (perhaps as a Christmas present) or promote them within your family and friends. Please call into the Sacristy after week-end Masses or at the Parish Office during office hours Monday-Friday 10am - 1pm. Tickets cost of £120 cash or by standing order, £10 per month. ***Please note, if you currently have a standing order you will need to re-apply for a new ticket for the 2026 Draw - just call into the Sacristy after week-end Masses or at the Parish Office.***

Children in Crossfire Advent Appeal 2025 This Christmas, Children in Crossfire are asking parishioners to support their Advent Appeal. From this weekend, you can collect one of their coin box packs from the back of the church and place it in your home over Christmas. Please then return donations to the chapel in January. The focus of this appeal is on children living in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, whose days are split between going to school and scavenging on a huge rubbish dump nearby, searching for items to sell for food.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty will take place on **Tuesday 2nd December 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. **EVERYONE WELCOME**

Prayer for Vocations: As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent we pray for our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, that they will prepare their hearts and minds to welcome the Lord Jesus into their lives.

Holy Hour for Vocations: The December Holy Hour for Vocations has been brought forward to Tuesday 2nd December at 8:00pm at St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside. All are welcome to come and pray for this special intention.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: Have you been affected or hurt by abortion? If so, please contact Michelle on 07871765181.

IS GAMBLING AFFECTING YOUR LIFE? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.