

The Woman at the Well

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 4:5-26 (NIV)

1. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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A F X V C K G I F T P U S S D
M Z Y M R S C V Y H R I R O Z
V N Q P J B C M E I O W T U E
R B F G Q N F U F R P O N H O
M P M A L I F E E S H M J C K
L F C H M U K Q Q T E A R H G
D S P R I N G H Z Y T N R X O
W E L L L I V I N G D R I N K
I M U M T U I G B D U P E B H
V E R K T M Z Y U V D O T E W
J S S A M A R I T A N N E F A
E S B L E H U S B A N D R P T
S I U D Q A H Y R K T A N K E
U A Q P B O K M O T O N A S R
S H Z U M R Y P H D E Q L Y F
    
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PROPHET	WELL	GIFT	DRINK	MESSIAH
LIVING	WATER	ETERNAL	JESUS	WOMAN
THIRSTY	LIFE	SPRING	SAMARITAN	HUSBAND

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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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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

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8th March 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent



On this Third Sunday of Lent, we hear the story from John’s Gospel of the woman at the well—a kind of master class in evangelization. What is evangelization all about? It’s about telling starving people where to find bread; it’s about telling people dying of thirst where to find water. Every one of us sinners seeks life in this way; thus, this story, so rich in its dynamics, is a story about all of us.

What the gospel proclaims is that Jesus Christ is “something more.” It is Jesus Christ who quenches our deepest, driest thirst. But for Jesus to give meaning to our ultimate longings in life, we have to make a decision in our hearts to follow him. That internal decision has to be given expression externally in the concrete choices we make in our daily lives. All of us grow into faith in Jesus in stages, just as the Samaritan woman did. Each stage involves a decision to continue searching and seeking for God in our lives.

Our gospel announces that Jesus Christ is the living water that springs up within us and satisfies our otherwise insatiable human need – our need for God.

EASTER MASS BOUQUET CARDS will be available until Easter in the porches of the Church, the Sacristy and the Parish office (Monday-Friday, 10am to 1pm) price £2 each. The recipients intentions will be remembered in a triduum of Masses which will be celebrated during Easter week.

Parish Pastoral Bereavement Support. The next pastoral bereavement support group meeting will take place on **Sunday 8th March at 3.00pm** in the church 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.

Sycamore Course: the *final* meeting will take place on **Friday 13th March** in the Parochial House Conference Room at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome.

'An Lasair Chríost' Conference (Flame of Christ) Young Adults' Conference will take place on **Sunday 22 March** at St Columb's College, Bunrana Road, Derry, beginning with Mass at 11.30am in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn. Fr Conor McGrath will be the keynote speaker at the conference, with Bishop McKeown celebrating the Mass. It will be a great opportunity to meet other young people in a faith setting . All are welcome and no tickets required.

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



Moya McCrudden Lislane Drive
Marie Kelly Elaghmore Pk (formerly Iniscarn Cres)

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Azime Eíre Sahin and Faolán Marc McLaughlin



Last Week’s Collection £ 1729 Parish Development £632
Standing Orders £136 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

We congratulate the winners of last week’s Parish Draw

1st Prize	£1000	John Taylor	Ticket Number 293
2nd Prize	£500	Anne McNulty	Ticket Number 217
3rd Prize	£250	Karol Deeney	Ticket Number 14

The next draw will take place on Saturday 28th March immediately after the Vigil Mass

Cemetery Sunday: The annual service of intercession will take place in the City Cemetery on **Sunday 7th June 2026 at 3pm**

Job Opportunity: St. Eugene’s Cathedral Grounds & Maintenance Person
16 hours per week (Fixed Term Contract to 31 March 2027 with possible extension)
For application packs please contact: Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than **12 noon Friday 13th March 2026**.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Open Public information meeting on **Sunday 22nd March**
Rosemount Resource Centre, 3pm - 5pm. Everyone welcome.

'Shepherding Talent' Online Programme - *Aspire to Serve, Inspire to Lead*: In partnership with St Mary’s University Twickenham, the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre is offering this programme. *'Shepherding Talent'* is a pioneering programme from the university, in which teaching professionals with leadership potential are challenged to explore their vocation to lead. Aimed at all teaching professionals in Catholic schools, this programme is delivered in the context of Catholic School education. It will be delivered over five weeks, with each session taking two hours. The total cost is £250. The first session takes place on Wednesday 29 April 2026, 4.30 – 6.30pm. For further information and registration please email: tferry@derrydiocese.org.