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**Thank you, dear God, for bringing us  
to the end of another year.**

**Thank you for your goodness, mercy,**

**and your unending love.**

**Thank you for the gift of my family, 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)

#### 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**

**Fr. Ignacy Saniuta CC**

**PAROCHIAL HOUSE, 1 FANAD DRIVE, DERRY. BT48 9QE**

**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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28th December 2025

## Feast of the Holy Family



This Sunday, we remember and celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It might be true to say that the focus of attention leading up and during the celebration of the Nativity is Jesus. This Sunday, we acknowledge the whole family!

On this feast of the Holy Family, it is good to pray in gratefulness and thanks for our own parents and family. No one's family is perfect. All our family members, including ourselves have made mistakes and we have all done and said things that we have later regretted. Regardless of this, we owe our family everything and for this we thank God. May the Holy Family of Nazareth, bless, guide and protect all our families, now and always.

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### Happy New Year 2026

On behalf of Fr Ignacy and Fr Gerry we wish you, our parishioners a very happy, holy, and peaceful New Year. I extend to you our gratitude for your support over the past year, and we look forward to serving you as your priests for the year to come.

I am conscious of the times in which we live and the need of prayer for world peace, particularly in the war-torn countries in the Middle East and Ukraine. Aware also of the persecution of Christians in Nigeria and many parts of the world the need for us to pray for persecuted Christians throughout our world has never been greater. Also conscious of the growing financial demands being made on families in our community we continue to pray for and support those in need. May our prayers be a source of comfort, strength, and inspiration for all.

Let the love and grace of God guide us as we seek a world where peace reigns, where the freedom to practice our faith is respected and protected and where the financial burdens of life is lessened. May Mary the Patron of our parish, and St Joseph guide and protect all families in our parish throughout 2026. *Fr Daniel McFaul*

**New Year's Eve:** On **Wednesday 31 December** we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10am Mass until midnight, concluding with a Holy Hour from 11.00 pm and Benediction at midnight. All are welcome.

**New Year's Day:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January is the Feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God. At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave Life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer.

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



Maureen Cullen Leenan Gardens  
Betty Monaghan High Park

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

**Recent Baptisms:** *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*  
Meabh Cara McGillen



**Last Week's Collection** £ 1749 Parish Development £635

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

**Christmas Day Collection:** Fr Daniel and Fr Ignacy wish to thank you all for your generosity for the Christmas day collection.

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

1st Prize £1000	Fedelis Kerr	Ticket No. 142
2nd Prize £500	Noel Gallagher	Ticket No. 243
3rd Prize £250	Louisa McMonagle	Ticket No. 23

**Christmas Bonus prize of £100 each:**

Cecelia O'Doherty	Ticket No. 48
Fr Declan McGeehan	Ticket No. 168
Kathleen Devlin	Ticket No. 288

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**St Cecilia's College:** Open day Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 5pm – 8pm Principal's Address: 5pm & 6.15pm

**St Mary's College** Northland Road, Derry: Open Day is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 beginning at 9.00am. The principal's address is at 9.15am and 10.30am. Tours of the school will begin immediately after each address. Open Day ends at 12.30pm. All are welcome

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026:** Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July (4 nights) ex City of Derry Airport. Cost £895 inclusive of local taxes but exclusive of single supplements and insurance. The Pilgrimage office will open for bookings on Saturday 17 January 2026 at 11am. However, Gift Vouchers to any value are now available (Monday to Thursday) from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ

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