

## 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  
Thine eyes of mercy towards us  
And after this our exile  
Show unto us the blessed fruit  
Of thy womb, Jesus  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary  
Pray for us O Holy Mother of God  
That we may be made worthy of  
The promises of Christ



Hail Mary full of grace  
The Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
And blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus  
Holy Mary, Mother of God  
Pray for us sinners  
Now and at the hour  
of our death, 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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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](http://www.creggan.chapel.com) or [www.churchservies.tv/creggan](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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7th December 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent



Today's readings speak to us about the life of John the Baptist and the hope he gives us in Jesus, the fulfilment of the promises made by God to the people of Israel. As we reflect on John's proclamation and his call to repentance, we are invited to consider our own spiritual journey during this Advent season. Are there areas of our lives that need transformation? The urgency in John's message reminds us that the day of the Lord will come like a thief. Preparing for Christ requires a conscious and constant turning away from the distractions and sins that hinder our communion with God. During this Advent season, may we imitate John's humility and prepare our hearts for the arrival of Christ, serving others with a selfless spirit and acknowledging our continual dependence on the grace and guidance of our Lord.

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**Monday 8th December is the Feast day of The Immaculate Conception**

**Masses will be on Monday at 10am and 7.30pm**

**8th December** begins the Termonbacca 9 day Novena praying to the Divine Child in preparation for Christmas. The child Jesus statue from the crib at Termonbacca journeys around the city, spending 24 hours in a different parish before moving on to the next. Parishioners can submit prayer intentions which will be written on a 'straw' strip and placed in the empty manger to prepare a bed for the Child Jesus.

**On this Feast day of the Immaculate Conception** we invite all parishioners to come along and take part in this advent preparation for Christmas. The statue will leave Termonbacca at **6:30pm** and there will be a prayer walk with the statue from there to St Mary's Church. The child Jesus will then be placed at the altar for **Mass and Novena prayers at 7:30pm**. The baby Jesus will stay until the next day where it will journey on to the next parish. This is a lovely opportunity for our parish to join others throughout the city in prayer and preparation for Christmas.

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**Bambino Sunday** is celebrated next week, on the **3rd Sunday of Advent** where families bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their homes to be blessed. This custom started by Pope St. John Paul II, helps to focus the family on the anticipation of Christmas and the coming of Jesus. You are invited to bring the figure of the baby Jesus from your home crib to Mass next weekend **December 13/14th**. The figures will be blessed at Mass. After the blessing, the figure is taken home and wrapped. It's the first gift to be unwrapped by the youngest member of the family on Christmas morning and placed in the crib.

**Sycamore Course:** The next meeting will be on **Friday 12th December at 6pm** in the Parochial House. Everyone is welcome. The first meeting in the new year will be on **Friday 9th January**.

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



Mary Donnelly Iniscarn Road  
Mary Toye Derby (formerly Circular Road)

*May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God*

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

Freddie James Hutton,

Gracie Éire McDermott and Layla Róise McDermott



**Last Week's Collection** £ 1695 Parish Development £632

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

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**2025 Parish Draw:** We congratulate the winners of last week's Parish Draw:

1st Prize £1000	Mary Lyttle Ticket No. 219
2nd Prize £500	Frances McDevitt Ticket No. 252
3rd Prize £250	Bridie O'Hagan Ticket No. 76

***The December draw will take place on Saturday 20th December after the Vigil Mass in the Parochial House conference room with an extra 3 prizes of £100***

**2026 Parish Draw:** There is still time 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. **The 2025 standing orders** will expire at the end of this month; so if you want to continue to be in the Draw for next year, you will need to re-apply for a new ticket. You can do this by calling into the Sacristy after any week-end Mass or at the Parish Office.

**Parish Pastoral Bereavement Support:** The next pastoral bereavement support group meeting will take place today, **Sunday 7th December at 3.00pm** in the Parochial house. It's an opportunity to avail of a safe, confidential, supportive group for anyone experiencing the pain and grief of loss. It offers a space to remember, talk freely about your loved one, voice and find possible ways forward with any difficulties you may be struggling with, within a relaxed, informal and spiritual setting. All are welcome. Please contact 07879951722 if you require more details or to arrange private one to one confidential support at all other times from the groups qualified bereavement counsellor/facilitator.

**Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards** are 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.