

# Parish of St. Mary CREGGAN



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## 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

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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).

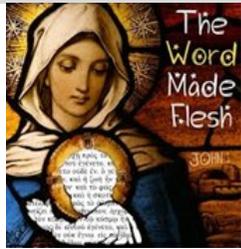
### IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & ADULTS

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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4th January 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas



John starts by reminding us that Christ's life did not begin in the Bethlehem manger, but, "In the beginning was the Word" This mirrors the way the Old Testament began: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" John places Jesus where we expect God: "In the beginning." The subject of this gospel, the man Jesus who lived and died and rose again, is thus identified as the eternal God.

Because Jesus is the eternal Word of God—and because, as John tells us, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us"—we can know God. This flows from John's description of Jesus as "the Word." We all reveal ourselves through our words and, in Christ, God's speech is most eloquent. giving yet another theological definition of Christmas, says that in the past, "God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son ... the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature." This is Jesus' own testimony in the gospel of John. He said, "I and the Father are one" and, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father". If you want to know what God is like—and this is the greatest of all questions—you need only learn about Jesus Christ..

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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Tuesday 6th January is a Holy day of Obligation**

**Mass will be at 10am and 7.30pm**



**The Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. In the magi representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation (CCC 528)

**Eucharistic Adoration** will resume in the Divine Mercy Chapel on Sunday 1.30pm to 6pm, Monday 10.30am- 7pm Tuesday - Saturday 10.30am to 12noon.

There will also be an additional time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday evenings** after the 7.30pm Mass until 9.00pm



**2026 Parish Draw:** There is still time if you would like to buy a ticket 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. If you paid by standing order in 2025 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.

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



Emmanuel Caruana Creggan Heights  
James O'Kane Inishowen Gardens  
Samuel Elder USA (formerly Creggan Heights)  
Eamon Helferty Muff (formerly Malin Gardens)

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

**Recent Baptisms:** *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*  
Sionna Dream McGreanery



**RECENT WEDDINGS:** *We congratulate:*  
Chloe Condren & Jude Doherty-Luiten  
*May the grace of the Sacrament remain with them all their lives*

**Last Week's Collection** £ 1636 Parish Development £552

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

**The Priest collection** will be taken up at Masses next week-end

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

**Prayer for Vocations:** At the beginning of a new year our prayer for seminarians and those discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood is taken from St Paul's prayer for the Ephesians in our second reading: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit."

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

**St Joseph's Boys School** open day will take place on **Thursday 8th January** from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Thornhill College Open Day: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January** 2026 10.00am–1.00pm Address by the Principal at 10.00am and 12.30pm For parents/guardians and prospective Year 8 students. Prospective Year 13 students are also welcome to come along and discuss A-level or Applied GCE courses. Visit our Website at: [www.thornhillcollege.org.uk](http://www.thornhillcollege.org.uk)

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group**, Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty will take place on **Tuesday 6 January 2026**. 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.