

JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

John 9:1-34



Jesus touches a man's eyes and he begins to see

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be the **Light of the World**. Thank You for showing us that You have the power to heal and that You care about every one of us. Please help us to obey You, even when we don't understand everything, just like the man who went to wash in the pool. Open our eyes to see the beautiful things You have made and help our hearts to **see and follow Jesus** every day. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

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.cregganchapel.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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Fr. Ignacy Saniuta CC

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15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent



The simple fact is that Jesus healed the blind man. Someone who previously could not see was blessed with the gift of sight. What happens after that in today's Gospel is a sharp warning against following the letter of the law but forgetting why we are following it in the first place.

what Jesus did was extraordinary. He knew this. He understood that the repercussions of healing someone on the Sabbath would have led to hot and dangerous de-

bate in the community. He didn't back down. The real blindness that Jesus is trying to heal is that of the Pharisees and Scribes. And this can invite us to question ourselves. Can our personal understanding of God, of Jesus, make us blind? Can the way that we might bend the Gospel so that we follow it in a more comfortable way undermine our status as Christians? Can we be pleasant to some but unpleasant to others, welcoming to some but dismissive of others? After all, what is a Christian but someone who follows Christ and tries to be his disciple.



Tuesday is the Feast day of St Patrick and is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday evening at 7.30pm and on Tuesday at 7.00am, 10.00am and 7.30pm

BLESSED SHAMROCK BOXES: At the St Patrick's Day Masses on **Tuesday 17th March**, boxes of Blessed Shamrocks will be available at the entrance to the Church and can be picked up on a 'donation' basis. This is a fundraising appeal by the Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centres. Sr Consillio founded Cuan Mhuire from humble beginnings in 1966, to help those suffering from addiction to alcohol, gambling, drugs etc. Cuan Mhuire has now grown to become one of the leading treatment centres in Ireland, especially catering for the less-well-off, who need help. The money raised from the Shamrock Fundraiser will go directly to Cuan Mhuire.

PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES for the coming year, starting Sunday 5th April 2026, will be ready for collection after all Mass **next week-end** in the Community Room.

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.

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

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



Elizabeth Callaghan
Bernadette Grieve
Wendy Palmer

Rathlin Gardens
Eastway Gardens
Glenanne (formerly Melmore Gdns)

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Joah Declan Toland



Last Week's Collection £ 1854 Parish Development £858
Standing Orders £136 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

The Collection on St Patrick's Day will be taken up for Priestly Education and ongoing formation

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: There will be a Holy Hour for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Derry, on Monday 16 March 2026 at 8:00pm. All are welcome to join us for this time of prayer.

FOYLE HOSPICE 'MAKE A WILL MONTH' During the month of March local solicitors very kindly agree to waive their usual Will-writing fee in return for a suggested £100 donation to Foyle Hospice. A list of participating solicitors can be found at foylehospice.com/make-a-will/ or by calling Kathleen at the Foyle Hospice on 028 71 359888.

Job Opportunity: Parish Catechist - Three Patrons Parish 35 Hours per week Permanent – 3 years Fixed Term Contract Reporting to the Parish Priest, Three Patrons Parish is recruiting a **Parish Catechist**. 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 on Tuesday 24th March 2026**

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 5 nights from 3rd to 8th August. Cost is £820 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org 00 44 2871264087.

Accord Facilitators Needed Accord is inviting volunteers to train as facilitators for its Marriage Preparation Programmes To find out more or apply: Tel: 01 505 3112 Email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie Closing date for applications: **29 May 2026**.